

ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

March 10, 2009

The Alcona Township regular board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall. Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Roger Carlin, Clerk Dawn LaLonde, Trustees Jim Mead and Marlana MacNeill. Absent -Treasurer Tina Gauthier

The clerk's minutes of the previous meeting were approved and filed. The Treasurer's report was approved and filed. Motion by MacNeill, seconded by Mead, to pay bills as presented. PASSED

Motion by MacNeill, seconded by Mead, to adjourn the regular meeting and open the budget hearing. PASSED Motion by LaLonde, seconded by MacNeill, to approve the 2009-2010 budget as presented. PASSED. Motion by LaLonde, seconded by Mead, to support the Truth in Taxation which allows the township to collect the maximum dollar amount allowed under the Headlee amendment. PASSED Motion by MacNeill, seconded by Mead, to close the budget hearing and reopen the regular meeting. PASSED

A letter was received from DTE Energy informing the board that natural gas will not be extended to the Black River area. They need 50 to 60 full time homes per mile before they would consider installing natural gas. PIE&G reduced the gas cost recovery rate by 8.47 cents.

District Health Dept. #2 conducted an in depth inspection of the township hall water supply system. The hall is in compliance with the construction standards established by Act 399 of 1976. The full report is on file.

All March pay vouchers and bills must be turned in by March 27, 2009.

A contract with NEMCOG was received. Supervisor Carlin or Planning Chair Kuffert will contact NEMCOG before the contract is signed. The township may not need their services as much in the next fiscal year.

Fire Chief Klotz will get estimates for lighting and replacing overhead doors at the East Bay Station.

Supervisor Carlin reported that he has heard no new information concerning the Black River Post Office.

Motion by LaLonde, seconded by Mead, to pay John Sack \$1000.00 for the work he has done building and maintaining a web site for Alcona Township. PASSED The township board has received many positive comments concerning the website. The web address is www.alconatownship.com

Sarah Sprague, township assessor, has a contract that will expire in August. When her contract is negotiated the board would like to see it expire at the end of the townships fiscal year. This would allow the correct dollar figures to be reflected in the budget. Discussion took place concerning her wishes to become a township employee. The cost to the township would have to be considered if this were to take place.

Motion by Mead, seconded by MacNeill, to donate \$250.00 to the Alcona Humane Society. PASSED

County Wide Clean Up will be May 16, 2009 from 8:00a.m-2:00p.m. at the ARA Site in Lincoln.

A meeting presenting the proposed ORV Ordinance will be held March 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the ambulance building in Lincoln. Anyone wishing to comment or view the ordinance can attend.

Meeting adjourned 7:48 at p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk