

ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

April 9, 2019

The Alcona Township regular board meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll call: Present: Supervisor Marlena MacNeill, Clerk Dawn LaLonde, Treasurer Tina Gauthier and Trustees Jim Bouchard and Jim Mead.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Bouchard, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Passed All in Favor.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Bouchard, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. PASSED All in Favor.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Bouchard, to pay bills as presented. PASSED All in Favor.

Jesse Campbell, Alcona County Road Commission Manager updated the board on future projects they hope to get done in Alcona Township. Long range plans may include Black River Road east of U.S. 23 and Lake Shore Drive. Alcona Township might use some of their allocated money for road striping.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Gauthier, to sign and approve three road projects as presented. PASSED All in Favor. (copies of each contract attached) A check for 50% of each project will be mailed out once the millage revenue is deposited, which should be within the week.

Zoning Administrator and Fire Report were received and filed.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Mead to approve the fire department purchase of a Universal Laundry Machine at a cost of \$7994.00. PASSED All in Favor.

The Fire Department will put \$40,000.00 towards the principal of their fire truck loan.

Trustee Mead, presented copies of two draft ordinance amendments. One for the PROHIBITION OF MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS in Alcona Township and the other for REGULATIONS AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMITS TO ALLOW UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES AND SOLAR PANELS AS AN ACCESSORY USE.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bouchard to have the planning commission proceed with the above ordinance amendments by having a public hearing. PASSED All in Favor.

MDNR Trust Fund Grant is moving along. Discussion took place concerning the placement of the fishing platform. The river keeps washing in near the platform area and it may hinder work that needs to be done in this area. It was suggested that it be moved further west. Supervisor MacNeill will try to get a change order in place for this.

Supervisor MacNeill will obtain some quotes for an engineering study to be done that would determine why the mouth of the river washes in several times a year and how to eliminate this problem.

The ship wreck signage should be installed in the near future.

Flags and possibly some new stands need to be placed on veteran's graves in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Alcona Township. Board members will do this May 14th at 5:00 p.m. (before the board meeting).

Commissioner Gauthier has been in contact with NEMCOG and Huron Pines concerning the sand drift issue and will keep the board informed.

Motion by LaLonde, seconded by Gauthier, to pass Resolution 2019-02 Allowing a qualified property owner to file a written request with the July or December board of review to claim a primary residence exemption. (Copy of resolution attached). PASSED All in Favor.

County Wide Clean Up is May 18th at the ARA in Lincoln.

Lawn Bids were received from Stouts Lawn Service and Ken's Janitorial.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Bouchard, to accept Stouts Bid of East Bay \$30.00, East Bay Access Site \$30.00, Black River Hall \$65.00, Black River Parks \$240.00(all of these per cut) PASSED All in Favor.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Mead, to have a \$25.00 Petty Cash Drawer. PASSED All in Favor.

Residents of Jeffrey Lane/Phyllis Drive asked questions concerning creating a special assessment district. Information was given to them concerning how to go about this.

Alcona Township is hosting the Tri-Township Planning Meeting on April 18th.

Lynn Gibson asked the board to consider moving trees that are interfering with the sand volley ball courts. Another tree near the mouth needs to be transplanted. The board will look into this when they do their spring clean-up.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn LaLonde

Alcona Township Clerk