

ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MAY 12, 2015

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, & Trustees Jim Bouchard and Jim Mead. Excused Treasurer Tina Gauthier.

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

Motion by LaLonde, seconded by Mead, 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.

Jeff Gray, Superintendent of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary along with an underwater preserve committee member gave a very informative talk on their future plans for the Black River Shipwreck area. They feel that out of all the shipwrecks in the state of Michigan, the ones off the Black River Harbor area are the clearest to see. They plan to place signage concerning where the shipwrecks are located as well as information about the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary that now includes the coastal waters of Lake Huron in Alcona Township. They envision a kayak trail in the future that would allow people to kayak to each wreckage site. They hope to have buoys marking the wrecks in the near future.

It was discussed how we handle someone wishing to use the pavilion at the township beach area. It was decided to continue with the past practice of first come first serve.

Motion by MacNeill, seconded by Mead, to allow the fire department to purchase a positive pressure gas fan at a cost not to exceed \$2272.36. PASSED All in Favor.

Doug Kuffert, planning chair, reported that they recently hosted a tri-township planning meeting and are considering updating the tri-township master plan. They are checking out the costs. Chairman Kuffert would also like the planning minutes published on the web page. He will also do some research on who should serve on the zoning board of appeals.

Zoning Administrator Will Brege reported that permits are up and complaints are down. Assessors report was received and filed.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Bouchard, to authorize up to \$1000.00 for repair and maintenance on the dock at East Bay. PASSED All in favor.

Trustee Mead has contacted C&S Dust Control and reminded them that the township will pay for dust control on an individual basis upon request, not for the entire length of the road.

County Wide Clean-Up is Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the ARA Site, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

A propane proposal was received from Blarney Castle in the amount of \$1.399 for the first fill then \$1.599 for each fill after. Clerk LaLonde will get a quote from Fick and Sons.

Motion by LaLonde, seconded by Mead, to approve the July 4, 2015 fireworks permit for The Hardwoods. PASSED All in Favor.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Bouchard, to acknowledge the street light changes Consumers Energy made in Alcona Township. PASSED All in Favor. Supervisor MacNeill will sign and return the paperwork. The new lights are energy efficient and represent a cost-savings for the Township.

Trustees Mead and Bouchard will look into some needed repairs to the signs and sign posts at the Black River Harbor Area.

A grant that is being looked into for improvement of the Township's public recreational areas, but such improvements would need to be supported in a recreation master plan. Planning Chair Kuffert will look into updating the plan and report back to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn LaLonde
Alcona Township Clerk