

ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

November 8, 2016

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 Mead and Jim Bouchard.

Jay Jacobs, Public Affairs Director for Consumers Energy explained why it seems there are more outages in Alcona Township. He noted that 80% of the power outages are caused by trees falling across the lines mostly because of the dead ash trees in this area. He urged the township call if they have any concerns.

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

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

Motion by Mead, seconded by Gauthier, to pay bills as presented and to include checks for the election workers that have not been processed yet. PASSED All in Favor.

A donation of \$25.00 was received to go towards the Alcona Township Park.

Custodian LaLonde, met with Cousineau Plumbing and they believe the reason the toilets at the northern end of the township hall back-up is caused by the pipe going to the drain field being higher than the drain field. LaLonde will get estimates concerning fixing this problem and report back to the board.

The East Bay Fire Station siding project is near 2/3 complete.

Supervisor MacNeill has forwarded all the information to attorney Cook concerning the F-41/Black River Road nuisance property. She has not heard anything from Mr. Cook yet.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Gauthier to accept Stout's Lawn Service Bid for snowplowing at \$70.00 for 2-6" and \$90.00 for 6+" for the Alcona Township Hal/Fire Station and \$35.00 for 2-6" and \$45.00 for 6+" for the East Bay Fire Station. PASSED Copy of Bids on file.

Fire report and assessors report were received and filed.

Doug Kuffert, planning member, reported that they are progressing on the tri-township master plan. He also recommended the board accept Paulette Bremer to fill a vacant position on the planning board.

Motion by LaLonde, seconded by Gauthier, to appoint Paulette Bremer to the planning board. PASSED All in Favor.

Supervisor MacNeill will get a proposal from Spicer Group concerning contracting with them to help with getting grants for the Black River Harbor/Park area.

Treasurer Gauthier informed the board that the township will switch tax software programs to BS&A to stay in line with the county. The cost for the program would be \$4830.00 with an annual fee after that. The board had concerns with BS&A charging people, besides the property owner, a fee to look up property information. This may cause the

treasurer to get many calls from mortgage companies and real estate agents. Gauthier will gather more information at her next treasurers meeting concerning this fee.

Trustee Mead and Supervisor MacNeill attended the MTA On The Road meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn LaLonde
Alcona Township Clerk