

## ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

June 13, 2017

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 of 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 Gauthier, to pay bills as presented. PASSED All in Favor.

No bids have been received concerning the bathroom remodel job. The board will advertise for bids in the fall or winter months.

Porta-Johns have been placed at the township beach/harbor and ballfield area.

Supervisor MacNeill has completed the DNR dredge permit. The township had to pay \$500.00 for the new permit.

Tammy Mendyka, zoning administrator, reported that she is writing land use permits and working on some nuisance complaints. She will contact Attorney Cook if his assistance is needed.

Doug Kuffert representing the Planning Committee reported that they are in the process of updating the zoning ordinance. Much discussion took place concerning mobile homes and where they can be placed in the township. The planning commission will look into this further.

Alcona Fire Chief Klotz reported that the fire department volunteered at Spruce Days. The kids as well as adults enjoyed seeing the fire truck water spraying demonstrations.

An ad will be placed for two fire/rescue trucks that will be sold to the highest bidder.

Some of the trees near the ball park are leaning towards a neighbor's property. Jim Mead will look into this further.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Mead, to install two fire pits near the river and one near the pavilion at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. PASSED All in Favor.

Questions arose concerning legal services for a tax tribunal matter. The board does not want to invest any more money until they receive further clarifications of how this directly affects the township.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Mead, to cast the township ballot for Kathleen Vichunas for the Michigan Township Participation Plan Board of Directors. PASSED All in Favor.

A notice was received from the U.S. Dept. of Justice concerning a fireworks violation in Alcona Township. The board does not wish pursue this issue.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by LaLonde, to approve Lost Lake Woods Club fireworks application for July 1, 2017. PASSED All in Favor

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by LaLonde, to refuse all foreclosed property offered to Alcona Township. PASSED All in Favor.

Mr. Lutz asked for permission to allow LaFave Excavating to drive across the township park area to allow him to make a boardwalk. There is not enough room between the fence and his house for LaFave's to get their heavy equipment through. Mr. Lutz will take responsibility if any damage is done to township property. Supervisor MacNeill will inform him that this will be allowed and the township custodian will inspect the property after the work is done.

Discussion took place concerning the County Wide Clean-Up. Residents waited in line for up to three hours, and many were turned away because they ran out of room in the dumpsters. In years past there were five or six stations, this year there were two. Trustee Mead will write a letter to the County Commissioners concerning this.

Cindy Apsey, a representative from the Loyal Ladies Group spoke about their next vision. They would like to create a wooden (chainsaw carved) piece of art for the Black River Harbor Area. It would depict some history of Alcona Township, such as ship wrecks and railways. The board gave her their blessing and informed her that many people attend the Black River Labor Day Bridge Walk so it could possibly coincide with that.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54  
Respectfully Submitted,

**Dawn Lalonde**  
Alcona Township Clerk