

ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

September 11, 2018

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.

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

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by LaLonde, to approve minutes from special meeting held on 07-26-2018. PASSED All in Favor.

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

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

Supervisor MacNeill reported that she has invited a representative from PIE&G to a meeting to discuss concerns with the township being underserved.

A question was asked concerning high speed internet in the area. Supervisor MacNeill and Commissioner Dan Gauthier were able to assure residents that the process a long costly process. The county as well as the township are aware that is a major concern. It was suggested that people write their governor and representatives in congress concerning this.

The assessors report was received. Assessor Gohl reported that she will also be the assessor for Caledonia Township. They will provide her with a computer and printer. The townships will cost share education expenses.

Zoning Administrator Hurt-Mendyka has written many land use permits and continues to work on nuisance issues. Two variance request were heard this month by ZBA.

Trustee Mead presented Alcona Township Zoning Amendments concerning signage in the township. The changes comply with the new laws. It will be discussed at a future meeting once board members have had an opportunity to look it over.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by LaLonde, to accept with regret the resignation of Doug Kuffert from the planning commission. PASSED In Favor- MacNeill, Bouchard, LaLonde, and Gauthier. Opposed- Mead. Mead explained that Kuffert is a wealth of knowledge and will be missed by the planning commission.

Supervisor MacNeill appointed Al Grusnick to the planning commission.

Fire report was received and filed. One pumper truck did not pass State Specs. and will be repaired at an estimated cost of \$8099.00. In the future if a firefighter/EMT is injured on the job an incident report should be sent to board members in a timely manner.

Several Firefighter/EMT's were present and asked for an explanation concerning cost sharing measures if a person served on more than one department. All will be paid in full for in house trainings.

MDNR Trust fund agreement is on hold. Supervisor MacNeill has to obtain a written statement from the property owners across the river from the proposed kayak launch site stating that they do not plan to put in a kayak launch on their side of the river.

The FOIA request concerning copies of all ballots and absent voter envelopes for the 2016 general election has been turned over to Attorney Cook.

Supervisor MacNeill will contact the townships insurance company concerning the recent drowning at the Black River Beach. Should signs be placed near the beach warning that no lifeguard is on duty?

The raised flower bed in the corner of the Black River Harbor/Park area is in poor condition. It will be removed and possibly be replaced with a sign.

Trustee Mead attended a meeting with Senator Stamas concerning the County or State taking over local assessing. Stamas assured everyone present that this would not happen. Townships will be able to keep their local assessor.

Commissioner Gauthier reported that a proposal will be on the November ballot for 1 Mill for 4 years. If this is not passed the county will have to make drastic cuts. The townships PILT money would possibly be affected if the proposal fails.

Trustee Mead will order a few more tables for the township hall.

Treasurer Gauthier plans to buy a new adding machine.

Dan Gauthier will remove the river markers before fall.

Clerk LaLonde reported that the election went well considering two new machines were used. The humidity did affect the tabulator not accepting ballots on the first try. Election Chairman Lynn Gibson once again did an outstanding job as well as all election inspectors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Lalonde

Alcona Township Clerk