## ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES January 09, 2024

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 Trustee Jim Bouchard. Excused Trustee Tony Bolanowski.

During public comment, it was mentioned the benches at the township park will need to be adjusted again this year. Trustee Bouchard will see if this is something the Friends of the Park could do.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bouchard, to approve the minutes from December 12<sup>th</sup> and Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meetings. Passed All in Favor.

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

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

A report from Zoning Administrator Mendyka and Assessor Gohl were received and filed.

Fire Chief Chad Kamischke turned in a written report and asked the board to consider an expenditure to replace two sets of turn-out gear.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bouchard, to approve \$7040.00 for new turn-out gear for two firefighters. PASSED All in Favor.

Supervisor MacNeill will contact Russo Engineering for a cost estimate for construction of a new pavilion with a bathroom and storage unit at the Black River Beach Area.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bouchard, to apply for a Partnership Grant to assist in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in the cost to conduct further study at the Black River mouth with a maximum township match of \$30,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: LaLonde-Yes MacNeill-Yes Bouchard-Yes Gauthier-Yes Motion PASSED.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Gauthier, to adopt the Poverty Exemption Resolution #2401.

Roll Call Vote: LaLonde-Yes MacNeill-Yes Bouchard-Yes Gauthier-Yes Motion PASSED

The Salary resolutions were table until the February meeting.

The Alcona Township Board recognized Assessor Gohl for the Township receiving a perfect score on the 2023 PA 660 Assessment Audit Review.

Treasurer Gauthier found an app she can subscribe to that is suitable to look up addresses. This will allow her to forward returned property tax notices to the correct address.

Clerk LaLonde reported that postcards have been mailed to all households that vote in Alcona Township notifying them of the early voting procedure.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn La Londe Alcona Township Clerk