

ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

July 13, 2021

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 Mead. Excused Trustee Jim Bouchard.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the minutes from 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. PASSED All in Favor.

Participants in a ½ marathon held on August 27th plan to use the ball park for parking.

The MTA picnic will be held in Barton City on July 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Signs will be posted on the new dock installed at anchor market reminding people the dock is not for boat tie up. The dock was installed for swimmers to use.

The fire department and zoning administrator reports were received and filed.

Many residents were present to ask about creating a special assessment district pertaining to the gypsy moth invasion. This year was the worst many have seen in years and they suspect the next several years may be the same. They would like to hire a company to spray the area to help suppress the problem. It would not be a chemical spray. The township board is willing to work with the group on getting this going.

The DNR dredged the river.

Supervisor MacNeill will reach out to fire department concerning their plans to place a bench at the harbor in memory of Roger Carlin. A bench was to be built by Alcona High School students, however, with the Covid restrictions the board does not know where we stand with that. Jim Mead or Jim Bouchard will try to find out details on this bench.

Dock and launch improvements could possibly be funded through the DNR. Residents have had discussion with Rich Hill from the DNR concerning the needed improvements. Mr. Hill suggested the request come from the Alcona Township Board. Supervisor MacNeill will request the work be done.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Gauthier, to have Attorney Robert Eppert, represent the township. PASSED All in Favor.

County Commissioner, Dan Gauthier, reported that he is on a committee concerning the American Rescue Plan. The plan options are changing daily and he felt everyone should apply for the money and hopefully more guidance would come out as to allowable expenses.

Clerk LaLonde reported that she has received two FOIA requests concerning election information. Also an app is installed on her personal smart phone to allow her access to the qualified voter file (the township does not provide smart phones for their employees)

Meeting adjourned at 6:57

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn LaLonde
Alcona Township Clerk