

ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

November 10, 2020

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 from the October 13, 2020 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.

Reports were accepted from Zoning Administrator, Fire Chief, and Assessor.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by LaLonde, to upgrade the assessor's computer hard drive to allow for more storage at a cost of \$150.00. PASSED All in Favor.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Bouchard, to approve two expenditures for the fire dept., one for Grand Traverse Mobile Communications in the amount of \$1616.00 and the other to Apollo for MSA Altair Detector in the amount of \$2315.00. PASSED All in Favor.

Correspondence was presented from Commissioner Dan Gauthier thanking the voters for their support at the recent election. The commissioners are finalizing the 2021 budget and Dan will keep the board informed.

The DNR plan to do a \$45,000.00 study on the mouth of the Black River in hopes to coming up with a solution to keep the mouth navigable.

The Black River F-41 intersection has new stop ahead signs and reflective tape put up in hopes to prevent future accidents at this site.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bouchard, to rescind motion made on October 13, 2020 concerning the FOIA policy and to revise the current policy to incorporate the following fees. PASSED ALL in Favor.

Fee schedule as follows.

\$15.00 per hour for the project in increments of not less than 15 minutes.

\$0.10 per copy.

Motion by LaLonde, seconded by Gauthier, to amend the budget by adding an income category Election Grant in the amount of \$2000.00 & an expense category Election Grant in the amount of \$2000.00. PASSED All in Favor.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by LaLonde, to approve the Supervisor's appointments of Jim Bouchard to the zoning board of appeals, and Jim Mead to the planning commission. PASSED All in Favor.

Supervisor MacNeill and Zoning Administrator Mendyka attended a zoom meeting with FEMA concerning flood mapping.

Treasurer Gauthier reported issues with receiving credit card payments for taxes. If the problem continues she may explore other options.

The township will pay the cost to renew Supervisor MacNeill's notary license.

Clerk LaLonde reported that the 822 people voted at the November 3, 2020 election with 428 of them voting absentee, which equates to 81% voter turn-out. The permanent AV list climbed from 112 to 396 which means the township will need to increase the budget for elections in the future. The election inspectors once again did a Great Job as the lines were long all day. Many positive comments were made concerning the new election voting stations and tables that were purchased with the grant money from Center from Technology and Civic Life.

Alcona Township would like to thank Carrie from The Mountain Bar and Grill for providing dinner for all the election inspectors. It was greatly appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn LaLonde

Alcona Township Clerk