

ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

September 12, 2023

The Alcona Township regular board meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll call: Present: Clerk Dawn LaLonde, Treasurer Tina Gauthier and Trustees Jim Bouchard and Tony Bolanowski. Excused: Supervisor Marlena MacNeill.

Motion by Bolanowski, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting. Passed All in Favor.

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

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

Zoning Administrator, Tammy Mendyka, presented her written report. She continues to be busy with Land Use Permits and zoning questions.

Dan Gauthier encouraged the board to write letters in support of having a Jetty or some type of long term solution done at the mouth of the Black River. Within hours of the last dredging the mouth washed in and made it unnavigable for boaters. Dan has been in contact with Representative Cam Cavitt who is willing to advocate for a long term solution. Erich Carlson was featured on Michigan Out of Doors and did a great job advocating for the need to have a permanent solution to keep the Black River Mouth navigable. The board would like to publicly thank Eric for representing the township.

Motion by Bolanowski, seconded by LaLonde, to form a committee concerning a long term solution to keeping the Black River Harbor navigable. The committee will consist of Dan Gauthier, Jim Bouchard, Chuck Matlock, Gary Kniffen, and Steve Bieszki. PASSED All in Favor. Letters of support can be sent to any committee members and they will pass the letter on to the correct recipient.

Tim Lee, Alcona Community School Elementary Principal, gave a presentation concerning the special election to be held on November 7, 2023. They are asking voters to approve 2.2 mills for 20 years. Voters can find more information at bit.ly/AlconaBond2023.

Alcona Township Assessor Sarah Gohl received a perfect score on her State Audit for the township. Way to go Sarah!!!

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bolanowski, to follow Richard Bremmer's recommendation to discontinue the spraying for Gypsy Moth. PASSED All in Favor. The last year of the special assessment will be removed from the property owners tax bills for 2024.

Motion by Bolanowski, seconded by Gauthier, to pass Exhibit B Resolution to move forward with a special assessment district for Island View Subdivision. (Copy of Resolution attached) A public hearing will be held on October 3, 2023 at 6:00p.m. Letters will be sent to all property owners along with the notice being published in the Alcona Review. Vote on Motion:

Bolanowski-YES Gauthier-YES LaLonde-YES Bouchard-YES

Motion Passed All in Favor

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bolanowski, to pass Exhibit B Resolution to move forward with a special assessment district for Scotts Subdivision. (Copy of Resolution attached) A public hearing will be held on October 3, 2023 at 6:30p.m. Letters will be sent to all property owners along with the notice being published in the Alcona County Review. Vote on Motion:

Bouchard-YES LaLonde-YES Gauthier-YES Bolanowski-YES

Motion Passed All in Favor

Motion by LaLonde, seconded by Bolanowski, to approve Supervisor MacNeill's appointment of Karen Schroer to the Planning Commission. PASSED All in Favor.

An ad will be placed for snowplowing bids for the 2023-2024 season.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bolanowski, to cancel insurance with Accident Fund Insurance and contract with Michigan Counties Worker's Compensation Fund. PASSED All in Favor.

A resident would like to create a lending library at the Alcona Township Beach Park. The board will work together to find the appropriate place to put the library.

Dave Jagst, Alcona County Commissioner, enlightened the board on many issues they are working on. Expanding Broadband is a top priority of the board. He also reported on many issues that may be passed in the Michigan Legislature in the near future.

Trustee Bolanowski reported that some repairs are needed at the Black River Recreation Area. The fencing is damaged at the ballfield and tennis courts. The township will also consider turning one of the tennis courts into a pickle ball court. Bolanowski repaired the bathrooms at the Black River Beach Area and the Friends of the Park are in the process of painting them.

Clerk LaLonde attended a PIE&G liaison meeting. They are working on expanding broadband to their current customers. The plan is to move into Alcona County within the next couple of years.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn LaLonde
Alcona Township Clerk