

ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

September 13, 2022

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 Tony Bolanowski.

Motion by Bouchard, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022 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 Gauthier, seconded by Bouchard, to pay bills as presented for July and August. PASSED All in Favor.

Reports were accepted and filed from the Zoning Administrator and Assessor.

A resident spoke concerning him using part of his property as a short-term rental. He shut down the business as soon as he was notified that his property is not zoned for this. He had questions as to how he could obtain permission to allow this as he only rents out when he is on the property and has full control of the renters. Supervisor MacNeill advised that he could go for a variance, however there is no guarantee that it will be granted. The board and many concerned residents were updated by Zoning Administrator Mendyka about the status of several property owners who are running a short-term rental in areas not zoned for this. She has sent certified letters with some being returned as undeliverable or refused to sign. Supervisor MacNeill asked that the names and addresses be forward to the township attorney so he can send a letter to the owners requesting they immediately stop their business.

A question was asked as to sharpies (felt marker pens) being used in the polling places. Clerk LaLonde reported that the Bureau of Elections prefers sharpies be used to fully blacken in the correct circle. Deputy Clerk Lynn Gibson who is also the election chair reminded people that a public accuracy test is done to prove the machines out before every election. This test would show voters how the machines read and tally votes.

Friends of the Alcona Park Chairman Peggy Carlin thanked Trustees Bolanowski and Bouchard for meeting with them. Everyone involved feels that the progress is being made to keep the park beautiful. Trustee Bolanowski and Bouchard asked that Mrs. Carlin inform them of what work the committee plans to perform and also what supplies they are in need of and someone from the township will provide them. A key to fill the toilet paper rolls will also be provided to Mrs. Carlin.

Motion by Bolanowski, seconded by MacNeill, to adopt Ordinance #2022-01 (Municipal Civil Infraction) Full copy on file. Roll Call Vote: Bouchard-YES Bolanowski-YES MacNeill-YES Gauthier-YES LaLonde-YES Motion Passed All in Favor.

Motion by Bolanowski, seconded by Gauthier, to adopt Ordinance #2022-02 (Dangerous Buildings) Full copy on file. Roll Call Vote: Bouchard-YES Bolanowski-YES MacNeill-YES Gauthier-YES LaLonde-YES Motion Passed All in Favor.

Motion by Bouchard, seconded by Bolanowski, to adopt Ordinance #2022-03 (Blight Control) Full copy on file. Roll Call Vote: Bouchard-YES Bolanowski-YES MacNeill-YES Gauthier-YES LaLonde-YES Motion Passed All in Favor.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by MacNeill, to adopt Ordinance #2022-04 (Dismantled/Junk Cars and Unregistered Vehicles) Full copy of file. Roll Call Vote: Bouchard-YES Bolanowski-YES MacNeill-YES Gauthier-YES LaLonde-YES Motion Passed All in Favor.

Trustee Bolanowski and Planning Commission Member reported that they have been working very hard to get the ordinance up to date.

Deputy Chief Kamischke reported that he will be stepping up to help Chief Klotz with his duties while he recovers from a recent illness.

Clerk LaLonde reported that Alcona Township had 40% voter turnout for the primary election and more voters vote than any other precinct in Alcona County. The election inspectors do an outstanding job performing their duties.

Clerk LaLonde reported that the audit for Alcona Township is in the final stages of being wrapped up and reports will hopefully be available next month.

Clerk LaLonde and Trustee Bolanowski met with the Risk Management Advisor. A report was received from him with a few suggestions for the fire department. No concerns for the township were noted.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bouchard, to proceed with re-instating the special assessment for Island View Sub. PASSED All in Favor. It was noted that they will need to provide the amount each person will be assessed. The group initiating this has money to fund the startup of this assessment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn LaLonde
Alcona Township Clerk