

ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 12, 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.

Jesse Campbell, Alcona County Road Commission Managing Director, and Alcona County Sheriff Stephenson both gave their input concerning digital speed signs being placed around Hubbard Lake to slow traffic down. They both felt the signs would not be real effective. One thing they may consider in the future is narrowing the lanes to slow traffic down.

Sheriff Stephenson also gave a report on the County as a whole. The severity of complaints has increased since last year. Fentanyl is a major issue in this area as well as mental health issues. He commended the Alcona Community Schools for being proactive with mental health issues.

Jesse Campbell will look into possibly adding more gravel to areas of Sayers Road.

Zoning Administrator Mendyka reported that several short term rental issues have been resolved. She continues to work on others.

Toni Stumple is the County Captain circulating petitions in hopes of getting a proposal on the ballot that would return control to local entities for zoning regulations and approval for wind and solar operations. As of now the State has full control.

Motion by Bouchard, seconded by Gauthier, to close regular meeting and open budget hearing. PASSED All in Favor.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bouchard, to accept the 2024-25 budget as presented and to include the Truth in Taxation to collect the maximum allowed by the Headlee Amendment, to comply with MCL 211.24e. Roll Call Vote: LaLonde-Yes, Bouchard-Yes, MacNeill-Yes, Gauthier-Yes. PASSED All in Favor.

Motion by Bouchard, seconded by MacNeill, to approve 2024-25 General Appropriations Act Resolution 2024-003. Roll Call Vote: Gauthier-Yes, LaLonde-Yes, Bouchard-Yes, MacNeill-Yes. Passed All in Favor.

Motion by LaLonde, seconded by Gauthier, to close budget hearing and resume regular board meeting. PASSED All in Favor.

Motion by Bouchard, seconded by MacNeill, to approve February 13, 2024 meeting minutes. PASSED All in Favor.

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

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by MacNeill, to approve bills as presented. PASSED All in Favor.

Chief Kamischke gave an update on the fire department. He warned that the fire danger is extremely high due to a lack of snow this winter.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bouchard, to approve a \$4800.00 expenditure for repairs and upgrades to the grass rig truck. PASSED All in Favor.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bouchard to approve the proposal from Russo Engineering to do an engineering study for the proposed pavilion at the Black River Park.
PASSED All in Favor.

Supervisor MacNeill reported that a parcel survey will need to be done concerning the placement of the pavilion to allow for a well and septic system.

Motion by Bouchard, seconded by Gauthier, to adopt the Road Millage Resolution Proposal to be placed on the August 2024 Primary Ballot. (Full copy of resolution attached).

Roll Call Vote: LaLonde-Yes, MacNeill-Yes, Gauthier-Yes, Bouchard-Yes.
PASSED All in Favor.

Motion by MacNeill, seconded by Gauthier to adopt the Fire Millage Resolution Proposal to be placed on the August 2024 Primary Ballot. (Full copy of resolution attached).

Roll Call Vote: Gauthier-Yes, MacNeill-Yes, LaLonde-Yes, Bouchard-Yes
PASSED All in Favor.

Dan Gauthier spoke via phone and updated the board on Black River Waterways Committee. They have received letters of support from Representative Cam Cavitt and Senator Michele Hoyenga which were forwarded to the DNR. Applications for Dredging have been submitted to dredge the river this spring.

Dave Jagst County Commissioner updated the board on issues the county is working on.

Clerk LaLonde gave a report concerning the Presidential Primary that took place Feb. 27th. Alcona Township had 38% voter turnout with 234 absent voter ballots sent out. The state was sent a bill for reimbursement to the township for expenses in the amount of \$5785.00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn LaLonde