

ALCONA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2025

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.

The Township Board set the following for fiscal year 2025-26

Board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Alcona Township Hall, except for August there is no meeting.

The Alcona County Review is our newspaper of record.

Robert Eppert - Township Attorney.

Nicolet Bank, AAACU, and MI Class - banking/investment institutions.

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

Motion by Bolanowski, seconded by Bouchard, to accept the 2025-26 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, Bolanowski-Yes, MacNeill-Yes, Gauthier-Yes. PASSED All in Favor.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bouchard, to approve 2025-26 General Appropriations Act Resolution 2025-002. Roll Call Vote: Gauthier-Yes, LaLonde-Yes, Bolanowski-Yes, Bouchard-Yes, MacNeill-Yes. Passed All in Favor.

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

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bolanowski, to approve February 11, 2025 meeting minutes. PASSED All in Favor.

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

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

Donna Cochran updated the board on a Huron Pines meeting she attended. This group would like to attend a future board meeting to explain the Huron Pines initiative.

A fire report and zoning administrator report were received and filed.

Motion by Bouchard, seconded by Gauthier, to award G & G Construction the bid for the new pavilion to be constructed at the Black River Beach area with the understanding that the township will work with them to come up with a less costly structure. PASSED All in Favor

The board will have a special meeting in the near future to work on the wording for the short term rental ordinance.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by MacNeill, to increase the 2024-25 budget line item for data processing from \$3775.00 to \$5380.00. PASSED All in Favor.

Motion by Bouchard, seconded by Bolanowski, to sign a cooperative agreement with the DNR. The agreement would reimburse the township up to \$10,000.00 for dredging services for the fiscal year ending 09/30/2025. PASSED All in Favor.

Dave Jagst County Commissioner encouraged board members to send a letter of support for broad band internet to be brought into Alcona County.

Treasurer Gauthier will purchase a straight talk phone that will be in the township's name.

April 26, 2025 is a Free E-Waste Recycling Day at the ARA Site in Lincoln from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

May 17, 2025 is the Alcona County-Wide Clean Up at the ARA Site in Lincoln from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dan Gauthier has been in touch with Rich Hill from the DNR. They hope to dredge the Black River in mid-May. He reported the river is extremely low.

Trustee Bolanowski will look into more trees that might need to be removed before the fencing is repaired at the Black River Ball Field.

Clerk LaLonde will place an advertisement for lawn bids in the Alcona Review.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn LaLonde