

**MINUTES  
ALPINE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2018**

**2018-30      CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Alpine Township Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018 at the Alpine Township Hall, 5255 Alpine Avenue, Comstock Park, Michigan, 49321 with due notice. Supervisor Greg Madura called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Supervisor Greg Madura, Clerk Jean Wahlfield, Treasurer Jim Townsend and Trustee Mike Wahlfield. Trustees Ron Cordes and James May were absent. Trustee Bill Schweitzer arrived late.

**A motion was offered by Townsend, with support from Trustee M. Wahlfield, to approve the Consent and the Regular Agenda as presented. The motion carried 4-0.**

**2018-31      CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/BILLS**

**Clerk J. Wahlfield offered a motion with support from Townsend, to approve the payment of vouchers including the addition of MTA for conference registration, Premier Mechanical, and Spectrum Internet for the period 02/21/2018 thru 03/19/18. The motion carried 4-0.**

**2018-32      PUBLIC COMMENT**

City of Walker Mayor Mark Huizenga of 3841 Butterworth Street announced that he is a candidate for the 74<sup>th</sup> District State Representative and is seeking support. He offered several comments.

*Trustee William Schweitzer arrived to the meeting at 7:04 p.m.*

Travis Brown of 605 Westshire Court stated that he is interested in bringing the community together through a community garden project and requested assistance from the Township.

**2018-33      COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Planning Commission: Cordes** – The Supervisor stated that a special meeting regarding dual zoning is coming up on March 29, 2018.

**Zoning Board of Appeals: Schweitzer** – Last month's meeting was delayed to April due to the Advance newspaper not publishing the required notice on time.

**Historical Committee: Schweitzer** – The maple syrup contest will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Alpine Elementary. Window blinds have been picked out for the Community building.

**Sewer & Water: Madura** – An increase flow was noted at the 4 Mile lift station due to the recent rain events and is directly correlated to the inflow problems at the Alpine Meadows mobile home park. One of the pumps experienced a breakdown and was cleaned out. Plainfield Charter Township received a grant from the State for a new filtration system.

**Parks & Recreation: Jim May** – Discussion will be held later on the agenda.

**Public Services Committee: Madura** – No meeting was held.

**2018-34            CONSIDERATION OF REZONING ORDINANCE NO. 18-03– MORATORIUM  
RESIDENTIAL & M-PUD**

The Board received the memo dated March 16, 2018 titled “Residential & Mixed Use PUD Moratorium” from Planning Director Becker. Per the Township Attorney’s recommendation the Township should also amend the Zoning Ordinance which includes a moratorium on processing requests. The attached Rezoning Ordinance No. 18-03 establishes the moratorium.

**A motion was offered by Townsend, with support from Schweitzer, to approve Rezoning Ordinance No. 18-03 an amendment to the Alpine Township Zoning Ordinance to impose a moratorium on the approval of certain planned unit developments. Motion carried 5-0.**

**2018-35            CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #18-03 – GVMC FOR THE ADDITION  
OF VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**

All members of the Grand Valley Metro Council must approve the resolution in order to add a new member. The Board held a discussion regarding member benefits.

**Schweitzer motioned with support from Trustee Wahlfield, to approve Resolution #18-03 to approve Amendment No. 40 in the articles of incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council to add the Village of Caledonia. Motion carried 5-0.**

**2018-36            CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #18-04 – CDBG ACCEPT FUNDS**

Supervisor Madura noted that the Alpine Board needs to consider two resolutions in order to obtain funding for the upcoming year.

**A motion was offered by Townsend, with support from Schweitzer, to approve Resolution #18-04 Authorizing the Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Monies for the upcoming program year. There was no further discussion and the motion carried 5-0, with Cordes and May absent.**

**2018-37            CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #18-05 – APPROVING THE  
ALLOCATION AND USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
GRANT (CDBG) MONIES FOR THE 2018-2019 PROGRAM YEAR IN ALPINE  
TOWNSHIP**

The Supervisor stated that Community Block Grant Funds have been used to fund paratransit services for residents in Alpine Township and the desire is to continue funding this service.

**Townsend offered a motion with support from Clerk J. Wahlfield, to approve Resolution #18-05 Approving the Allocation and Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Monies for the 2018-2019 Program Year in Alpine Township. The motion carried 5-0, with Cordes and May absent.**

**2018-38 REVIEW LAWN MOWING BIDS FOR 2018 SEASON – ALL TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES**

Five bids were received and they were from Alfresco, Natural Landscape, Kenowa Hills Lawncare, Season's Change, and Evergreen Lawn Care. The Clerk noted her concerns about the low bid amounts for the lawn mowing and care of the Pine Grove Cemetery and the other two cemeteries. Additionally Pine Grove will need to be mowed right before the Memorial Day holiday as the annual ceremony is held at this location. The Board reviewed the bid amounts and had several questions to clarify the information from the bidders present in the audience.

**A motion was offered by Townsend, with support from Schweitzer, to award the lawn care service and mowing to Season's Change Services in the amount of \$24,084 per year for a two year period which will be year 2018 and 2019. Motion carried 4-1 with Trustee Wahlfield dissenting.**

**2018-39 RECEIPT OF CONCEPTIONAL PLANS – ALPINE SPORTS COMPLEX**

Mike Oezer and Tiffany Kline from Progressive Engineering were in attendance. Oezer gave background information that influenced how the two concepts presented were put together and talked about the next steps for the Sports Complex improvement project. Kline introduced both concepts and explained that concept A is mainly utilizing the space as is with some revamping. Concept B would be a clean slate approach and would be done in phases. The Board discussed other types of the uses/fields that could be considered. Feedback will be needed to help determine what will best suit the community's future needs.

**2018-40 FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The February run sheet was received.

The Supervisor noted that the Fire Department has purchased the flow testing machine and equipment in order to test and calibrate their SCBA equipment.

The Fire Department is over budget in equipment, sick day comp and fire department expenses. The Supervisor recommended Board approval moving \$17,500 from contingency for these three line items. The Board held a discussion.

**A motion was made by Townsend, with support from Schweitzer, to approve moving funds totaling \$17,500 from contingency to the Fire Department's budgeted line items for equipment, sick day compensation, and Fire Department expenses. Motion carried 5-0.**

**2018-41 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Parks & Recreation Chairperson Don Bigger followed up on earlier Sports Complex improvement discussion. Bigger noted that public feedback will be taken into consideration when determining the best course of action. Alpine Elementary school has ownership of a small part of the property at the

Sports Complex. The committee is unsure what kind of agreement the Township may have with the school and how that may affect which concept is chosen. Bigger added that property to the South may eventually become available to purchase and to expand the Complex.

**2018-42 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT, BOARD COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Madura noted that on May 12th the Michigan Agricultural Insurance Program is offering free well screening for nitrates and nitrites. Trustee Wahlfield discussed current water issues and that the DEQ is attempting to map the underground water plumes to get a more complete picture.

KDL Alpine Branch received a grant for the installation of three security cameras.

Madura received a quote to convert all the lighting in the township office building to LED. The quote was \$9,000 before rebates and the LED lighting would save a significant amount of money in electric bills. The quote does not include installation. Madura will make a request for the company to attend the next Board meeting in order to provide additional information.


A special 2019 fiscal year budget workshop meeting will be held on Monday, April 2nd.

Trustee Wahlfield would like the Board to consider a reader board sign at the Township office property.

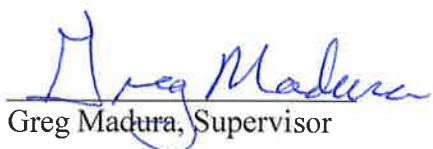
**A motion was offered by Townsend, with support from Schweitzer, to adjourn this meeting and the motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Samantha Hanna,  
Recording Secretary

  
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Jean Wahlfield, Clerk

  
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Greg Madura, Supervisor