

**MINUTES
ALPINE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2016**

2016-173 CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Alpine Township Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Monday, November 21, 2016 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 Trustees Jim May, Mike Wahlfield, William Schweitzer, and Ron Cordes.

A motion was offered by Townsend, with support from May, to approve the Consent Agenda and the regular agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

2016-174 CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/BILLS

A motion was offered by Townsend, with support from Schweitzer, to approve the payment of checks and invoices for the period October 18, 2016 through November 21, 2016 including one addition for NKSA in the amount of \$103,353.90. Motion carried 7-0.

2016-175 PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made at this time.

2016-176 COMMISSION REPORTS

Planning Commission: Cordes – Approved Aldi's request for an addition and in-store remodel as well as new signs and sod.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Schweitzer – Granted a variance for a rear setback of 15'.

Historical Committee: Schweitzer – An open house was held yesterday. A tribute was had on November 7th for Ruth & Kit Post; they are now retired and will remain friends of Historical.

Sewer & Water: Madura – Madura informed the Board of the new chemicals cost in the amount of \$10,000 for NKSA in the 2017 Work Plan on page 5 and discussed the totals throughout the years.

Parks & Recreation: Jim May – No meeting was held.

Public Services Committee: Madura – A meeting will be held on December 1, 2016 at 10:30am.

**2016-177 DISCUSSION – DAS COMMUNICATION TOWER UPDATES TO
ORDINANCE #16-02**

Planning Director Sue Becker was present and explained the proposed fee structure based on tiers throughout the Township as well as height requirements for poles and requested feedback from the Board. Becker and the Township Board discussed pole height options and proposed fee changes which would be consistent with surrounding communities and how to handle the DAS facilities that are on the Township's current fee structure; Concerns and suggestions were voiced. Cordes

requested a \$25/month charge for co-locations (Tier 4). "Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS)" dated November 18, 2016 was made available along with a map of the tier structure, a draft of Ordinance No. 16-02 with possible changes for pole height, examples of current sites, and fee structure guidance dated 10/28/2016.

It was the consensus of the Board to put a maximum height requirement of 40' for pole height.

2016-178 UPDATE – QUALITY LIQUID FEEDS

The Board discussed the considerable surcharges associated with Quality Liquid Feeds due to their whey being flushed into the NKSA system causing much more electricity to be used to treat the water. A bill has been received from the North Kent Sewer Authority for the month October in the amount of \$7,635.29 which will be passed onto QLF. It was also noted that the whey is a caustic material being discharged in to the pipes and pumps throughout the sewer system which will eventually have an impact on the system. The Township will continue to work with QLF to resolve the problem; Alpine Township will see monthly invoices from NKSA in order to monitor the situation.. The invoice dated 11/16/2016 as well as a letter drafted from Attorney Jeff Sluggett will be delivered to QLF tomorrow.

2016-179 MEDICAL MARIHUANA UPDATE FROM PLANNING DIRECTOR

A memo dated November 18, 2016 regarding Medical Marihuana from Planning Director Sue Becker was available and she gave the Board a brief overview. Due to changes in the law, in order for the State to grant licenses to grow facilities the local municipality must first adopt the States rules and allow such uses in an ordinance.

A motion was offered by Townsend, with support from May to keep Alpine Township's ordinance as is. Motion carried 7-0.

2016-180 DISCUSSION – WATER CAPITAL CHARGES

Townsend informed the Board that the Township charges from \$10 for an apartment unit up to \$200 for a business annually for water capital charges and would like the Board to possibly reconsider these charges in the future. Townsend recommended making no changes and taking another look next year.

It was the consensus of the Board to keep the water capital fees as they are and re-evaluate next year.

2016-181 PERRIN BREWING – ICE JAM WINTER FEST – REQUEST FOR OPEN AIR PERMIT

Perrin Brewing has requested to hold an event on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 2-8pm which would be held on their property and feature a live band. Due to the Township's noise ordinance, prior approval is needed. The Clerk reminded the Board that last time Perrin forgot to get a tent permit.

A motion was offered by May, with support from Cordes to approve the request from Perrin Brewery for an open air permit on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 2-8pm. Motion carried 7-0.

2016-182 RECEIPT OF FACTA REPORT FROM TREASURER

Townsend reported that there are no identity theft problems in the Township that he is aware of and recommended no changes.

2016-183 FIRE DEPARTMENT

The October run sheet was made available.

1,013 calls have come been run by the Department as of November 13th which is up from last year.

Fire inspections have brought in \$2200 this year and unfortunately due to new software being implemented, the Fire Marshall has abolished the program that allowed local fire departments to earn revenue by performing inspections for the State. The program will be reassessed in the future.

Hose testing and ladder testing have been completed and all apparatuses have been pumped tested.

The parks have been winterized.

Friday is the deadline to apply for FEMA grants and they have applied for two.

Katerberg is doing well and his benefit was a success.

Next month the Chief may propose to move Engine #4 to be the primary at Station #1 and make Engine #3 the backup for all fire stations. Tender #2 at Station #2 needs to be replaced!

Trustee May commended the Fire Department for their quick response time in a recent accident.

2016-184 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received

2016-185 SUPERVISORS REPORT AND BOARD COMMENTS

The Supervisor noted that the phone line contract is up for renewal and if it is not renewed the prices will increase for month to month billing. Madura also requested feedback from the Board

Madura thanked Alex Arends as well as the Township staff for their help during the Supervisor transition.

The Clerk will be requesting an increase in hourly rate for the Deputy Clerk in December.

Townsend stated that he is looking forward to the next four years.

The Board wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

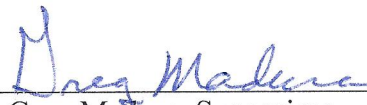
A motion was made by Townsend, with support from May to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Samantha Hanna,
Recording Secretary


Jean Wahlfield, Clerk


Greg Madura, Supervisor