

**MINUTES
ALPINE TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 15, 2019**

2019-60 CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Alpine Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Alpine Township Hall, 5255 Alpine Avenue, Comstock Park, Michigan, 49321 with due notice. Supervisor Greg Madura called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Supervisor Greg Madura, Clerk Jean Wahlfield, Treasurer Jim Townsend and Trustees Ron Cordes, Bill Schweitzer, and Mike Wahlfield. The proper noticing for the meeting took place including the Township website.

2019-61 FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Board members received a revised budget dated 05/14/2019. The Supervisor noted that the loan payment for the Henze property has been added to the budget in department 925 under debt service interest in an amount of \$70,000. This amount was corrected to reflect the loan principal payment amount of \$54,085.75 once a year and two yearly interest payments of \$9,085.75 for a total of \$72,257.25 annually.

The Supervisor noted that the percentage of increase for state shared revenues is uncertain at this time as the budget battle continues in Lansing. The most recent update is a 2.3% increase which is less than the 3.2% discussed at the last meeting. Board members decided not to make any changes to the state share revenue amount in the draft budget at this time.

The Treasurer provided other revenue changes some of which included an increase to the amount for leaf recycling to \$4,000, to increase passport revenue to \$1,600, to change interest on investments to \$1,900, and to increase rental of buildings income to \$10,000 or \$11,000.

The Supervisor stated that all employee wages increases are slate at 2% except for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer. The Treasurer noted that a double check should be done on the FICA and Medicare amounts in each department as a few are not consistent.

The Supervisor noted that he will make the revisions discussed at this meeting to the draft FY 2020 budget and have a copy ready for the public tomorrow, 05/16/19, as stated in the public hearing notice for the budget. The public hearing for the FY 2020 budget will be held at the meeting on Monday, May 20, 2019.

2019-62 OTHER BUSINESS

Board members briefly discussed the candidates and interviews held for the vacant Trustee position. The Board will choose the new Trustee at the meeting held on Monday, May 20, 2019.

The new voting regulations and requirements due to the adoption of Proposal 18-03 approved at the November 2018 election were discussed.

The Supervisor provided an update about the ongoing discussions with realtors working to develop the Homrich property located at Alpine Avenue and Alpine Church Road. An inquiry has been received regarding the potential sale price that the Township would consider for the FD #1 property located at 841 Alpine Church Road NW.

2019-63 SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS, BOARD COMMENTS, ADJOURNMENT

Board members discussed sidewalks along Alpine Avenue included getting compliance from property owners to snow removal in the winter.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Wahlfield, Clerk

Greg Madura, Supervisor