

**MINUTES
ALPINE TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2014
7:00 A.M.**

2014-43 CALL TO ORDER AND BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Alpine Township Board held a special meeting on Monday, April 14, 2014 at the Alpine Township Hall, 5255 Alpine Avenue, Comstock Park, Michigan, 49321 with due notice. Supervisor Arends called the meeting to order at 6:30 a.m. Present were Supervisor Alex Arends, Clerk Jean Wahlfield, Treasurer Jim Townsend, and Trustees Ron Cordes, Jim May, William Schweitzer, and Mike Wahlfield.

Supervisor Arends called the meeting to order and provided draft copies of the FY 2015 budget dated 04/13/2014. He noted the draft budget is fundamentally the same as the budget reviewed at the meeting held last week and the draft is balanced. The last page of the draft indicates a change to \$445,000 in transfers out of the FY 2015 budget for the Capital Improvement Program.

The Supervisor provided the CIP budget in a document dated 04/13/2014. Board members reviewed the funds where additional monies have been added. The dollar amount transferred into the CIP funds increased following the final recommendations of the CIP Committee.

The deficit for the Comstock Park/Rusche Drive SAD bond was discussed. The request from the Supervisor is to place the entire \$160,000 needed into FY 2015 CIP budget at this time. By doing this now future Boards would not have to deal with the topic on a continuing basis and the dollars will be available when needed to pay the bond. The Board discussed the CIP amounts set aside for future road improvement projects. Arends and Planner Becker toured Township roads last week with the K.C. Road Commission noting that the worst roads at this time are Alpine Church Road and Hachmuth. The recommendation is to set aside \$130,000 in the current CIP for future road improvements.

Supervisor Arends also reviewed the sewer fund budget for FY 2015. He noted anticipated SAW grant reimbursements will impact future revenues. Board members discussed the components that make up the invoices for the PARCC plant. The invoices are broken down by operation expenses as well as shared and local usage expenses. With the complexity of the bond payments and the PARCC plant operation Treasurer Townsend commented that it will be a good idea to do a thorough study of the sewer fund. Trustee Wahlfield wanted to know how Alpine sewer maintenance project are tracked by the NKSA.

The FY 2015 budget for the water fund was discussed. The Supervisor provided draft budget calculations dated 04/13/2014 and previous budget numbers from FY 2007 through FY 2014 to date. The Board discussed the complexities of the public water system which is provided by Plainfield Township. Alpine Township did a cost share with Plainfield for a recent water

improvement project in Westgate for which DWRF funds were obtained. Future water fund revenues are limited and the Board will need to develop a way to pay for future water system improvements and well as the current DWRF bond.

Supervisor Arends noted that the public hearing for the FY 2015 Township budget will be held on May 19, 2014. The budget will need to be adopted at June regular Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m. in a motion offered by Cordes with support from May. The motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Wahlfield, Clerk

Alex Arends, Supervisor