

**MINUTES  
ALPINE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2016**

**2016-162      CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Alpine Township Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Monday, October 17, 2016 at the Alpine Township Hall, 5255 Alpine Avenue, Comstock Park, Michigan, 49321 with due notice. Supervisor Arends called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Supervisor Alex Arends, Clerk Jean Wahlfield, Treasurer Jim Townsend, and Trustees Jim May, Mike Wahlfield, William Schweitzer, and Ron Cordes.

**A motion was offered by May, with support from Townsend, to approve the Consent Agenda and the regular agenda with one change to add the discussion of water capital charges under Pending and New business. The motion carried 7-0.**

**2016-163      CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/BILLS**

**A motion was offered by May, with support from Schweitzer, to approve the payment of checks and invoices for the period September 20, 2016 through October 17, 2016 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

**2016-164      PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were made at this time.

**2016-165      COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Planning Commission: Cordes** – No meeting.

**Zoning Board of Appeals: Schweitzer** – Did not meet.

**Historical Committee: Schweitzer** – An open house was held yesterday and Glen Blackwood gave a speech on fly-fishing in West Michigan. Ancient Pathways will be held at the Howard Christensen Nature Center on November 5, 2016 at 1:00 pm.

**Sewer & Water: Arends** – The Clerk and Supervisor attended the NKSA meeting and the service area expansion into Algoma Township was discussed.

**Parks & Recreation: Jim May** – Met last Tuesday and long range planning for the Sports Complex facility was discussed.

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

**2016-166      CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-22 – EXPANSION OF  
ALGOMA SERVICE AREA**

Part of Algoma Township is currently being served by NKSA and Algoma would like to expand their service area with Plainfield Township as their provider; all NKSA members would need to approve the Resolution presented. An expansion of the service area would benefit Alpine Township. The Board discussed the matter and it was noted that Township attorney, Jeff Sluggett

did not see any negatives for the Township. A map showing the Algoma expansion area is attached to the resolution labeled as "Exhibit A" and dated July, 2016 was made available as well as a letter to NKSA members dated October 12, 2016, and background information titled "Fundamentals of the North Kent Sewer Authority prepared October 12, 2016.

**A motion was offered by May, with support from Schweitzer to approve Resolution No. 16-22 for the Expansion of the Algoma sanitary sewer service area. Motion carried 7-0.**

**2016-167      CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-23 – STREET LIGHTING PROJECT SAD**

Townsend stated that there is an 80/20 split for street lighting with the Township's share being \$8,835.83 and \$35,428.50 being assessed to property owners.

**A motion was offered by May with support from Schweitzer to approve Resolution No 16-23-Annual Street Lighting SAD. Motion carried 7-0.**

**2016-168      CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-24 – FIRE PROTECTION – HYDRANTS SAD**

The Treasurer explained that property owners within 1,000 feet of fire hydrants are included in the SAD. The Township's share is \$20,343.73 and \$81,231.27 is assessed to property owners.

**A motion was made by Schweitzer, with support from May to approve Resolution No 16-24 for Annual Fire Protection Hydrants SAD. Motion carried 7-0.**

**2016-169      DISCUSSION- WATER CAPITAL CHARGES**

The Treasurer spoke of the \$25 water hookup fee that is charged to Alpine residents and noted that Plainfield Township owns and maintains the water lines. There is currently over \$300,000 in the water fund that may be used to pay the Fire Department to keep fire hydrants clear at \$1000 per year, pay 20% of the total REGIS cost at \$4,000 per year, and for possible future expansion. Townsend does not see a reason to continue to inflate the funds and would like the Board to make a decision next month as to whether the fee should be lowered or removed.

**2016-170      FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The September run report was received.

Med #1 had new heavy duty tires put on.

The portable hydraulic pump's carburetor on Engine #8 was rebuilt.

Annual hose testing is currently being done.

They are working on the AFG FEMA Grant.

A benefit will be held for Fire Fighter Tom Katerberg whom was recently diagnosed with stage 3A nonseminoma testicular cancer on November 6, 2016 at Amore Trattoria Italiana Restaurant on Alpine Avenue from 4-7pm. Also, Shields of Hope will be visiting Katerberg's home on Friday, November 4, 2016. Katerberg has a good prognosis and is in good spirits; He is continuing fire school while going through his chemotherapy treatments.

Klomprens and the Board discussed the Fire Commission and its advantages. It was noted that Byron Center and Gaines Township pulled out of the commission because it does not financially favor them.

#### **2016-171 PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were made.

#### **2016-172 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AND BOARD COMMENTS**

May wished everyone a good harvest.

Trustees Mike Wahlfield and William Schweitzer thanked Alex Arends for his 8 years of service as the Alpine Township Supervisor and Townsend added that an open house will be held for Arends on November 17, 2016 from 3-5pm.

Arends informed the Board that Barbara Griswold has been hired as the new part time Administrative Assistant and due to her compensation, Board approval is needed. Griswold has prior experience; she is currently employed at Grand Rapids Township and has been offered \$17 an hour for 30 hours per week with no benefits. She will start on November 1, 2016.

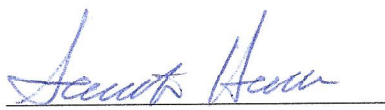
**A motion was made by May, with support from Townsend to set the hourly rate for the new Administrative Assistant, Barb Griswold at \$17 per hour. Motion carried 7-0.**


The Supervisor informed the Board that Shawn Kunecki has a lawsuit against Alpine Township and it is early in the process.

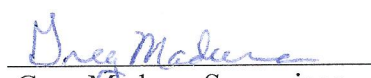
It was noted that the MTA conference will be held in April.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Samantha Hanna,  
Recording Secretary

  
Jean Wahlfield, Clerk

  
Greg Madura, Supervisor