

**MINUTES  
ALPINE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2017**

**2017-40      CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Alpine Township Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Monday, April 17, 2017 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 Ron Cordes, Jim May, William Schweitzer, and Mike Wahlfield

**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.**

**2017-41      CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/BILLS**

**A motion was offered by May, with support from Trustee Wahlfield, to approve the payment of checks and vouchers for the period of March 21, 2017 through April 17, 2017 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

**2017-42      PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were received at this time.

**2017-43      COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Planning Commission: Cordes** – The next meeting will be held this Thursday.

**Zoning Board of Appeals: Schweitzer** – New alternate Board member Luke Arends were sworn in and two requests for front yard parking lot setback variances were denied.

**Historical Committee: Schweitzer** – The annual maple syrup contest will be held at Alpine Elementary at 2:00 pm this Sunday.

**Sewer & Water: Madura** – Attended the April NKSA meeting and membrane replacement was discussed.

**Parks & Recreation: Jim May** – A meeting is scheduled at 7:00 pm tomorrow at the Sports Complex.

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

**2017-44      CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #17-07 – UPDATE TO K.C. EMERGENCY PROGRAM**

Kent County is the coordinator for emergency management services in Alpine Township. The County sent an updated contract for the Board to review for approval.

**A motion was offered by May, with support from Townsend to approve Resolution #17-07 to update Alpine Township's Emergency Operations Plan with Kent County and to determine an amount in the upcoming budget for an emergency disaster fund at a later date. Motion carried 7-0.**

**2017-45 RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY LETTER – INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTIONS**

A letter dated February 15, 2017 from the Department of Treasury explaining personal property tax changes that began in 2016 was received by the Board. Assessor Betty Keeling was in attendance and explained that laws for personal property have changed and all monies from abated properties now go to the State instead of the Township. Keeling provided policy change suggestions for the Board to consider. The Board discussed how abatements are currently being handled and the Treasurer stated that he will vote no to any business that takes the Township to tax tribunal after receiving an abatement. The Assessor will make the personal property criteria document available for the Board at next month's meeting.

**2017-46 FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Chief was not in attendance and the March fire run sheet was received.

**2017-47 PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were offered.

**2017-48 SUPERVISORS REPORT AND BOARD COMMENTS**

The Board will hold a budget workshop meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm to review the current budget and address the fiscal year 2018 budget.

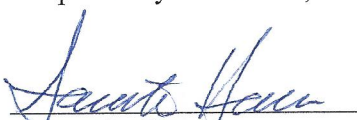
The Supervisor explained that the NKSA has continued to meter discharge flow from QLF into Alpine Township's sewer system and has discovered very high BOD levels in the adjacent storm water pond. Madura provided the "Alpine Township Surface Water COD/BOD Samples" information to the Board showing testing dates along with COD/BOD levels for the similar retention ponds on Comstock Park Drive and Vitality Drive, Cranberry Lake, and the Grand River which are very low in comparison to the pond used by QLF. The storm water pond property owner and DEQ have been informed of the situation.

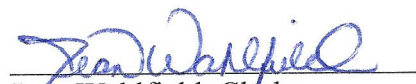
Trustee May expressed his appreciation for the Fire Department and how hard they train. Breakfast on the Farm will be held at his farm on July 29, 2017. The Farm Bureau expects to feed approximately 2,000 people. Residents are encouraged to volunteer as over 150 volunteers will be needed and are welcome to join the committee.

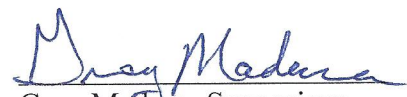
**A motion was made by May, with support from Townsend, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Samantha Hanna,  
Recording Secretary

  
Jean Wahlfield, Clerk

  
Greg Madura, Supervisor