

**ALPINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 2016**

**16-28 CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
MAY 19, 2016 AND THE / PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

The Alpine Township Planning Commission held its regular meeting on June 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alpine Township Center, 5255 Alpine Ave., NW, Comstock Park, MI 49321. Present: Chair Bruce Lee, Vice Chair Mike O'Malley, Secretary Lisa Frizzell, Ron Cordes (arrived after approval of minutes), Chuck Jakems, Mike Kayner. Dawn Swafford was absent and excused. Planner Susan Becker and Recording Secretary Rose Kogge were also present. Chair Bruce Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Frizzell moved, with support from O'Malley to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Alpine Planning Commission on May 19, 2016 with one edit.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 (Jakems abstained) Motion Carried

Chair Lee opened the meeting up for Public Comment on any non-agenda items. No comments were received.

**16-29 PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION ON THE DRAFT 2016-2022 CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Planner Becker reviewed the Executive Summary of the 2016-2022 Capital Improvement Plan for Planning Commission members. She explained that the CIP Advisory Committee took the conservative approach and wanted to keep six months of operating funds in savings at all times. She said since the 90's the Township Board has been setting aside dollars for the replacement of aging fire vehicles. SCBA and Turnout fire gear needs to be replaced on a regular cycle so money needs to be set aside for those items annually. We also will be repairing some Township buildings in the near future. The Township has just replaced the main computer server and a couple of computers.

Cordes motioned, supported by O'Malley to open the Public Hearing.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

No audience members were present

O'Malley motioned, supported by Cordes to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

The Capital Improvement Plan will now be reviewed by the Township Board on June 20, 2016 for adoption.

Planning Commission members took a moment to comment on how much the new technology

in the meeting room has helped improve seeing and hearing presentations for everyone.

16-30 DISCUSSION: ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC WATER CONNECTIONS

Chair Lee asked Becker to review this ordinance recommendation for the Planning Commission Members. This was something that was actively discussed at the Township Board level last summer and fall. There was an Ad-Hoc water committee whose desire was to allow private wells in certain circumstances within the Township. The presented recommendation was made clearer, specifically noting areas that will be required to connect to public water. Private wells would be allowed for irrigation and manufacturing processes, replacement wells and single family homes not in a development. Additional specifics regarding public water connections were discussed. If someone has a farm that uses a well, and the well goes bad, they can have a new well drilled.

The Planning Commissioners discussed the proposed amendments as they referred to requiring new multi-family, commercial and industrial developments to connect to public water. The sewer ordinance requires hook-up (if available) under many circumstances.

The Planning Commissioners then discussed whether they should or shouldn't forward the proposed ordinance changes to the Township Board.

Cordes motioned supported by Jakems to take no action.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

O'Malley motioned, supported by Jakems to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Lisa Frizzell, Planning Commission Secretary

Rose Kogge, Recording Secretary