

**MINUTES**  
**ALPINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2005**

**05-50            CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Alpine Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Alpine Township Hall, 5255 Alpine Avenue, Comstock Park, MI. 49321. Board Members present were Supervisor Marta Brechting, Treasurer Jan Brechting, Clerk Jean Wahlfield, and Trustees Jim May, Sharon Steffens, and Ted Wallace. The required public noticing for this meeting has taken place.

**A motion was offered by Steffens, with support from May, to approve the agenda as presented and the motion carried 6-0.**

**05-51            BUDGET WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Brechting opened the budget workshop and discussion by informing the Board of the current status of the CDBG funds which were used for the McConnell house. Tom Tilma from Community Development states that \$149,109.99 is the amount owed and his office is requesting that the amount be paid back in full at this time. The Supervisor noted that the house is slated for demolition and Board members discussed payback arrangements. In previous conversations with Community Development, it had been noted the payback could be completed over the course of a several years. The Supervisor will contact Community Development to further discuss the payback arrangements and provide an update.

*Trustee Ron Cordes arrived at 6:10 p.m.*

**A motion was offered by J. Brechting and supported by Wallace to approve the revised/corrected budget amendments of April 2005. The motion carried 7-0.**

The Supervisor also provided information and topics for discussion which included REGIS costs and funding models, Metro Council, and that the Sheriff's department noted that contract costs are expected to increase by 3.5%. She requested that discussions regarding salaries, wages, and benefits be postponed until the Personnel Committee meets. She noted that the cell phone costs for the Community Policing Officer will be split between Plainfield Charter Township and Alpine Township with our shared covering the months from January thru June each year.

The Board reviewed the information prepared by the Supervisor cost center by cost center. She explained that she will make the appropriate changes and get the revised worksheets out to Board members prior to the next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

**05-52            PENDING AND NEW BUSINESS**

The Supervisor noted that correspondence dated April 27, 2005 has been received from Donald Visser on behalf of his client Ted Doorenbos. Mr. Visser is requesting that the Township consider the concept of

rezoning the Doorenbos property with self-imposed restrictions. Board members decided to obtain further information on this topic prior to making any decision as the concept of “conditional rezonings” and the associated zoning ordinance language is very new.

**05-53 SUPERVISOR’S REPORT AND BOARD COMMENTS**

Supervisor Brechting provided an update on the Township Engineer’s recommendation and the Board’s recent approval to re-line a portion of the sewer in the area of the 4 Mile Road reconstruction near West River Drive. In addition, two manholes and a portion of the line near the gully south of the Westgate bowling alley have been videotaped.

Trustee Wallace had several comments and questions on the topics of bidding for the Township’s professional services, health insurance and related costs, as well as the McConnell house property and the attached deed restriction.

Trustee May provided comments on the need to regulate the Crawford sand mining operation noting that at the regular May meeting a public hearing will take place on the proposed general ordinance to address his concerns.

No public comments were received.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. in a motion offered by May and supported by Wallace. The motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted

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Jean Wahlfield, Clerk

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Marta Brechting, Treasurer