

TOWN OF ALPENA COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 3RD, 2026

The Alpena Town Council met in regular session Monday August 3rd, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor David Meyer, Acting Recorder Phyllis McNair.

Council Members: Kelly Pouncil, Ottie Morse, Jeff Battenfield, and Bonnie Morton.

Others Attending: Police Chief Mark Clark, Captain Jeff Webb, and New Officer Will Harberson, and Water Superintendent Jody Marshall.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. Roll call by Phyllis McNair.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous July 6th meeting were approved. Ottie Morse made the motion to approve, seconded by Kelly Pouncil.

Guest Speaker: Brea Poyner, President of the Alpena Historical Society. Brea introduced herself and gave the history of the Alpena Historical Society and its involvement in the community. She also mentioned the sale of the Historical books Volumes 1-9 and mentioned part of the proceeds go toward scholarships for Alpena Students. Brea invited everyone to attend the Historical Society meetings on the 2nd Saturday at 10:00 A.M. at the Alpena Methodist Church.

Old Business: The Mayor mentioned ARDOT and APAC had finished up all the shoulder work in town and will be picking up their signs soon.

Ottie Morse asked if the Town had collected the \$1000.00 for a piece of property and in town and the Mayor said there is no deed to be found on the property yet and no money has been collected.

General Report: The Mayor presented the General and Street Reports to be reviewed by the Council, and stated the General fund is in a positive \$17,00.00 due to some payroll changes. Kelly Pouncil made a motion to approve the General/Street report, Jeff Battenfield seconded the motion, motion carried.

Water/Sewer Report: Phyllis McNair gave the water/sewer report. She reported everything is good and running the same except for the increase in postage for the water bills which is now .65 cents per card as of July 15th, which makes the cost \$130.00 per month. Jody reported he is still waiting for bids for Tonya Stevens hook-up to sewer. Jeff Battenfield made the motion to approve the Water/Sewer report, Kelly Pouncil seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police Report: Chief Mark Clark presented the Police report and gave a financial report on expenses. He also reported on activity of arrests, traffic stops, drug arrests, warnings and DL suspensions. He also reported they are still trying to get the new radios certified and programmed. Chief Clark introduced a new Police Officer, Will Harberson and went over the work schedule. The Chief mentioned Officer Harvey Gash has stepped down and explained it was to spend more time with his family. He also mentioned he will more than likely be adding a couple of certified Reserve Officers, at some point nonpaid, volunteers.

Kelly Pouncil made a motion to approve the Police report, Bonnie Morton seconded, motion carried.

New Business: The Mayor mentioned the new website is up but still a work in progress. The website is www.townofalpena.gov. He mentioned a lot of the ordinances and resolutions are already on the website for FOIA information and gave all the benefits of the website.

Recorder/Treasurer Vacancy: Ali Collins Grant introduced herself and gave her credentials and history of experience to the Mayor and Council regarding interest in the Vacant Recorder/Treasurer position. The Mayor mentioned monthly compensation of \$500.00 per month for the position. The Council unanimously agreed to appoint Ali Collins Grant to the Position with a roll call vote from the Mayor. Kelly Pouncil, Ottie Morse, Jeff Battenfield, and Bonnie Morton all voted yes. The Mayor gave Ali the Oath of Office.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-9: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CONTINUING PART-TIME MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS; AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING ASSIGNMENTS AND CONTRACTED PAYROLL AND FINANCIAL REPORTING SERVICES; PRESERVING THE DUTIES OF THE RECORDER-TREASURER; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

This Ordinance was read 1 time by title only. The Ordinance was passed by a roll call vote of the Council with Kelly Pouncil, Ottie Morse, Jeff Battenfield, and Bonnie Morton all voting yes.

The Ordinance with the Emergency Clause was read 1 time by title only. The Ordinance Emergency Clause passed and will be in effect immediately by a roll call vote of the Council with Kelly Pouncil, Ottie Morse, Jeff Battenfield, and Bonnie Morton all voting yes.

A motion was made by Kelly Pouncil, seconded by Jeff Battenfield to suspend the rules of the reading of the Ordinance the 3rd time by title only, rules suspended. All voted yes, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTING PERSONNEL, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, AND PROVIDING FOR THE FUTURE RECORDER-TREASURER

The Mayor read Resolution 2026-10 in its entirety. The Resolution passed with a roll call vote of the Council with Kelly Pouncil, Ottie Morse, Jeff Battenfield, and Bonnie Morton all voting yes.

The Mayor mentioned the Events Committee should not be charged for the use of the Community Building because they are non-profit (501-C3). A roll call vote was taken of the council with Kelly Pouncil, Ottie Morse, Jeff Battenfield, and Bonnie Morton all voting yes to not charge the events committee for the use of the Community Building for city events.

Permits: The Council decided to unsuspend the sale of permits. Discussion was made regarding the permit situation from this point forward. The people who are grandfathered in by Nov. 1, will remain the same. After this date changes will be made. Kelly Pouncil suggested this is something they need to think about and discuss and table. The Mayor suggested they restrict permits to a time frame of Friday – Thursday from this point forward excluding those who have paid up through Nov. 1, and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday remains as is.

After a lengthy discussion, decision was made to issue permits for Friday – Thursday for \$20.00. With a roll call vote regarding unsuspending the sale of Permits and the minor change of days passed with a roll call vote of the Council. Kelly Pouncil, Jeff Battenfield, and Bonnie Morton all voted yes, and Ottie Morse voting Nay.

Discussion to establish a committee with a temporary mediator to work with the Vendors and Events Committee was made. Kelly Pouncil agreed to chair (mediate) the committee. Motion was made by Bonnie Morton, seconded by Jeff Battenfield, all voted yes. Motion carried to establish the committee.

The Mayor reported to the Council the 2.25% Sales Tax is officially in the Notice of Tax Change report from the Dept. Of Finance.

Ottie Morse made a motion to adjourn, Bonnie Morton seconded, all voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Mayor

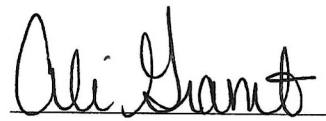


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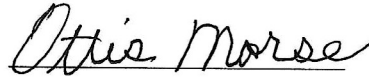


Jeff Battenfield

Vacant



Recorder/Treasurer



Ottis Morse

Bonnie Morton