

TOWN OF ALPENA

The Town of Alpena council met June 1st, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall for the monthly meeting.

The public were invited to discuss and identify potential outdoor park and recreation needs/ priorities for the community.

Present: Mayor David Meyer, Recorder/ Treasurer/ Clerk Roberta McAlister, Water /Sewer Superintendent Jody Marshall, Chief of Police Mark Clark, Capt. Jeff Webb, Ptl Harvey Gash and Courtney Roberts from NWAEDD.

Council Members Present: Kelly Pouncil, Ottis Morse, Jeff Battenfield, Bonnie Morton, Becky Berryman officially resigned from the council May 13, 2026.

Mayor Meyer called the meeting to order. Recorder gave the roll call.

Minutes from the May 4th meeting were reviewed Ottis made a motion to accept the minutes. Jeff seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-6 was read by Courtney Roberts concerning a Fun Park Grant of \$100,000.00 with no match from the town. She explained what the towns obligation would be. We have to have a volunteer day held at the park to clean the park and it has to be advertised and at least two people have to show up but the more that shows up the better. Courtney was ask about the timeline for the work to be done at the park she said it could be up to two years. Ottis made a motion to accept Resolution 2026-6. Jeff seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Clark gave the Police report for last month. Kelly made a motion to accept the report. Ottis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Meyer ask for public comments. Lisa McGehee made a long speech about the concerns of the Town about her husband mowing the Alpena park. It was a very nice thing to do for the Town but we have employees that are hired to do that job and if someone else does their job they don't get paid. Due to lots of rain our employees hadn't gotten to the mowing. Volunteers should activity be approved by the Mayor or council by a majority for reasons of liability. Activity should be coordinated by our maintenance director.

General Fund Profit & Loss report was reviewed. Jeff made a motion to accept the report. Kelly seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Street Fund Profit & Loss report was reviewed. Ottis made a motion to accept the report. Kelly seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Water/ Sewer Profit & Loss report was reviewed. Bonnie made a motion to accept the report. Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2026-5 was read in full by the Mayor concerning hiring a new attorney to replace our attorney Grant Ragland.

Nancy Cartwright will be retained as the Contract attorney for the Town of Alpena and shall serve as prosecutor in Boone County District Court, Alpena Division and will be compensated \$1000.00 a month for this service. Nancy may provide legal advice, legal research, Ordinance drafting or review, contract review, attendance at meetings, correspondence, litigation consultation, and other municipal legal services requested by the Mayor or authorized by the Town Council. These services shall be Compensated at the rate of \$250.00 per hour in one quarter hour increments and invoiced monthly. Mayor Meyer ask for a roll call vote. Kelly- Yea Ottis- Yes Jeff- Yea Bonnie- Yea. Ordinance 2026-5 and emergency clause passed and adopted.

Ordinance 2026-6 concerning the amending of Ordinance 258-A to repeal and replace section 3 regarding notice of violation, enforcement, and penalties and declaring an emergency was read by the Mayor. Mayor ask for a roll call vote. Kelly-Yea Ottis-Yea Jeff- Yea Bonnie- Yea. Mayor Meyer ask for a roll call vote on the emergency clause. Kelly- Yea Ottis- Yea Jeff- Yea Bonnie- Yea. Ordinance 2026-6 passed.

Ordinance 2026-7 to amend Ordinance 258-A regarding the placement of manufactured homes; and declaring an emergency. Mayor Meyer read the Ordinance. Ottis made a motion to accept Ordinance 2026-7. Jeff seconded. All in favor Motion carried. Mayor Meyer ask for a roll call

vote on the emergency clause. Kelly- Yea Ottis- Yea Jeff- Yea Bonnie- Yea. Ordinance 2026-7 passed.

Mayor Meyer told the council that he was going to Little Rock Thursday June 4th for a meeting about our audit because of some findings that they need answers to.

Resolution 2026-8 concerning the parking lot at the Community Center. The Mayor wants to mark the spots at the Community Center parking lot for the people coming to sell things in the parking lot and he got a bid for \$20,080.00. Pastor Nick from the Baptist Church in Alpena told the Mayor that him and his volunteers could do it for the Town way cheaper. It was decided to table Resolution 2026-8 until we can get some more prices.

Ordinance 2026-4 was presented to the council but was tabled till next months meeting.

Resolution 2026-7 concerning new radios for the Police officers. Mayor Meyer read Resolution 2026-7. after much discussion it was decided to cash in one of our CD's and get the radio's bought. Mayor Meyer ask for a roll call vote. Kelly- Yea Ottis- Yea Jeff- Yea Bonnie- Yea. Resolution 2026-7 passed.

Mayor Meyer told the council that we need our on website for sharing Ordinances, Resolutions, Minutes and anything concerning City Hall with no comments back. Capt. Webb's son Scott has offered to help us with the website.

Mayor Meyer read Becky Berryman's letter of resignation. Bonnie made a motion to accept the resignation. Kelly seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bonnie recommended Rachel Blankinship to fill Becky seat on the council. Ali Grant ask to be considered. Mayor Meyer ask the council if they wanted to fill the position now? All the council said yes. The Mayor ask to go into executive session to vote on the two candidates for the vacant seat on the Town Council.

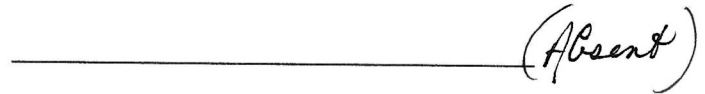
The meeting was called back to order by the Mayor. There was a split decision so the vacant seat wasn't filled at this time. Mayor Meyer ask for a motion to agree with the split decision that the seat won't be filled at this time. Kelly made the motion. Ottis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor talked to the council about the Recorder/Treasurer/Clerk asking for her 40 hours a week back that had been reduced to 16 hours a week while she was off for back surgery. Mayor Meyer told the council that those hours were not needed at this time and he was against doing that. After much discussion the council decided to give the hours back that Roberta was asking for because she needed them. Mayor Meyer said the new hours would begin immediately even though he was against it.

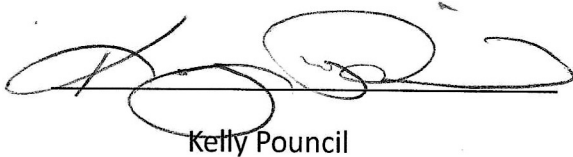
Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Ottis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.



Mayor David Meyer



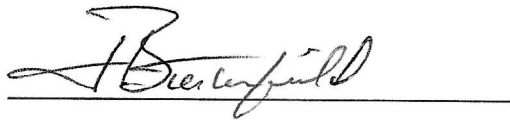
Recorder Roberta McAlister



Kelly Pouncil



Ottis Morse



Jeff Battenfield



Bonnie Morton