

ALPENA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 4, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

This meeting will be held virtually. The login Information for virtual access is:

<https://www.gotomeet.me/CityofAlpena> or the Dial-In Number is

1 (646)749-3112. Access Code: 667-050-061.

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval and Modification of the Agenda.
4. Approve Minutes –Regular & Closed Sessions of December 21, 2020 and Special Session of December 28, 2020.
5. Citizens Appearing Before Council on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items (Citizens Shall be Allowed a Maximum of Five (5) Minutes Each to Address Their Concerns. This is the Only Time During a Council Meeting that Citizens are Allowed to Address the Council).
6. Public Hearing.
7. Consent Agenda.
 - A. Bills to be Allowed, in the Amount of \$101,199.02.
 - B. Budget Amendment Request to Increase Expenditure Accounts Within the Fire/EMS Department for COVID-19 Related Expenses.
8. Presentations.
9. Announcements.
10. Mayoral Proclamation.
11. Report of Officers.
12. Communications and Petitions.
13. Unfinished Business.
14. New Business.
 - A. United Way Born Learning Trail Request – Rich Sullenger, City Engineer.
 - B. Water Treatment Plant Filters 5-7 Installation Bid Recommendation – Rich Sullenger, City Engineer.
 - C. Hot Mixed Asphalt Program Contract Renewal Recommendation – Rich Sullenger, City Engineer.
15. Adjourn.

Rachel R. Smolinski
City Manager

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

December 21, 2020

The Municipal Council of the City of Alpena met in regular session via teleconference on the above date and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Mayor.

Present: Mayor Waligora, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Councilmembers Nowak, Hess, and Mitchell.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular and closed sessions of December 7, 2020 were approved as printed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, that the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

- A. Bills Allowed – in the Amount of \$1,298,005.48 be Allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk Authorized to Sign Warrant in Payment of Same.
- B. Council Appointment of Griffin Saddler to the Recreation Advisory Board for a Three-Year Term Expiring on December 1, 2023.
- C. Budget Amendment Request to Increase the Supply Account Within the General Fund for COVID-19 Related Expenses.

Motion carried 5-0.

CITY WIDE PRIDE PROGRAM

Eight City employees were recognized for exhibiting “City Wide Pride” as follows: DPW Technician, Tim Corn; Administrative Assistant for Police and Fire, Tracy Marquardt; Fire Command, Mike Sanders; Firefighter/Paramedic, Chris Morrison; Police Command, Eric Hamp; Police Patrol, Linnessa Mellberg; Engineering Assistant, Shannon Smolinski; and Human Resources Director, Kathy Himes.

NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Andrea Kares, Planning and Development Director introduced Administrative Assistant, Kathleen Sauve, and Building Inspector, Billy Vogt.

FARMER'S MARKET LEASE AGREEMENT

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to postpone a decision on the Farmer's Market Lease of Mich-e-ke-wis warming shelter until the January 19, 2021 meeting.

Motion carried 5-0.

FINE ART/CRAFT EVENT

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Hess, to approve the Blue Ribbon Event/Art Fair at Duck Park on June 25-27, 2021.

Motion carried 5-0.

ALPENA COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to approve the 4-year contract with Alpena County for ambulance service.

Motion carried 5-0.

BOWFISHING TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

The Municipal Council discussed the request to conduct a bowfishing tournament fundraiser to be held in the spring of 2021. The request will be presented to the Council again once a firm date has been determined by the Thunder Bay River Center Board.

NORTH SECOND AVENUE AND MILLER STREET INTERSECTION

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to postpone a decision on the North Second Avenue and Miller Street intersection project until the January 19, 2021 meeting.

Motion carried 5-0.

SEWER MAIN ANALYTICAL TOOL RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to approve the purchase of the Sewer Ling Rapid Assessment Tool and accessories in the amount of \$26,330.

Motion carried 5-0.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTERS VALVES BID RECOMMENDATION

The following sealed bids were received on December 8, 2020 for the purchase of water treatment plant filters 5-7 valves:

Hamlett Environmental	\$85,182.00
Harrington Process Solutions	\$67,834.87
Michigan Pipe and Valve	\$93,211.00
The Macomb Group	\$54,892.47
Alpena Supply	Rejected – received after 2 p.m. deadline.

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to approve the purchase of Water Treatment Plant filters 5-7 valves for the base bid of \$54,892.47 and for the manual overrides in the amount of \$10,751.52 to The Macomb Group.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed at 7:47 p.m.

RECONVENE - CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to reconvene in closed session at 7:51 p.m. to consult with the City's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, being Currier, LLC and Schultz vs. City of Alpena, Alpena County Circuit Court, because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the City and to discuss collective bargaining as well.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 9:30 p.m.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to approve the Police Command contract for a period of three years, July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023.

Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, the
Municipal Council adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Matthew Waligora
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik
City Clerk

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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December 28, 2020

The Municipal Council of the City of Alpena met virtually in special session via GoTo Meeting on the above date and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Mayor. This meeting was a joint meeting with the Charter Township of Alpena.

Present: Mayor Waligora, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Councilmembers Nowak, Hess, and Mitchell.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to add council discussion to the agenda after public comment.

Motion carried 5-0.

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SHORT-TERM FIRE SERVICES

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to approve the agreement with the Charter Township of Alpena for short-term fire services with the following changes: payment is to be paid monthly in advance; the agreement will be reviewed at least 30 days before the end of the 6-month contract; language that the agreement may be terminated 30 days early with written notice; dependent on the date of termination, the payment for that month would be on a pro rata basis. Also moved to authorize the Mayor and staff to enter into the agreement.

Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, the Municipal Council adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Matthew Waligora
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik
City Clerk

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VENDOR	INVOICE #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
AIRGAS USA LLC	9107931640	SUPPLIES - EMS DISP	36.26
AIRGAS USA LLC	9108159163	SUPPLIES - EMS DISP	43.63
ALLEGRA ALPENA	151034	SUPPLIES - CLERK/TREAS	209.35
ALPENA DIESEL SERVICE	18268	VEH MAINT - FIRE EQ	2,105.91
ALPENA DIESEL SERVICE	18302	VEH MAINT - FIRE EQ	429.35
ALPENA POWER COMPANY	123020	ELECTRIC	11,168.71
ALPENA TOWNSHIP	122820	REIMB GARAGE NATURAL GAS - FIRE/EMS	120.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	16PR-LDLJ-7JLV	SUPPLIES - IT	159.92
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	13F9-KLWG-46X7	UNIFORMS - FIRE/EMS	139.95
BACKDRAFT OPCO LLC	INV202018675	EMERGENCY REPORTING - FIRE/EMS	2,760.00
BERG ASSESSING & CONSULTING INC	123020	ASSESSING CONTRACTED SVCS 01/21	7,083.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	83876428	SUPPLIES - EMS DISP	970.12
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	83883728	SUPPLIES - EMS DISP	87.12
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	83889733	SUPPLIES - EMS DISP	805.80
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	83889734	SUPPLIES - EMS DISP	247.60
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	83889735	SUPPLIES - EMS DISP	1,000.85
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	5434 01/21	FAX LINE - PUBLIC SAFETY	49.99
CHEMTRADE CHEMICALS US LLC	93024864	ALUMINUM SULFATE - WATER	4,641.77
CITY OF ALPENA	1016-001 1220	SEW/WATER - MARINA S	221.66
CITY OF ALPENA	1016-002 1220	SEW/WATER - MARINA N	35.00
CITY OF ALPENA	1017-001 1220	SEW/WATER - MARINA N	137.36
CITY OF ALPENA	1018-001 1220	SEW/WATER - BOAT HARBOR	128.64
CITY OF ALPENA	1019-001 1220	SEW/WATER - HARBOR DR	36.66
CITY OF ALPENA	1020-001 1220	SEW/WATER - FISH CLN STN	807.50
CITY OF ALPENA	1021-001 1220	SEW/WATER - BH RESTROOMS	504.80
CITY OF ALPENA	1027-001 1220	SEW/WATER - FLOATING DOCKS	1,159.58
CITY OF ALPENA	1028-001 1220	SEW/WATER - BANDSHELL	71.66
CITY OF ALPENA	4212-001 1220	SEW/WATER - SEWAGE	1,586.70
CITY OF ALPENA	9364-001 1220	SEW/WATER - BANDSHELL IRR	35.00
CITY OF ALPENA	4636-001 1220	SEW/WATER - DDA IRR	81.57
CITY OF ALPENA	10344-001 1220	SEW/WATER - DDA	49.80
CITY OF ALPENA	213-001A 1220	SEW/WATER - MCRAE PK	12.34
CITY OF ALPENA	214-001A 1220	SEW/WATER - MCRAE CONC STND	3.59
CITY OF ALPENA	214-007A 1220	SEW/WATER - 9TH AVE TWR	33.86
CITY OF ALPENA	4524-001A 1220	SEW/WATER - LONG LK COLD STORAGE	2.49
CITY OF ALPENA	6431-001A 1220	SEW/WATER - N RIVERFRONT PK	2.24
CITY OF ALPENA	6432-001A 1220	SEW/WATER - LONG LK AVE	46.48
CITY OF ALPENA	10354-001A 1220	SEW/WATER - TRAILHEAD	5.12
DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES	70443932	COPIER LEASE 01/21	56.55
DIVERSIFIED INSPECTIONS/ITL INC	INDI31349	VEH MAINT - FIRE EQ	1,050.00
DONALD H GILMET	123020	MILEAGE 12/20	391.02
DTE ENERGY	123020	GAS - DDA	84.93
ENERCO CORPORATION	141890	BOILER CHEMICAL TREATMENT/SVCS - PSF	550.00
ENVIRONMENTAL EXCAVATING &	MARINA 2020-02	BOAT LIFT PAD - MARINA	5,225.67
ENVIRONMENTAL EXCAVATING &	MARINA 2020-02A	BOAT LIFT PAD - MARINA	3,595.00
FAMILY ENTERPRISE EMBROIDERY	64745	COVID SUPPLIES - CITY HALL	1,070.00
FRANKS KEY & LOCK SHOP INC	41202	MAINT - PARKS	90.00
FRANKS KEY & LOCK SHOP INC	41212A	SUPPLIES - FIRE/EMS	44.40
FRANKS KEY & LOCK SHOP INC	41233A	SUPPLIES - PUBLIC WORKS	12.00
FRANKS KEY & LOCK SHOP INC	41319	SUPPLIES - PUBLIC WORKS	2.50
GARANTS OFFICE SUPPLIES & PRINTING	70513	SUPPLIES - BLDG	148.17
GARANTS OFFICE SUPPLIES & PRINTING	70524	SUPPLIES - FIRE/EMS	112.00
GEORGIES TOWING & WRECKER SVC	19-05955	VEH MAINT - EMS	100.00
GRAND TRAVERSE	54666	RADIO MAINT - FIRE/EMS	2,427.50
GRAND TRAVERSE	54884	RADIO MAINT - FIRE/EMS	933.30
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	9101215	SUPPLIES - FIRE/EMS	90.97
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	1110288	SUPPLIES - PUBLIC WORKS	59.94
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	1522488	SUPPLIES - CITY HALL	99.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	11337	SUPPLIES - CEMETERY	12.72
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	9051029	SUPPLIES - FIRE/EMS	74.88
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	8070535	SUPPLIES - FIRE/EMS	37.88
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	4512192	MAINT - MAJ ST	50.80
HURON VALLEY GUNS	128366	UNIFORMS - FIRE/EMS	366.94
INK AND TONER ALTERNATIVE	20-3979	SUPPLIES - IT	519.98
JEFFRESS-DYER INC	4170-20	APPRAISAL - NO INDUSTRIAL PK	710.00
JOHN SUSZEK	AP20-6158C	AMBULANCE REFUND	133.70
LAPPAN AGENCY INC	1291843	NOTARY BOND - SAUVE	55.00
LEFAVE PHARMACY INC	121520	SUPPLIES - EMS DISP	65.00
MANAGEMENT & BEHAVIOR	122020	EMP EVALUATION - FIRE/EMS	800.00
MHR BILLING	3800	BILLING 11/20 - EMS	8,281.89
MILLER OFFICE MACHINES	AR13417	SUPPLIES - DDA	14.11
NEW DIRECTIONS	INV-10902	EMP ASST PROGRAM 12/20-05/21	1,600.00

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VENDOR	INVOICE #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
NORTHERN CLEANING & MAINTENANCE	120120	MAINT - DDA	80.00
NYE UNIFORM COMPANY	758609	UNIFORMS - POLICE	135.00
OFFICE DEPOT	16671453	SUPPLIES - POL/FIRE/EMS	222.51
PITNEY BOWES INC	1017001665	POSTAGE METER RENT 10-12/20	176.97
PSYBUS	18629	EMP EVALUATION - FIRE/EMS	585.00
SAM CARBIS SERVICES LLC	CI-041647	VEH MAINT - FIRE EQ	116.75
SAW SUPPLY	266115	SUPPLIES - PUBLIC WORKS	645.99
SAW SUPPLY	462089	VEH MAINT - DPW	49.00
STATE OF MICHIGAN	123020	NOTARY FEE - SAUVE	10.00
STATE OF MICHIGAN	123020	LICENSE FEE - BLDG INSP	150.00
STRYKER SALES CORP	3240383M	DEFIBRILLATOR - CARES ACT	19,151.30
STRYKER SALES CORP	3241719M	DEFIBRILLATOR - CARES ACT	848.70
STRYKER SALES CORP	03017198	SUPPLIES - EMS DISP	1,873.69
STRYKER SALES CORP	03085174	SUPPLIES - EMS DISP	520.30
TIM CORN	123020	SAFETY SHOE ALLOW - PW	63.43
TRIDENT INSURANCE SERVICES	0859611	INS DEDUCTIBLE	9,864.72
TRUE NORTH RADIO NETWORK	20110352	ADVERTISING - DDA	300.00
VALLEY TRUCK PARTS INC	3-1214676	VEH MAINT - DPW	54.11
VISA/ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	3610 12/20	SUPPLIES/PROMO - DDA	348.42
YOUNG APPLIANCE CO	168100	MAINT - FIRE/EMS	115.90

Total: 101,199.02

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST

Fund: General Fund
 Department: Fire/EMS

Account No.	Account Description	Current Budget	Proposed Increase or (Decrease)	Proposed Budget
101-336-726-700	Supplies - Covid-19		\$26,057	\$26,057
101-336-973-001	Capital Outlay		\$20,000	\$20,000

Justification for Budget Amendment

There is no budget for these accounts in 20-21FY. The expenses are covid-19 related. The funding will come from the US HHS CARES Act

Provider Relief Fund that the Fire/EMS department received in April 2020.

Michigan Uniform Accounting and Budget Act:

** Requires budget amendments before any expenditures exceed the budget.

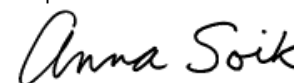
** The City Manager and City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director are authorized by the Municipal Council to make budgetary transfers within the departments established through this budget. All transfers between departments or funds or from fund balance may be made only by further action of the Municipal Council.



12/30/2020

Department Head

Date



12/30/2020

Clerk/Treasurer

Date



12/30/2020

City Manager

Date

City Council

Date




Memorandum

Date: December 18, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council Members

Copy: Rachel Smolinski, City Manager
Anna Soik, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director

From: Rich Sullenger, City Engineer 

Subject: Born Learning Request

The City of Alpena has received the attached request from the United Way of Northeast Michigan to install a Born Learning Trail in Starlite Park, along the sidewalk running from State Street to the Splash Park. It appears from the literature provided, that this would involve the installation of 10 posts and signs along the sidewalk as well as painting on the sidewalk as part of the learning activities.

City staff has reviewed the request and as this being a new installation, felt that it needed to go before City Council for approval. The only issues from staff would be the maintenance associated with the installation. The posts would represent additional areas where hand maintenance would be required. The long-term duration of any painting on the sidewalk is also a concern. While it may look great on day one, as time, weather, and traffic has impacts on it, what will the painting look like in a few years.

Staff is looking to City Council for direction on this request.

Attachments



Alpena, Michigan 49707
(989) 354-2221
(989) 356-5782 Fax
www.unitedwaynemi.org



United Way
of Northeast Michigan

October 6, 2020

Rachel Smolinski, City Manager
City Hall
208 N. First Ave.
Alpena, MI 49707

Re: Born Learning Trail

United Way of Northeast Michigan in partnership with the Great Start Collaborative is seeking permission to install a Born Learning Trail along the sidewalk pathway near the water park (between the Water Park and State Street). A Born Learning Trail creates valuable community resources for early childhood learning, and offers opportunities for visibility and volunteer engagement. These fun, physical learning activities are designed for parents or caregivers to play with young children in an outdoor setting.

If the initial Born Learning Trail installation is successful and receives ample usage we could envision seeking permission for the installation of additional trails along the Bi-path, i.e., National Marine Sanctuary, near the Bay View Kidde Park, etc.

Enclosed is information from United Way Worldwide concerning the Born Learning Trail and testimonials from other communities that have installed the trails. If further information is need do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Joseph Gentry, Executive Director
United Way of Northeast Michigan
108 Water Street
Alpena, MI 49707
(989) 354-2221
jgentry@unitedwaynemi.org

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**CITY OF ALPENA
CITY MANAGERS OFFICE**

Everyday life is a learning experience for children. Born Learning is a public engagement campaign that helps parents, grandparents and caregivers explore ways to turn everyday moments into fun learning opportunities.

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BORN LEARNING TRAILS

About Born Learning Trails

Born Learning began in 2005 as United Way's first national public engagement campaign. It made public service advertising, parent materials and online tips, tools and templates available to help United Ways advance early childhood impact strategies.

Today, United Way Born Learning is an impact product line, with a wide range of adaptable parent education pieces and communication tools targeting business leaders. Born Learning initiatives are rooted in the U.S. and also underway in Australia, Argentina and priority countries of Mexico, Brazil and China.

One of the things that makes Born Learning so unique is the rich, research-based content that is consistently delivered across all of its products. Its playful design and bold colors visually link the entire collection, including the cognitively stimulating Born Learning Trail.



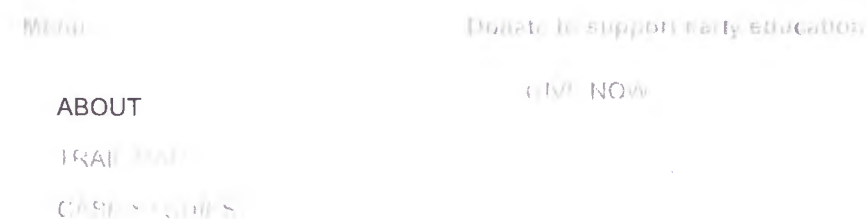
The Trail is a series of 10 interactive signs that offer fun, active learning activities for young children and their families. It helps parents, caregivers and communities create quality engagement opportunities when out on a stroll or visiting a local playground.

Signs are available in English and Spanish and translations can also be made to most other languages. The trail can be ordered as a kit and includes instructions, hardware, and reinforced, full color metal signs. Building materials and muscle can be locally sourced – installation days make for a great volunteer events. Signs include the option to have special messaging, including sponsor names, company logos, or other investor recognition.

Ideas for leading a Trail effort in your community:

- Contact your local United Way to express an interest. Volunteer to fundraise, seek permits, organize volunteers, or otherwise assist the effort.
- Promote the idea to other community groups – churches, early childhood education agencies, PTA groups. Seek sponsors or investors to underwrite the project.
- Use neighborhood events to generate enthusiasm for a trail. Inquire with employers or local municipalities for community improvement grants.

To learn more about the Trail Kit ordering process or to place an order, please follow this link to [UWWProducts.com](https://www.bornlearning.org/trails).



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BORN LEARNING TRAILS TESTIMONIALS

Here are a few comments from our customer organizations:

"The Born Learning trail kits are a wonderful addition to any community. With a little pre-planning and a small installation team, the kits are easy to install and instantly usable. We partnered with the leadership class through our chamber of commerce for their class project. They aimed for raising enough money to install three trails and were so successful, they installed five! Permission was granted without any issues and we now have trails in city parks and school playgrounds. The teams of 6-8 individuals physically installed these trails in under two hours. They are high quality and we anticipate these trails will continue serving our community for many years."

Char-Em United Way, Petoskey MI



"We have really been enjoying the signs. They were easy to install. Families, preschools, daycares, the local library, and so many others have been enjoying this great addition to our community. When the weather is nice we see people out on the trail all the time. We enjoyed getting to be creative with the items we painted on the trail and incorporated children's books, nursery rhymes, and even a Swiss theme to match the heritage of our town. It turned out really great. We have also added outdoor musical instruments to the trail and in the spring will be adding a story trail as well. This is a great place for the community to come play and learn with their children."

Swiss Village/Kinder Haus Day Care, Berne, IN

"Installing a Born Learning Trail is an excellent way to utilize the environment to generate thoughtful conversation between a caregiver and child. It most certainly impacts the early childhood learning space and increases the chances of children entering school ready to learn."

The thought of an indoor Born Learning build has always been discussed here at the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, North-Northwest. In fact, the latest indoor project is one of two in our region. The approach this time was to bring elements found at the park, indoor for children to explore year round.

By way of a grant, received from Zurich Insurance North America, we have secured funding for five Born Learning Trails to go up during the summer of 2016. Multiple locations will be selected. We thought that for the indoor build, that Preservation for Human Dignity would be a perfect place. PHD was chosen due to its phenomenal work in consoling for maternal health issues. Since the completion of the project, the space has served as a morale booster for the PHD staff and a neat attraction for clients as they wait for service."

Jason A. Johnson, Relationship Manager

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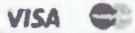
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40055 Trail Kit – Aluminum Signs – English

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**Our Price: \$1,450.00**Qty:
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Quantity in Stock:635

Availability: Usually Ships in 2 to 4 Weeks

Product Code: 40055[LARGER PHOTO](#) [EMAIL A FRIEND](#)

Alternative Views:



Description

The popular Born Learning Trail creates valuable community resources for early childhood learning, and offers opportunities for visibility and volunteer engagement. These fun, physical learning activities are designed for parents or caregivers to play with young children in any outdoor setting – trails, parks, and school yards. Consider adding a bench or picnic table to your trail to promote longer stays and return visits.

Key components of this kit are the ten 12" by 24" .080 inch thick aluminum signs which are the same as most street signs and can be assembled onto wood or metal posts without backer boards. Each sign is printed with a unique playful, engaging activity based on early learning outcomes. Each has room for your localized imprint, sponsor names and/or a brief message. Laminate top helps protect against UV rays, graffiti, and moisture damage. Signs have a two to four year life expectancy, depending on weather conditions and climate. For best results, it is recommended to try and station the signs in the shade (at least partially), or if no shade is available, at least position the sign with most of the day's sunlight hitting the back. Some fading/peeling may occur over time and is accelerated by heat and direct sunlight. Kits also include reusable stencils for shapes, letters, and a 12' hopscotch court that all relate to the sign activities. A Media and Installation Guide is also included.

Allow 2–4 weeks for standard production. A Rush service is available for an additional \$200.00 and has a production time of two weeks or less.

Each Born Learning Trail Kit is localized with your organization name/logo at no extra cost. Print ready files must be in one of the following formats: .eps, .jpg, .pdf, .ps, .psd, .tif. If you have an artwork file in any other format, we encourage you to create a PDF file (Acrobat 4 version 1.3) Please make sure that all text is converted to "outlines" and that all images and text are at least 300 dpi.

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- Since the completion of the project, the space has served as a morale booster
- for the PHD staff and a neat attraction for clients as they wait for
- service."

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Jason A. Johnson, Relationship

- Manager

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"For us, the trails were relatively

- easy to install. For our first trail, the City of Elgin simply mounted the
- signs on their signpost rails and pounded them in for us! The other two trails
- utilized skilled volunteers to dig the holes (with the auger) and install the
- wooden posts.

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We had volunteers paint the cement for

- all three trails, and it was a GREAT team building activity. In all three
- cases, trail sponsors sent teams to finish the trails, and they really enjoyed
- the process.

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In 2 out of 3 cases, volunteers chose

- different hardware to attach the signs to the wooden posts. I think they
- thought the provided screws were not hardy enough for the job.

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Overall, our community LOVES these

- trails. They are fun to install and fun to use. Our third one was installed at
- a preschool yard, providing not only community members with the sign content
- but giving teachers a new tool to use in their everyday lessons."

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United Way of Elgin,

- Elgin, IL

"We absolutely love our trails. We

- currently have 6 born learning trails, and will be installing our 7th
- on memorial weekend.

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Last summer we installed 4 kits in one

- day with over 100 HOBY youth/teen volunteers who were accompanied by AmeriCorps
- NCCC members. The kits were very easy to install with the directions."

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United Way of

- Frederick County, Frederick, MD

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Related Items

40086 Portable Signs –
English

Our Price: \$475.00

40084 Trail Kit – Aluminum
Signs – Spanish

Our Price: \$1,450.00

40087 Portable Signs –
Spanish

Our Price: \$475.00



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Born Learning Trail Grand Opening - St...



Please visit the link to see how trails are used in other communities.

Testimonials

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"The Born learning trail kits are a wonderful addition to any community.

- With a little pre-planning and a small installation team, the kits are easy to
- install and instantly usable. We partnered with the leadership class through
- our chamber of commerce for their class project. They aimed for raising enough
- money to install three trails and were so successful, they installed five!
- Permission was granted without any issues and we now have trails in city parks
- and school playgrounds. The teams of 6-8 individuals physically installed these
- trails in under two hours. They are high quality and we anticipate these
- trails will continue serving our community for many years."

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Char-Em United Way, Petoskey MI

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"We have really been enjoying the signs. They were easy to install.

- Families, preschools, daycares, the local library, and so many others have been
- enjoying this great addition to our community. When the weather is nice we see
- people out on the trail all the time. We enjoyed getting to be creative with
- the items we painted on the trail and incorporated children's books, nursery
- rhymes, and even a Swiss theme to match the heritage of our town. I have
- attached a few pictures for you to see. It turned out really great. We have
- also added outdoor musical instruments to the trail and in the spring will be
- adding a story trail as well. This is a great place for the community to come
- play and learn with their children."

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Swiss Village/Kinder Haus Day Care,

- Berne, IN

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"Installing a Born Learning Trail is an excellent way to utilize the

- environment to generate thoughtful conversation between a caregiver and child.
- It most certainly impacts the early childhood learning space and increases the
- chances of children entering school ready to learn.

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The thought of an indoor Born Learning build has always been discussed here

- at the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, North-Northwest. In fact the latest




Memorandum

Date: December 29, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council Members

Copy: Rachel Smolinski, City Manager
Anna Soik, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director

From: Rich Sullenger, City Engineer 

Subject: Water Treatment Plant Filters 5-7 Valve Installation Bid Recommendation

On December 21, 2020, the City received and opened bids for the installation portion of the Water Treatment Plant Filters 5-7 Valve Repair Project. This project replaces fifteen valves and actuators on filters 5 through 7 in the Water Production Plant. The installation award is the second of the two part bid for this project with the materials awarded on December 7, 2020, in the amount of \$65,643.99.

Bid documents were sent to 6 (six) contractors, plan rooms and also posted on the City's Website with two proposal received as listed below:

Meridian Contracting \$33,120
Alpena, MI

Johnson & Wood, LLC \$39,000
Alpena, MI

Meridian Contracting attended the required pre-bid walkthrough and are knowledgeable about the scope of work, limitations and expectations that were discussed. They have completed other projects at both the Water Production and Water Recycling Plant with satisfactory results and, therefore, we believe they are capable of completing the work proposed without issue.

Additionally, the City received a quote from Tempest Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$10,751.93, for integrating the fifteen new valves into the existing plant control system. The operation software is proprietary and therefore, Tempest Enterprises is the sole source for incorporating the new valves into the plant's operational system.

Funding has been established in the water fund in the amount of \$140,000, for completion of this project. Including the previous awarded materials, the project total is \$109,515.92 which is well within the proposed budget.

It is my recommendation, as City Engineer, to award the project to Meridian Contracting for the Water Treatment Plant Filters 5-7 Valve – Installation for the proposed amount of \$33,120, and approve a purchase order with Tempest Enterprises, LLC, for completion of the control's integration in the amount of \$10,751.93.

Attachments





City of Alpena

Bid Name: 2020 City of Alpena Water Treatment Plant Filters 5-7 Valves – Installation

Bid Open Date: 12/21/2020 @ 2:00 p.m.

Bidder	Addendum	Bid Security	Base Bid	Remarks
Meridian Contracting Alpena	#1 ✓ #2 ✓		\$ 33,120 \$ 39,000	
Johnson & Wood, LLC Alpena	<i>Not Allowed</i> #1 #2		\$ 39,000	
John E. Green Company Petoskey <i>DECLINED TO BID</i>	#1 #2		\$	

Unofficial – “As-Read” Results – Subject to Verification



304 W. Chisholm Street, Alpena, MI 49707 Phone: 989-354-4825 Fax: 989-354-4338

Date: 12/17/2020

Submitted To: City of Alpena
Attn: Anna Soik

RE: City of Alpena Water Treatment Plant Filter System

Meridian Contracting Services, LLC is pleased to offer this proposal to Remove and Install (15) new customer supplied Butterfly valves, pneumatic actuators on filters 5-7 at the Alpena Water Treatment Plant location. Proposal based off site visit 11/20/2020 and emails.

Included in Proposal:

- Field personnel to complete the project.
- Safety person (working foreman).
- R&R valves and actuators on filters 5-7.
- Mobile equipment.
- Access work platforms.

Customer Supplied:

- Clear access to site.
- Valves and all components.
- Hardware.
- Gaskets.

Clarifications:

Valves to be direct replacement- no piping modifications are included in this proposal.

Line (4) Lead paint measures included.

Total cost of project: \$33,120.00

Schedule: T.B.D.

For any questions please call 989-354-4825. Thanks again for the opportunity quote this project.


Sincerely,

Todd R. Britton
Meridian Contracting Services LLC

2020 City of Alpena Water Treatment Plant Filters 5-7 Valves – Materials

The Undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

<u>Addenda No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>12-3-2020</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>12-11-2020</u>

Company Name MERIDIAN CONTRACTING SERVICES
By 
Title MEMBER
Address 304 W. CHATHAM ST.
City, State & Zip ALPENA, MI 49707
Telephone No. 989-354-4825

TEMPEST

ENTERPRISES, L.L.C.

CONTROLS ENGINEERING

3213 Forest Rd
Gaylord, MI 49735

Engineers: Brian Theriault / Dan Dowling
(989) 390-5008 / (989) 370-1454

Fax: (989) 732-5760

BrianT@TempestEnterprises.com / DanD@TempestEnterprises.com
www.TempestEnterprises.com

Date: 12/3/2020

Company: City Of Alpena

Project: Filters 5 Through 7 New Valve Controls

Scope Of Work:	Provide all required instrumentation / controls hardware, installation labor, and commissioning labor to complete the change over of 15 new valves. All valves will require new nylon pneumatic instrumentation lines to be plumbed off the existing solenoid valves. All valves shall also require 24 VDC valve status feedback (provided by others), wiring to new I/O modules, and installed at an existing networked I/O Chassis. All electrical & pneumatic devices shall be documented on the AutoCAD drawings and programmed into the PLC & SCADA Systems. All wiring shall be installed in rigid PVC Conduit. Commissioning and operational verification of each new valve shall be completed as valves are installed.
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Labor Costs			
Item #	Labor Description	Type	Line Item Total
1.0	AutoCAD Updates	Per Project	\$ 480.00
2.0	PLC & SCADA Programming	Per Project	\$ 1,440.00
3.0	Onsite Installation and Commissioning	Per Project	\$ 6,600.00
Labor Sub-Total:			\$ 8,520.00

Hardware Costs			
Item #	Hardware Description	Type	Line Item Total
1.0	I/O Modules, Pneumatic Fittings & Line, Conduit, Wiring, and All Fittings	Per Project	\$ 2,231.93
Hardware Sub-Total:			\$ 2,231.93

Project Total:			\$ 10,751.93
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Contractor List - Installation

Meridian Contracting Todd Britton 304 W. Chisholm Street Alpena, MI 49707 Ph: 989-354-4825 Fax : 989-354-4338 todd@mericon.net	Mead & Hunt Michael Smith 8288 S. Pleasantview Road Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Ph: 231-242-0069 Cell: 231-570-0376
Johnson & Wood Ed Hechlik 1745 N. Outer Drive Saginaw, MI 48601 Office: 989-401-8390 Cell: 989-941-5079 edh@johnsonwoodllc.com	
John E. Green Company Saginaw 778 Bridgeview South Saginaw, MI 48604 Ph: 989-752-5100 Petoskey 601 Porter Street Petoskey, MI 49770 Ph: 231-348-2875	
De-Cal, Inc. 24659 Schoenherr Road Warren, MI 48089 Ph: 586-754-4370 Fax: 586-754-4371 mail@de-cal.com	
M.A.P. Mechanical Contractors General Mechanical Contractors Inc. 2600 N. West River Road Sanford, MI 48675 Ph: 989-496-3456	




Memorandum

Date: December 28, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council Members

Copy: Rachel Smolinski, City Manager
Anna Soik, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director

From: Rich Sullenger, City Engineer 

Subject: HMA Patching Program Contract Renewal Recommendation

In December 2020, the City received the attached request from Everett Goodrich Trucking, Inc. to renew the HMA (Hot Mixed Asphalt) Patching Program Contract for the 2021 construction season. This contract provides bituminous asphalt services to the City as needed with costs billed to the appropriate line item where the work is performed. The contract for the period of January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 contains language which allows for the renewal of the contract for up to 1 (one) additional one-year period, providing both parties can agree on any pricing adjustments. In no case shall the contract be extended beyond December 31, 2021.

Bruce Goodrich, of Everett Goodrich Trucking Inc., has requested a 2.69 % increase overall to offset an increase in material cost. The proposed changes would show a net increase of \$2,297.50, to the contract. 2020 unit prices, as well as the 2021 requested unit prices are outlined on the attached bid comparison spreadsheet for review.

It is my recommendation, as City Engineer, that City Council approve the renewal of the 2020 HMA Patching Program Contract for 2021 with Everett Goodrich Trucking, Inc., for the unit prices proposed.

Attachments

Pay Item	Description	Quantity	Units	Unit Price		Bid Amount	
				Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
3027031	_ Aggregate Base, 22A, Modified	10	Ton	15.	25	152.	50
4037050	_ Adjust Catch Basins to Grade	10	Ea	100.	00	1,000.	00
4037050	_ Adjust Manholes to Grade	10	Ea	100.	00	1,000.	00
5027031	_ HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Grade 58-28	100	Ton	82.	00	8,200.	00
5027031	_ HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Hand Patching, 0-1 ton	20	Ton	317.	00	6,340.	00
5027031	_ HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Hand Patching, 1-3 ton	40	Ton	260.	00	10,400.	00
5027031	_ HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Hand Patching, 15-25 ton	70	Ton	123.	00	8,610.	00
5027031	_ HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Hand Patching, 3-6 ton	60	Ton	193.	00	11,580.	00
5027031	_ HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Hand Patching, 6-15 ton	100	Ton	166.	00	16,600.	00
5027031	_ HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Hand Patching, over 25 ton	100	Ton	115.	00	11,500.	00
5027031	_ HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Wedge Type Machine Patching, 0-10 ton	5	Ton	128.	00	640.	00
5027031	_ HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Wedge Type Machine Patching, 10-18 ton	15	Ton	92.	00	1,380.	00
5027031	_ HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Wedge Type Machine Patching, 18-25 ton	25	Ton	92.	00	2,300.	00
8027010	_ Asphalt Surface Prep & Sealer, 2 Coat Application	10,000	Sft	0.	12	1,200.	00
8027010	_ Asphalt Surface Prep & Sealer, 3 Coat Application	10,000	Sft	0.	17	1,700.	00
8120170	Minor Traf Devices Each Use	1	LSUM	265.	00	265.	00
8120370	Traf Regulator Control Each Use	1	LSUM	265.	00	265.	00
8167030	_ Crack Sealing	1,000	Lb	3.	65	3,650.	00
8257050	_ Adjust Water Valve to Grade	10	Ea	100.	00	1,000.	00

Pay Item	Description	Quantity	Units	Unit Price		Bid Amount	
				Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts

Eighty seven thousand seven hundred eighty two + $\frac{50}{1000}$ Total Bid: 87,782. So

Contractor: Everett Goodrich Trucking, Inc.

Bruce Machit 12/28/20
(Signature) (Date)

2020-2021 Price Comparison HMA Patching Program

Description	Units	Qty	2020 Price	2020 Total	2021 Price	2021 Total	Percent Change
HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Grade 58-28	Ton	100	\$80.00	\$8,000.00	\$82.00	\$8,200.00	2.5%
HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Hand Patching, 0-1 ton	Ton	20	\$310.00	\$6,200.00	\$317.00	\$6,340.00	2.3%
HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Hand Patching, 1-3 ton	Ton	40	\$255.00	\$10,200.00	\$260.00	\$10,400.00	2.0%
HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Hand Patching, 15-25 ton	Ton	70	\$120.00	\$8,400.00	\$123.00	\$8,610.00	2.5%
HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Hand Patching, 3-6 ton	Ton	60	\$188.00	\$11,280.00	\$193.00	\$11,580.00	2.7%
HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Hand Patching, 6-15 ton	Ton	100	\$162.00	\$16,200.00	\$166.00	\$16,600.00	2.5%
HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Hand Patching, over 25 ton	Ton	100	\$110.00	\$11,000.00	\$115.00	\$11,500.00	4.5%
HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Wedge Type Machine Patching, 0-10 ton	Ton	5	\$125.00	\$625.00	\$128.00	\$640.00	2.4%
HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Wedge Type Machine Patching, 10-18 ton	Ton	15	\$90.00	\$1,350.00	\$92.00	\$1,380.00	2.2%
HMA Mixture No. 1100, 20AA Wedge Type Machine Patching, 18-25 ton	Ton	25	\$90.00	\$2,250.00	\$92.00	\$2,300.00	2.2%
Asphalt Surface Prep & Sealer, 2 Coat Application	Sft	10000	\$0.11	\$1,100.00	\$0.12	\$1,200.00	9.1%
Asphalt Surface Prep & Sealer, 3 Coat Application	Sft	10000	\$0.16	\$1,600.00	\$0.17	\$1,700.00	6.3%
Crack Sealing	Lb	1000	\$3.60	\$3,600.00	\$3.65	\$3,650.00	1.4%
Aggregate Base, 22A, Modified	Ton	10	\$15.00	\$150.00	\$15.25	\$152.50	1.7%
Adjust Catch Basins to Grade	Ea	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	0.0%
Adjust Manholes to Grade	Ea	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	0.0%
Minor Traf Devices, Each Use	LSUM	1	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$265.00	0.0%
Traf Regulator Control, Each Use	LSUM	1	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$265.00	0.0%
Adjust Water Valve to Grade	Ea	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	0.0%

\$85,485.00

\$87,782.50 2.69 % Overall