

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting
January 12, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Mark Roper called the meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Almira Township Fire & EMS Facility.

Supervisor led the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor called for roll call. Members present were: Mark Roper, Mandy Gray Rineer, Tammy Clous, Matt Therrien, and Ann Beaujean.

Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda by Board and Citizens: New Business C. Server and Move Guest to after Brief Public Input.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: *Motion by* Therrien, and supported by Rineer, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. All ayes, motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda: *Motion by* Therrien and supported by Beaujean, to approve the consent agenda:

- I. Approve Regular meeting minutes dated December 8, 2014.

- II. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF December 2014: None

- III. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #'s 35733 – 35796. SEE CHECK REGISTERS INCLUDED IN PACKET. BILLS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION UPON REQUEST.

- IV. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

BENZIE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Included in Packet

- V. MISCELLANEOUS: None

- VI. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE: None

Brief Public Input: None

County Commissioners: Commissioner Bates stated that they held their organizational meeting on January 6th. They have decided that their meeting will now be the 2nd Tuesday at 9:00 am and the 4th Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. with the travel meeting being the 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm. The travel meetings will be held in Lake Twp., Colfax Twp., and Almira Twp. The board will be making their committee appointments at their next meeting.

Department Heads:

- A. **Library:** The renovations are coming along nicely and the number of new patrons is up.
- B. **Planning Commission:** At their January meeting they approved the plan for the new boutique. They also elected their officers.
- C. **Fire Department:** In the month of December there were 14 runs. 7 were fire/jaws runs, 7 were medical runs; 5 of those were transports. There were a total of 203 runs for 2014; 152 medical and 47 fires. The Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs will be holding a conference in Midland on February 27th and 28th. The department has put in a 2 % tribal Grant in hopes of purchasing a Lucas Device. There have been 2 individuals interested in becoming members of our department. An EMT refresher course will be held at our station the end of January. March 26th -29th we will be hosting a search and rescue class. The Chief is starting a revision of the SOP and SOG for the department that has not been revised since 2005.

Guests: None

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Old Business:

- A. **Townhall Use:** Upon further information gathering we need to look into if this is something that we are even able to allow.
- B. **Committee Appointments:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to appoint Don Ellis to the Planning Commission. All ayes motion passed. Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean to appoint Chuck Cape to the Board of Review. All ayes motion passed. Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to appoint Lori Florip to the Board of Review. All ayes motion passed. Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean to appoint Craig Johnson to the Board of Review. All ayes motion passed. Motion by Therrien and supported by Clous to appoint Rasa Baker to the Veterans Committee. All ayes motion passed. Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean to appoint Joe baker to the Veterans Committee. All ayes motion passed.
- C. **Quarterly Employee Time Report:** The report was presented and reviewed.

New Business:

- A. **GASB 54:** Discussion took place and this will be brought back for discussion at our budget workshop.
- B. **Budget Workshop Date:** We will be holding our workshop on January 26th at 9:00 am with a backup of January 28th at 9:00 am.
- C. **Server:** Motion by Rineer to purchase the Hewlett Packard and to transfer all the needed information to the new server with a cost not to exceed \$8000.00. Motion died due to lack of support. Motion by Beaujean and supported by Therrien to purchase the Lenovo and to transfer all the needed information to the new server with a cost not to exceed \$8000.00. Upon roll call vote: Clous- aye, Therrien-aye, Rineer- aye, Roper-aye and Beaujean, motion passed.

Extended Public Input: None

Board Comments: Therrien stated that the brewery is going well.

Adjourn: There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Tammy Clous
Almira Township Clerk