

Almira Township

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

I. Supervisor Roper **called the meeting to order at 6 pm** at the Almira Township Hall 19639 Maple Street, Lake Ann

II. Pledge to the Flag Recited

III. Roll Call

Present: Tammy Clous, Mandy Gray Rineer, Mark Roper, Matt Therrien, Lori Florip was excused.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda: None

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda: *Motion by Therrien*, supported by Clous, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All ayes, no nays, Florip excused, motion passed.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Therrien, supported by Rineer, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes, no nays, Florip excused, motion passed.

VII. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer MG Rineer provided the Financial Report for the end of December 2023.

VIII. Brief Public Input: Laurie Harm, 5873 Lake Ann Road, had questions about the airport on Maple City Highway.

IX. County Commissioners

Commissioner Art Jeannot informed the Board that Bob Roelofs was re-elected as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Tim Markey was elected as Vice Chairman. Art asked if there were any questions.

X. Dept. Heads:

Tom Vinette, Chairman of the Recreational Resources Committee, stated that the Committee last met on December 6th and will start back to their regular scheduled meeting this month. Tom also stated that some volunteers from G T Regional Land Conservancy had cleared some trees that had fallen over Ransom Lake paths.

Danny Mosholder, EMS Captain, reported that for the month of December, the Department responded to a total of 30 calls for service, including: 23 ambulance requests in Almira Township, 1 ambulance request in the Village of Lake Ann, 1 CO alarm, 1 vehicle accident, 1 illegal burn, 1 assist to Long Lake FD, 1 EMS assist in Kasson Township (Cedar Area Fire/Rescue), and 1 assist to Benzie County EMS in Inland Township. Total requests for 2023 were 370, which is seven more runs than in 2022.

XI. Guests: None

XII. Old Business:

A. Mistwood Greens: Lakaila Streeter stated that the perk test is still pending.

- B. Master Plan:** Public hearing date is set for March 5, 2024 at the regular Planning Commission meeting.
- C. ARPA Funds and Townhall Steps:** Roper stated that the contractor he has been talking to about the townhall steps will be back in Michigan in a few days and will get information to Mark then.
- D. Tennis/Pickle Ball Resurfaced:** Roper stated that he has left a message with the contractor about this item.
- E. Michigan CLASS:** Rineer stated that there was nothing new at this time.
- F. Website Quotes:** Rineer stated that she has received two quotes and is asking the Board if they would like a third quote or not. She stated that her third contact declined to give a quote, stating they were too busy. Consensus of the Board is that they would like a third quote if possible before budget workshop meeting.
- G. County Headlee:** Discussion took place regarding the three options that had been presented to the Board previously. *Motion by Therrien*, supported by Roper, to submit the letter of response to the County Commissioners that had been previously presented to the Township Board. Roll call vote was as follows: Clous, aye; Rineer, aye; Therrien, aye; Roper, aye; Florip excused; all ayes, no nays, motion passed.
- H. Social Security and Pension:** Clous stated that she has emailed State of Michigan Social Security Coordinator but has not heard from that office yet.

XIII. New Business

- A. Budget Workshop Dates:** Discussion took place with the date of Tuesday, January 30th at 9:00 a.m. at the township office for a budget workshop with the backup date of Wednesday January 31st at the same time and location.
- B. Poverty Resolution:** Resolution for Poverty Exemption 1-24 #1 was read. *Motion by Rineer*, supported by Clous, to adopt the Resolution for Poverty Exemption 1-24 #1 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Rineer, aye; Therrien, aye; Clous, aye; Roper, aye; Florip, excused; all ayes, no nays, motion passed. Clerk declared resolution adopted.
- C. BCSO Boat:** Letter of understanding between Almira Township and the Office of Sheriff Benzie County was discussed. *Motion by Therrien*, supported by Rineer, to approve the letter of understanding for storage of the Benzie County Sheriff airboat at the Almira Township Fire & EMS Department Facility to be signed by the Sheriff and Township Supervisor. All ayes, no nays, Florip excused, motion passed.

XIV. Extended Public Input: None

XV. Board Comments: Therrien stated that the pictorial presentation from Bill Rosa, scheduled for January 9th, is being rescheduled to January 16th. Roper mentioned that the U of M football game for the National Championship was to start around 7:30 this evening.

XVI. Adjourn: Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.