

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting
February 9, 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, Matt Therrien, and Ann Beaujean. Absent Tammy Clous.

Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda by Board and Citizens: None

Approval of Meeting Agenda: *Motion* by Therrien, and supported by Beaujean, to approve the meeting agenda. 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 January 12, 2015.
- II. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF January 2015: None
- III. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #'s 35797-35849. SEE CHECK REGISTERS INCLUDED IN PACKET. BILLS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION UPON REQUEST.
- IV. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

BENZIE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	None
BENZIE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:	Included in Packet
- V. MISCELLANEOUS: None
- VI. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE:

Brief Public Input: None

Public Hearing: Truth in taxation, Salary Resolutions and Budget Presentation: Supervisor Roper read the Truth in Taxation Statement and the Salary Resolutions. All Resolutions passed with a 3 to 1 roll call vote. Treasurer read the budget highlights.

County Commissioners: Commissioner Tucker stated that they are wrapping up committee appointments and acclimating the new commissioners. The county has 3 (three) officers that are retiring, Rick Drewyour, Fallowfield has left and is being replaced by Packard, Beth will be leaving mid-February and two officers were brought on full-time to replace the retiring officers. She attended Snowpine and thought there was a good turnout. She also attended the 2033 meeting and is still working with Pinewoods.

Department Heads:

- A. **Library:** Thanked the Board for the renovations. There was a good turnout in the Library on Saturday for Snowpine with three new patrons.

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- B. Fire Department:** In the month of January there were 15 runs. 6 were fire/jaws runs, 9 were medical runs; 6 of those were transports. The three day EMT Refreshers course that was held went well and a Search and Rescue training will be held here in March. There will be Active Shooter Training to be held at the high school and the government center March 3 and 4. Mobile Data terminals will be placed in all Fire and EMS Apparatus allowing dispatch information to be received via computer. Each department would need to pay for installation. The grant for the LUCAS device was received. County wide mutual aid agreements are still being signed. Working on getting a county wide ice water rescue group, we have 3 suits and gear for this type of rescue as of now.

Guests: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. Hazardous Mitigation Resolution:** The resolution was passed and will be signed and remitted to Frank Post.
- B. Computer Back-up:** Mike Buchanan presented back-up options, he presented two quotes. One was for \$2500.00 to update the current tape drive system the other was for around \$1000.00 for an offsite 8tb external storage or 12tb for \$1200.00. Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean to spend up to \$1500.00 for a 12tb server back-up. Upon roll call vote Therrien-aye, Beaujean-aye, Roper-aye and Rineer-aye. Clous absent motion passed.
- C. Recreational Resources Appointment:** Motion by Rineer and supported by Beaujean to appoint Elmer Bisler to the Recreational Resources Committee. All ayes motion passed.

Extended Public Input: Elmer Bisler stated that Snowpine was a great event for the community and the Almira Historical Society. Therrien says that 8:30 a.m. might be a little early for a start time.

Board Comments: Therrien stated that Snowpine Rocked. Beaujean said Snowpine Rocked except for the brief time she lost her son. Rineer updated on the Veterans, 2014 tax season is over for the most part and the budget is complete. Roper brought up to speed on the Village meetings and Recreational resources is looking into seeing if we can budget for playground equipment.

Adjourn: There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Tammy Clous
Almira Township Clerk