Supervisor Mark Roper called the meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 7:00 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 F. Change to Ordinance

**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* Beaujean and supported by Therrien, to approve the consent agenda:

1. Approve regular Board meeting minutes dated January 13, 2014.
2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF January 2014: None

1. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #’s 35009 – 35093. SEE CHECK REGISTERS INCLUDED IN PACKET. BILLS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION UPON REQUEST.
2. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

BENZIE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Included in Packet

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Included in Packet

BENZIE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Included in Packet

RECREATIONAL RESOURCES: Included in Packet

1. MISCELLANEOUS: None
2. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE: None

**Treasurer’s Report:** Rineer presented the treasurers report. Report was received and filed.

**Brief Public Input:** Vance Bates stated that he received a call from a resident in regards to a horse that was stuck in the snow. The caller was seeking help to get her horse back into the barn. He as well as Jenny K, Steve A., and Adam B., of our Fire and EMS Department went to help. After several attempts and a lot of hard work they were able to return the horse to the barn. The horse owner was very grateful for the help. The Fire & EMS department shared this event and a picture on their Facebook page with numerous people viewing, commenting on and sharing this picture.

**County Commissioners:** Commissioner Tucker stated that an issue of private roads not being plowed well enough for Emergency personnel to respond to calls was brought up by Craig Johnson. They are currently working with the Road Commission on getting assistance with these issues when needed. The county Audit is being done. The county is also trying to bring back in house the auditing of PRE’s. It was also stated that the Benzie County Dispatch may propose raising the 911 surcharge on phone bills by $0.50 to upgrade the current radio/dispatch system in the county. This may appear on the Ballot for vote this year. Also 35 people attended the OMA training that Mr. Sparks held and that there will be a FOIA training held February 26th. The Maples has repaid the County loan in full.

**Department Heads:**

1. **Planning Commission:** Diana stated that they held the public hearing on the ordinance amendments and that they are working on the 2033 project.
2. **Library:** Shirley stated that they had a great day with the Snowpine Fest. They had 5 new patrons, 54 total people visited as well as 13 kids attend the various story times that were held. She also thanked Vance Bates for his participation with the story time.
3. **Fire and EMS Department:** Chief Adams stated for the month of January there were 17 calls. 12 were medical calls; seven of those were transports; 5 were fire responses. The Fire and EMS department missed no calls and had a couple of calls directly to personnel which they tended to.

**Guests:** None

**Old Business:**

1. **Townhall**: Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to accept new Townhall rental contract as amended. All; ayes motion passed.

**New Business:**

1. **Computers:** Motion by Rineer and supported by Beaujean to purchase: 1-8 GB computer; 2-4 GB computers; 1-23” computer monitor; and 2-18.5” computer monitors for the Fire and EMS Department. Upon roll call vote; Rineer-aye, Beaujean-aye, Roper-aye, Clous-aye and Therrien-aye.
2. **Truth in Taxation:** Read and presented by Supervisor Roper.
3. **Salary Resolutions**: All the salary resolutions were read by Supervisor Roper. Trustee Resolution; Motion by Rineer and Supported by Beaujean. Roll call all ayes. Treasurer Resolution: Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean. Roll call all ayes. Clerk Resolution: Motion by Therrien and Supported by Beaujean. Roll call all ayes. Supervisor Resolution: Motion by Rineer and supported by Beaujean. Roll call all ayes. All the Salary Resolutions were adopted.
4. **Audit:** Motion by Rineer and supported by Beaujean to accept the audit bid proposal from Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth of $6825.00. Upon roll call vote; Rineer-aye; Beaujean-aye; Roper- aye; Clous-aye and Therrien abstained for personal reasons. Motion passed.
5. **Budget:** Budget highlights were presented, questions of public answered and proposed budget presented.
6. **Ordinances:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to accept the Amendments to the Ordinance as presented. Ordinance 2-01 of 2014 approved upon roll call vote. Therrien-aye; Clous-aye; Roper-aye; Beaujean-aye and Rineer-aye. Fireworks ordinance proposal from the Planning Commission was discussed and the Board feels that a public hearing on this ordinance is the next step in this process. We will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Fire and EMS facility.

**Extended Public Input:** None

**Board Comments:** Therrien thanked Mandy for stepping up on the budget process. Beaujean said that the Recreational Resources Committee was offered by an individual who wants to donate the plants with the Boy Scouts planting the plants at the Lake Front Park. There is no project manager and we would need to invest in a water irrigation system. Roper thanked Mandy and Matt for doing the budget.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Tammy Clous

Almira Township Clerk