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. Advent Church G. Zoning Administrator Computer

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

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

1. Approve regular Board meeting minutes dated February 10, 2014 and Public Hearing Minutes Dated March 4, 2014.
2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF February 2014: None

1. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #’s 35094 – 35124. 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

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:** None

**County Commissioners:** Commissioner Bates stated that there is not much going on with the Board of Commissioners. They went to their yearly Maples luncheon. The Maples census is down a little; however the building project is going smoothly. The Maples is bringing back in house some of the things that they were contracting out which has helped with cost savings. They have repaid their loan to the county and it looks as though they will not need any further funding from the county at the time being. The Board is working on committee appointments with the Benzie Bus being the one with the most openings. They will be placing a millage on the August ballot for the Soil Conservation District. They hope by their next meeting to have someone in place as the Benzie Bus Coordinator. Resolutions were passed on behalf of the Centra Wellness regarding mental health funding.

**Department Heads:**

1. **Fire Department:** Chief Adams stated that they had 10 runs in the month of February. 4 were medical runs; 3 were transports, 6 were fire calls. This coming Saturday there will be a SCBA Maintenance Class held here. There will be 15 people taking this class from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. He also stated that Dave Tucker has express an interest in joining our department. Motion by Therrien, supported by Beaujean to add Dave Tucker to the Fire and EMS Department pending a physical and background check. All ayes, motion passed.
2. **Planning Commission:** Chairperson Nolan stated that they are discussing how they wish to proceed with Almira 2033. As well as that the next ordinance that they will be working on will deal with lights.
3. **Library:** Shirley stated that they had been a little quieter, but hoping with the warmer weather that things will pick back up.

**Guests:** Marlene Wood, Recycling Coordinator, presented the 2013 annual report; she discussed some of the items that were presented in the report. She left a copy of the report as well as a flier for the upcoming Earth Day Event.

**Old Business:**

1. **Fireworks**: Discussion took place on the purposed ordinance. Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean to adopt the Fireworks Ordinance (03-1 of 2014) as written with the extra days Section V. Upon roll call vote; Rineer- aye, Beaujean-aye, Roper-aye, Clous-aye and Therrien-aye. Motion Passed.
2. **Budget:** The General Appropriations Act Resolution was read by Supervisor Roper. The resolution was offered by Board Member Therrien, and supported by Board Member Rineer. Upon roll call vote; Therrien-aye, Clous-aye, Roper-aye, Beaujean-aye and Rineer-aye. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

1. **Regular Meeting Date Resolution:** The Regular Meeting Date Resolution was read by Supervisor Roper. The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Rineer, and supported by Board Member Therrien. Upon roll call vote; Roper-aye, Clous-aye, Therrien-aye, Rineer-aye and Beaujean-aye. Motion Passed.
2. **Board of Review:** Supervisor Roper read the Resolution for Poverty Exemption. The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Rineer, and supported by Board Member Beaujean. Upon roll call vote; Beaujean-aye, Roper-aye, Rineer-aye, Therrien-aye and Clous- aye. Motion passed.
3. **Clean-up Day**: Motion by Rineer, and supported by Therrien to hold the 2014 Township Clean-up day May 3rd with a $20.00 per load suggested donation. All ayes motion passed.
4. **Parks and Recreation Resignation and Appointment:** Motion by Therrien, and supported by Rineer to accept Pam Brigham’s resignation from the Parks and Recreation Committee with regrets. All ayes motion passed. Motion by Rineer, and supported by Therrien to appoint Maryanne Bisler to the Parks and Recreation Committee. All ayes motion passed. It was also discussed that the Parks and Recreation Committee changed their meetings to the fourth Wednesday of the month.
5. **Fire Department Lock System:** Motion by Beaujean, and supported by Rineer to move forward with the quote from Allen Supply for $1910.00 with a reasonable allowance for electrical work for the lock system on the Fire Department Meeting Room Door. Upon roll call vote; Roper-aye, Therrien-aye, Clous-aye, Beaujean-aye and Rineer-aye. Motion Passed.
6. **Advent Church:** Discussion took place on how we wished to proceed with the use of the building that the Advent Church has vacated. Pastor Justin is to come into the office to return the keys to the building. The current lease is up March 31, 2014. We were told by our legal counsel that we have a few options. The first being that we could sell the building at fair market value. The second being to rent the building at fair market value with a clause stating a 90 day notice would be given if the building needed to be used for public purposes. It was suggested that a RFP process would be a good way to seek information from those interested in the use of this building.
7. **Zoning Administrator Computer:** Motion by Rineer, and supported by Beaujean to buy a new computer for the Zoning Administrator at a cost not to exceed $1000.00 for the computer purchase and the computer set-up. Upon roll call vote; Rineer-aye, Beaujean-aye, Therrien-aye, Clous-aye and Roper-aye. Motion passed.

**Extended Public Input:** Dale Flahertystated that we would need to look at the current zoning of the Church space. He believes that it is currently not zoned. He also stated that we may need to do a lot survey.

**Board Comments:** Rineer thanked all who worked on the Fireworks Ordinance. She also stated that we need to post our office hour changes. Clous cleared up that the Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor are taking a $3.00 per hour pay cut with the increased hours

**Adjourn:** There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Tammy Clous

Almira Township Clerk