

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting
March 12, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Roper called the meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Almira Township Fire & EMS Facility.

Supervisor led the Pledge to the Flag.

Clerk called the roll call. Members present were: Mark Roper, Mandy Gray Rineer, Tammy Clous, Lori Florip and Matt Therrien.

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

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: *Motion by* Therrien and supported by Rineer, to approve the consent agenda. All ayes motion passed:

I. Approve Regular/Special meeting minutes dated February 12, 2018.

II. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF February 2018: None

III. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #'s 380041-38086. 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
BENZIE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:	Included in Packet
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Included in Packet

V. MISCELLANEOUS: None

VI. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE: None

Treasurer's Report: Filed

Brief Public Input: John Mead introduced himself to the Board as a candidate for Judge in the November 2018 election. He gave a current over view of the court system and what he currently does in that system. Ray Franz introduced himself to the Board as a candidate for the 35th District Senate seat. He gave his experience and community involvement history at both the local and state levels.

County Commissioners: Commissioner Jeannot gave his report as to what is happening at the County.

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Department Heads:

A. Library: Ransom stated that the library is now open 32 hours each week. The library is open 2 afternoons, 1 evening and Saturday morning. All is going well in the library.

A. Fire Department: Chief Adams stated that there were 17 runs for the month of February. 4 were fire calls, 13 were medical calls. No call was missed. Everything is going smoothly and we are working on updating mutual aid agreements.

Village: President Sturmer let the Board know of the happenings in the village and that the Village has approved a site condominium development. The Village has retained Gourdie Fraser for engineering work. They are also looking at removing dead trees from the right of way.

Guests: None

Old Business:

A. FEMA Grant: Frank Post thanked Almira Township for stepping up for this grant. Post went over the bids and what the committee was recommending to the Board. The committee would like to recommend to the Board to purchase the items from Grand Traverse Mobile for an amount not to exceed \$605,765.20. Motion by Florip and supported by Rineer to accept the bid from Grand Traverse Mobile for the 800MHz Radio Grant Project not to exceed \$605,765.20. Upon roll call vote: Therrien-aye, Clous-aye, Rineer-aye, Florip-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.

New Business:

A. General Appropriations Act: Supervisor read the resolution. Motion by Rineer and supported by Therrien to adopt Resolution 03-18 #1. Upon roll call vote: Rineer-aye, Florip-aye, Clous-aye, Therrien-aye, and Roper-aye; motion passed.

B. Regular Meeting Dates: Supervisor read the resolution. Motion by Rineer and supported by Clous to adopt Resolution 03-18 #2. Upon roll call vote: Clous-aye, Florip-aye, Therrien-aye, Rineer-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.

C. Employee Reviews: Evaluation sheets were given to Board members to evaluate employee performance. The sheets will be returned to the Personnel Committee as soon as possible. The Personnel Committee will schedule a time to sit down with each employee to review their evaluation before the next Board meeting.

D. Officer Appointment: Chief Adams would like to recommend to the Board that Nick Grzesik be appointed to the position of Assistant Chief of the Almira Fire and EMS Department. Motion by Therrien and supported by Florip to appoint Nick Grzesik to the position of Assistant Chief of the Almira Township Fire and EMS Department. All ayes motion passed. This position is effective April 1, 2018.

Extended Public Input: None

Board Comments: Therrien stated that MITP is scheduled for August 25th. The Benzie Play Boys will be headlining the event. The Recreational Resources committee will be discussing plans for a disc golf course. Rineer stated that the Veterans Committee has hired someone to do

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landscaping and maintenance at the Memorial. Florip said that the Planning Commission is looking at Solar Zoning. Roper gave an update on the invasive species issue.

Adjourn: There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Tammy Clous
Almira Township Clerk

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