

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting
April 9, 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: New Business: E. Clean-up Day F. Township Invasive Species Plan.

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 Therrien* and supported by Rineer, to approve the consent agenda. All ayes motion passed:

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

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

III. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #'s 38087-38144. SEE CHECK REGISTERS INCLUDED INPACKET. 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
PLANNING COMMISSION:	Included in Packet
RECREATIONAL RESOURCES:	Included in Packet

V. MISCELLANEOUS: None

VI. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE: None

Treasurer's Report: Filed

Brief Public Input: None

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

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Department Heads:

A. Fire Department: Chief Adams stated that there were 21 runs for the month of March. 3 were fire calls, 18 were medical calls. No call was missed. We passed the state Ambulance inspection. We need to look into ways to gain staffing for our shifts. The Fire Instructor 1 class has been completed. We will need to replace our CO2 detector. He also let the Board know that we do not have any Class B foam and have not used or had any in over 10 years.

Village: President Sturmer let the Board know of the happenings in the village and that the Village has had some trees removed from the right of ways.

Guests: None

Old Business:

A. FEMA Grant: Updated on the approval of new bid at the Special Board meeting that was held.

B. Employee Reviews: The board was notified that the employee reviews have not been completed. They will be worked on before the next meeting.

New Business:

A. Depository Letter: Treasurer Rineer read the letter to the board. It was accepted.

B. Disc Golf: Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to accept the Recreational Resources Committee proposal to implement a disc golf course with up to a \$500/\$500 split per hole between the Township and donations; no donation to be less than \$500; all holes to be approved by the Supervisor, Maintenance person and where applicable the Fire and EMS Chief and Veteran's Committee for the first 9 holes. Upon roll call vote: Therrien-aye, Florip-aye, Clous-aye, Rineer-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.

C. Committee Appointments: Motion by Rineer and supported by Clous to appoint Jerry Morse and to reappoint Barry Jones, Christina Steele and Elmer Bisler to the Recreational Resources Committee. All ayes; motion passed.

D. Road Project: Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to approve half down for the road project of Sunset and Sunrise in the amount of \$19,271.50. Upon roll call vote: Rineer-aye, Clous-aye, Florip-aye, Therrien-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.

E. Clean-up Day: Clean-up day will be May 5th from 8-12. The Veteran's Committee and the Fire and EMS Association will be volunteering again this year. Motion by Therrien to increase the fee to \$30.00 per load. Motion dies due to lack of support. The fee will remain at \$20.00 per load.

F. Township Invasive Species Plan: The committee that conducted the interviews recommends PLM for our invasive species monitoring and treatment. We will work with the Lake Associations on a yearly basis for surveying to keep an eye on invasive species in our lakes. Looking at a possible 50/50 split with the lake associations on cost. Will come back with a motion at a later meeting.

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Extended Public Input: Sturmer stated concern with only one person being in the office when he came in. Supervisor Roper addressed his concern, stating that this was a rare occurrence.

Board Comments: Therrien welcomed Jerry Morse to the Recreational Resources Committee and stated that MITP is rolling along. Florip thanks the Recreational Resources Committee for all they are doing. Roper stated that he doesn't want the Fire and EMS staffing issue to get set aside. It is something that needs to be looked into for options.

Adjourn: There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Tammy Clous
Almira Township Clerk

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