

Almira Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020

I. Call Meeting to Order

Supervisor Roper calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present: M. Roper, M. Therrien, MG Rineer, T. Clous, L. Florip.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda

Add New Business E. Can Receptacle F. No Wake

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

MG Rineer moves to approve as amended. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes. Motion passed.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

M. Therrien moves to approve. MG Rineer seconds. All ayes. Motion passed.

VII. Treasurer's Report

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VIII. Brief Public Input

None

IX. County Commissioner

Art Jeannot written report.

X. Department Heads

Chief Bushee stated there were 19 calls for the month of April; 8 Ambulance, 9 Fire and 2 assists. We received 30+ applications for the full time FF/EMT position. 11 of the applicants meet the qualifications. Will begin conducting background checks on all 11 applicants. Will be setting up an interview panel for initial interview, next will be a practical skill evaluation and a final interview with Chief Bushee. Chief Bushee will be sending letter to member Lake and Koscielski for inactivity. She would like to restructure the current officer with promoting two to the rank of Capitan. She was able to get both trucks outfitted with the 5" hose for the amount we approved at last months meeting instead of just one. 72 has been fixed and has new tires, Engine 7 cascade system was repaired and the not charging issue is being looked into. The Tahoe is being looked at as the check engine light is on and will be getting new tires. Our new 71 may not be here as originally scheduled due to COVID-19 shutdowns. However, Kodiak has said that they will loan us an Ambulance in the interim once the current 71 goes to its new owners.

XI. Village Report: Guardrail meeting to be held on May 16th with work beginning on the 26th.

XII. Guests: None

XIII. Old Business:

- A. Ballot Language: Resolution 5-2020 #1 to renew/restore Fire/EMS Operating Millage was offered by MG Rineer supported by L. Florip. Roll call vote: Ayes: Rineer, Florip, Therrien, Clous and Roper. Nays: None, motion passed. Resolution 5-2020 #2 to renew/restore the Park Operating Millage was offered by MG Rineer and supported by T. Clous. Roll call vote: Ayes: Clous, Therrien, Florip, Rineer and Roper. Nays: None, motion passed.
- B. Audit: MG Rineer moves to retain Baird, Cotter and Bishop for our audit at \$6600.00 not to exceed \$9000.00. T. Clous seconds. Roll call vote: Ayes: Therrien, Clous, Rineer, Florip and Roper. Nays: None, motion passed.
- C. COVID-19: MG Rineer moves to reopen the office starting Monday, June 1st from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday thru Wednesday to the public. T. Clous seconds. All ayes. Motion passed. All other restrictions and closures remain the same. There will be no Memorial Service at the Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day.
- D. Ironman: Long Lake Township has told the organizers that they are not allowed to utilize their Township for this event.

XIV. New Business

- A. Office Dividers: MG Rineer moves to spend up to \$700.00 on 2-33" panels and the materials needed for the center. M. Therrien seconds. Roll call vote: Ayes: Rineer, Therrien, Florip, Clous and Roper. Nays: None, motion passed.
- B. Committee Appointment: MG Rineer moves to appoint Tom Vinette to the Recreational Resources Committee. T. Clous Seconds. All ayes, motion passed.
- C. Road Brining: MG Rineer moves to accept the bid from the Benzie County Road Commission for the May/June application not to exceed \$7900.00. M. Therrien seconds. Roll call vote: Ayes: Therrien, Florip, Clous, Rineer and Roper. Nays: None, motion passed.
- D. Newsletter: The Board discussed and has opted to put together a newsletter this year to go in with the Summer Tax bills.
- E. Can Receptacle: Discussion took place on the can collection container that had been placed at our Recycling Site. The person that placed the can was not at the meeting to present their organization. The Board feels that at this time that fund raising on Township Property needs to be discussed further. The can is to be removed at this time.
- F. No Wake: Citizens on Pearl Lake are looking to have wake restriction placed on their lake. We are not looking to take any action on this issue at this time. The Zoning Administrator is looking into options.

XV. Extended Public Input: None

XVI. Board Comments

Florip thanked Chief Bushee for going out to New Jersey with FEMA. Roper asked that the cancellation of the Memorial Service be put on the Website.

XVII. Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:14 pm until June 8, 2020 at 6 pm

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