

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting
May 13, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Roper called the meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 6:02 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 H. Tree Removal

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

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

I. Approve Regular/Special meeting minutes dated April 2, 8, 17 and 24, 2019.

II. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF April 2019: None

III. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #'s 38801-38890. 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

V. MISCELLANEOUS: None

VI. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE: None

Treasurer's Report: Filed

Brief Public Input: John Heyn 4366 Jeri Road-Dog issue has talked to the Zoning Administrator. He has brought a sample zoning ordinance to help with these issues. He will contact the Zoning Administrator with the ordinance and see if this is something that the Planning Commission wishes to review. Mark Willette-Green 4485 Jeri Road-He feels that the dogs are not just a noise issue but a safety concern as well. Tim Higgins 4237 Jeri Road-he is here in support of John he also says that there are more dogs in the area other then the ones that have been complained about that are a problem.

County Commissioners: Report given.

Department Heads: Fire and EMS: There were 24 runs in the month of April. 12 were EMS (3 transports, 7 non-transports, 2 missed during non-duty hours). Assisted Benzie EMS twice. 12 were Fire calls (Assists to Homestead-3, Long Lak-2, Glen Lake, Cedar and Inland-1 each) 99 call year to date compared to 82 last year. Chief Adams stated that the Association Pancake Breakfast went well had

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about 110 people attend. The 800 MHz pagers are now active and issues are being identified and corrected. He is working on June's shift schedule. There was no internal interest for the Full-time position and we have had one external application. He recommends that we review this application and post an add again to see if we can get more interest.

Recreational Resources: Chairman Bisler states that their meeting is next Wednesday. They have a lot of things that they are working on. They are looking at expanding the disc golf course to a total of 18 holes. They will be seeking more hole sponsors for the next nine. They are getting a quote for the baskets for the next nine. Barry Jones is making benches for the course out of wood that was donated by the Weir Family. Randy is working on the walking trail plan. He also looked at the Ransom Lake sign that someone had mentioned and it is not a historical sign.

Village: President Sturmer- The Park and Recreation Committee did their first Easter Egg hunt and it was very well attended. RJ Jordan picked up about 30 yard of sand and cleared an additional 30-40 yards as well. A recommendation will be made of a new Parks Administrator at the next Village Council Meeting. Janine Montgomery is working on grant applications for the balance of the guardrails. They already have a grant for 90% of the costs. The Village will be paving 120 feet of Shady Shores.

Guests: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. Road Brining:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to approve the brining of the roads 2 passes with the Benzie County Road Commission for \$7586.70 with the addition of the \$287.38. Upon roll call vote: Rineer-aye, Florip-aye, Clous-aye, Therrien-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.
- B. Fees:** Motion by Rineer and supported by Therrien to approve the changing of the fees as recommended by the Planning Commission. Upon roll call vote: Therrien-aye, Clous-aye, Florip-aye, Rineer-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.
- C. Disc Golf Course:** We would like them to work with Mark and Ryan on the layout of the next 9 holes. They will be seeking donations for the rest of the 9 that we already have and for the next 9 as well.
- D. Committee Appointment:** Motion by Rineer and supported by Therrien to reappoint Barry Jones to the Recreational Resources Committee until December 31, 2020. All ayes; motion passed.
- E. Fire/EMS Hire:** We will place the ad again for 2 Sunday's with applications due by May 29th at 4:00 pm.
- F. KCI Proposal:** Motion by Clous and supported by Therrien for the Treasurer to use KCI for the Summer and Winter Tax bill printing. Upon roll call vote: Clous-aye, Therrien-aye, Rineer-aye, Florip-aye and roper-aye; motion passed.
- G. Dunessville:** They are still planning on doing the event this year. They will have the application submitted to us before our July Board meeting.
- H. Tree Removal:** We are seeking bids for tree removal in the Township Park and at Ransom Lake.

Extended Public Input: Gary Worden: 4415 Jeri Road, he is supporting of something being done about this issue. He stated that they have to walk to their mailbox with mace to feel safe. He stated that the dogs bark anywhere from 10-60 minutes. Art Jeannot had a question on the same day voter registration.

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Board Comments: Therrien stated he is getting ready for summer and thanked the community for attending tonight's meeting. Rineer stated that clean-up day was our busiest yet with of 225 compact yards of stuff removed from our community. Florip stated that clean-up day went well and ran smooth. Clous stated that it wasn't very busy on election day and let the board know that we received a thank you from the Benzie Conservation District.

Adjourn: There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Tammy Clous
Almira Township Clerk

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