

**Minutes from the  
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting  
May 14, 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:** Guests: B. Benzie Conservation District and switch New Business A & C.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda:** *Motion by* Rineer and supported by Clous, 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 April 9, 2018.

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

III. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #'s 38145-38209. 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

V. MISCELLANEOUS: None

VI. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE: None

**Treasurer's Report:** Filed

**Brief Public Input:** Matt Skeels from the Benzie County Road Commission talked about the upcoming millage renewal and restoration. He also spoke on the projects that have been completed with the millage money so far and what future funds would be used for if the millage is renewed.

**County Commissioners:** Commissioner Jeannot emailed his report as he was not able to attend the Clerk will forward it to the Board Members.

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**Department Heads:**

**A. Fire Department:** Chief Adams stated that there were 21 runs for the month of April. 14 were EMS calls; with 8 being transported, 7 were fire; with 5 being assists to either Leelanau or Grand Traverse County. There are a couple of county wide training coming up and the pancake breakfast went well; they served approximately 160 people.

**Village:** President Sturmer was not in attendance.

**Guests:** A. Kim Becker, Lake Ann Lions Club- They would like to be able to move the pancake grills into the kitchen; which would require adding some additional wiring and revamp the range hood. The board stated that the Lions need to contact the Health Department to see what alterations can be made and still pass code. The Lions will be holding their Golf outing on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Mistwoods.

B. Benzie Conservation District- Presented millage renewal and increase information and what the additional funds would be used for.

**Old Business:**

**A. FEMA Grant:** Pagers and some chargers have been delivered and inventoried. We have made our first request of funds from the grant as well as invoiced the other departments for their 5% share.

**B. Employee Reviews:** All but one review has been completed.

**New Business:**

**A. Zoning Map Change:** Florip abstains from this discussion. Ratajczak gave a briefing of the Planning Commissions process and what they based their decision on. Therrien feels that we should go with the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Rineer stated that she usually agrees but feels due to information received today that we should consider and review the Planning Commission's decision further. The Board feels upon further discussion that the Planning Commission has done their job well but we feel that it may be better to wait until their minutes have been approved by them. We will table this topic until the next meeting.

**B. Fire Committee:** Chief Adams would like to set up a committee to look at staffing, personnel and finance option for the Fire and EMS Department. A 5 member committee would be a good start. Florip and Therrien state that they are willing to sit on this committee. Chief Adams will find two other members from his department to serve on this committee with him.

**C. Mutual Aid:** Motion by Rineer and supported by Florip for Mark and Steve to sign the Mutual Aid agreement with the departments in Benzie County. All ayes motion passed.

**D. Road Brining-** Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to brine the roads in the bid from the Benzie County Road Commission as outlined for a cost of \$7,223.70.

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Upon Roll Call Vote: Rineer-aye, Florip-aye, Clous-aye, Therrien-aye and Roper-aye motion passed.

- E. New Mower:** Clous asked if we needed two zero turn mowers or if we could surplus both to get the one new one. It was stated that we have had two as two were needed in the past or one was for back-up. Motion by Therrien and supported by Clous to surplus both the zero turn mowers and dispose of by negotiated sale and replace the two with the Turf Tiger II costing \$10,912.00. Upon Roll Call Vote: Therrien- aye, Clous-aye, Florip-aye, Rineer-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.

**Extended Public Input:** None

**Board Comments:** Therrien stated that the new trees in the Village park are about to bloom and wanted the Board to be aware that Bob Sutton had passed away. Also the music is set for Music in the Park. Clous stated that she should be receiving the new voting equipment soon. Rineer state that clean-up day was wonderful and thinks it was the most successful one in years. There will also be a Memorial Day Service at the Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day starting at 11:00am. The Veterans Committee will be providing lunch again this year in the Park after the Service. The American Legion will be doing the Service as in years past. Florip stated that things are going well and they are accomplishing this at the Planning Commission.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Tammy Clous  
Almira Township Clerk