

**Minutes from the  
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting  
August 12, 2019  
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 Therrien and supported by Rineer, to approve the meeting agenda. All ayes, motion passed.*

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

I. Approve Regular/Special meeting minutes dated July 8, 2019 and July 15, 2019.

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

III. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #'s 39002-39061. 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
RECREATIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE	Included in Packet

V. MISCELLANEOUS: None

VI. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE: None

**Treasurer's Report:** Filed

**Brief Public Input:** Ann Beaujean: 5838 Lake Ann Road, Linda Keillor: 5636 Lak Ann Road: Asking about a bridge that is under water on the Ransom Lake Trail. Sue Jennings is willing to write a grant to fund the project of a new bridge and possibly reroute the trail. They are also concerned with wetland damage.

**County Commissioners:** Report given.

**Department Heads:** Fire and EMS: There were 26 runs in the month of July. (5 fire, 21 Medical, 12 transports, 2 missed) There is a PHLTS class being held here, this is a mandatory class through med control. Recreational Resources: Chairman Bisler states that they didn't have a quorum at their meeting but they have the survey results. There were 126 responses. The first nine holes of the disc golf course are now completed.

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**Village:** President Sturmer- Road striping is to be done. They were not awarded the latest tribal grant they applied for. A trustee is moving out of the area and is resigning. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the Gourdie-Fraser Traffic/Road Study at their next meeting.

**Guests:** Derek Smith-Youth Fire Starter Education: He has joined this group. It is a task force for education. They try to get youth into this program to educate them on fire safety. The task force is working with local entities and the judicial system to start this program.

**Old Business:**

- A. Fire/EMS Personnel:** We have received four application. One application appears to have no Fire/EMS training. We wish to place the ad out again and place it on Indeed, MTA, Firehouse, The Record Eagle and the Michigan Textcom. The deadline is August 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

**New Business:**

- A. Pickle Ball Lines:** The estimate is \$475.00 per court. The courts need to be in good condition. We wish to look at both resurfacing and the painting of the pickle ball lines. Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to line one court if possible with pickle ball lines spending no more then \$600.00. Upon roll call vote: Rineer-aye, Florip-aye, Therrien-aye, Clous-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.
- B. Music in the Park:** Sponsors have committed to donations. The sound people and the bands are set. Louie's food wagon will be there to serve food. The only things out standing are the outhouses and the generator.
- C. Ambulance Collections:** The board was given the information from the billing company in reference to the two patients that they are seeking our decision on. We will write each of them a letter giving them three option: 1. Pay the bill in full, 2. Go to collections or 3. Submit the requested paperwork seeking the Township to Write-off all or some of the bill.

**Extended Public Input:** Jerry Morse stated that the first nine-disc golf holes have been finished along with trip hazards addressed. Derek Smith spoke on the ambulance write off issue.

**Board Comments:** Rineer stated that a new employee started today: Ruby the Office dog. We have also not filled the Chief's position yet unlike some of the rumors that have been floating around. Florip stated that the Park Pavilion bathrooms look good. Roper stated that he has been made aware that the Township may have violated a set back that he set on his property of 50 feet. Roper offered to move the item and he was told that we don't need to move the item.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Tammy Clous  
Almira Township Clerk