Supervisor Mark Roper called the meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Almira Township Fire & EMS Facility.

Supervisor led the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor called for roll call. Members present were: Mark Roper, Mandy Gray Rineer, Tammy Clous, Matt Therrien, and Ann Beaujean.

**Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda by Board and Citizens:** Remove New Business A**.**

**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 Beaujean, to approve the consent agenda:

1. Approve Regular meeting minutes dated July 14, 2014.
2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF July 2014: None

1. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #’s 35444 – 35495. SEE CHECK REGISTERS INCLUDED IN PACKET. BILLS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION UPON REQUEST.
2. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

BENZIE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Included in Packet

BENZIE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Included in Packet

1. MISCELLANEOUS: None
2. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Benzonia Township: Included in Packet

**Treasurer’s Report:** Rineer presented the treasurers report. Report was received and filed.

**Brief Public Input:** None

**County Commissioners:** Commissioner Tucker stated that there would be a proposal on the November ballot in support of financing a TNT officer from Benzie County. She also made us aware that there is a solicitation going around to people in the county telling them that they can get a copy of their deed and other property information for $80.00 from this “company”. She just wants to remind everyone that this same information is available from the County Register of Deeds for $1.00.

**Department Heads:**

1. **Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission has met once since the last Township Board meeting. At their meeting the discussed the Pearl Lake Estates setback issue. Also discussed was the Greenbelt Ordinance and if it should be interpreted stronger. These items will be discussed again at their September meeting on Wednesday the 3rd.
2. **Library:** The library has lost a volunteer due to them moving downstate. The volunteers who are seasonal will be leaving soon, which results in the need for someone willing to cover the times those individuals volunteered.

**Guests:**

**A. David Thompson:** Mr. Thompson gave an explanation of what the Circuit Court does as well as information about himself and his experience as the 19th Circuit Court Family Services Director, an Assistant Prosecutor for Manistee County and his community involvement.

**Old Business:**

1. **Park Repairs and Improvements:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean for Roper Excavating to do the excavating work and for Ron Brown & Sons to do the paving of a path connecting the parking area with the walking path along the basketball court for a total of $2,619.00. Upon roll call vote: Rineer-aye; Therrien-aye; Beaujean-aye; Clous-aye and Roper Abstained. Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to purchase four (4) Concrete Outdoor Drinking Fountains ADA Accessible-Gray Limestone from Global Industrial for $4,306.00, installation will take place in the spring. Upon roll call vote Beaujean-aye; Rineer-aye; Clous-aye; Roper-aye and Therrien-aye. Motion by Beaujean and supported by Rineer to go forward with the pavilion drain project as proposed by Precision Concrete for $1300.00. Upon roll call vote Roper-aye; Beaujean-aye; Therrien-abstained; Clous-aye and Rineer-aye. It was decided to readdress having the toilet flush valves redone in the spring.
2. **Library Computers:** Motion by Beaujean and supported by Therrien to purchase the SonicWALL and one year subscription plus installation to be done with total cost not to exceed $450.00. Upon roll call vote Beaujean-aye; Therrien- aye; Roper-aye; Clous-aye; and Rineer-aye.
3. **Fire and EMS Software:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Clous to purchase the Image Trend software instead of the previously approved Firehouse software for the Fire and EMS Department. Upon roll call vote Rineer-aye; Clous-aye; Roper-aye, Therrien-aye; and Beaujean-aye.

**New Business:**

1. **Planning Commission Appointment:** Removed from agenda and moved to next month.
2. **MEMAC**: Resolution offered by Board Member Beaujean and supported by Board Member Therrien for the MEMAC. Upon roll call vote Therrien-aye; Beaujean-aye; Roper-aye, Rineer-aye and Clous-aye. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.
3. **Audit:** Mary Krantz presented the audit to the board. The board okayed the signing of the Representation Letter.
4. **Road Brining:** The Board has decided not to do a second brining this year due to the ineffectiveness and high cost of the first brining**.**
5. **Proposed Changes to Noise & Enforcement Ordinances:** Motion by Beaujean and supported by Therrien to adopt both ordinances 8-1 of 2014 and 8-2 of 2014 as presented. Upon roll call vote for 8-1 of 2014 Roper-aye; Therrien-aye; Rineer-aye; Beaujean-aye and Clous-aye. Upon roll call vote of 8-2 of 2014 Therrien-aye; Beaujean-aye; Roper-aye; Clous-aye and Rineer-aye.

**Extended Public Input:** Elmer Bisler reminded everyone of Music in the Park this Saturday.

**Board Comments:** Clous gave election information. Rineer asked all to come to Music in the Park and to pay their taxes. Therrien said everyone should come to the Music in the Park Event; bring your chairs and it is BYOB, snacks will be available for purchase.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Tammy Clous

Almira Township Clerk