

**Minutes from the  
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Mark Roper called the meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 7:01 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:** Guests: A. Under Sherriff David Tucker: New Business: G. Nuisance Ordinance

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Motion by* Therrien and supported by Clous, to approve the consent agenda:

- I. Approve regular Board meeting minutes dated August 19, 2013.
- II. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF August 2013: None
- III. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #'s 34684 – 34731. SEE CHECK REGISTERS INCLUDED IN PACKET. BILLS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION UPON REQUEST.
- IV. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

BENZIE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	Included in Packet
ASSESSOR:	No Report
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	No Report
RECREATIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:	No Report
FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT:	No Report
PLANNING COMMISSION:	No Report
VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:	No Report
- V. MISCELLANEOUS: None
- VI. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE:

Benzie County Road Commission Minutes: In Packet

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

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**Brief Public Input:** Vance Bates asked that on matters of importance that a roll call vote of the board be made.

**County Commissioners:** Commissioner Tucker stated that the current County Administrators last day is October 1, 2013, the commissioners have taken applications and an interview committee will be narrowing it down and interviewing 3 individuals. Marlene Wood has taken over as the Solid Waste Coordinator; the county clerk will be hiring someone to replace Marlene in the clerk's office. Commissioner Bates stated that the public hearing on the budget is set for Tuesday, September 10, 2013. He said that the budget overall looked good, however there were a few minor items that needed to be addressed. One of the items that needed to be reviewed is the Emergency Manager, possibly not needed for this individual to be a 40 hour employee. Also, the Benzie Bus meeting on September 10, 2013 will be held to see if the current coordinator will be retained.

**Department Heads:**

- A. Planning Commission:** Chairperson Nolan said they have started the "Almira 2033" master plan coordination. The meeting to begin the Master Plan with all the township committees is being moved to January 2014 at the earliest.
- B. Fire and EMS Department:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean, to approve Adam Bugai as a Fire and EMS Department member pending outcome of the background check and pre employment physical. Upon roll call vote Therrien: aye, Beaujean: aye, Roper: aye, Rineer: aye and Clous: aye.

**Guests:**

- A. Undersheriff Tucker** spoke on the upcoming Sherriff millage that would replace the current operating millage. The millage is a 4 (four) year millage.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- A. Fire & EMS Resignations:** Motion by Rineer and supported by Therrien to accept Bill Parker's resignation from the Fire and EMS Department. All; ayes. Motion Passed. Motion by Rineer and supported by Therrien to accept Steve Lienard's resignation from the Fire and EMS Department with regrets. All: ayes. Motion Passed.. Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean to accept the 6 month leave of absence from Jim Morse Jr. with regret. All: ayes. Motion Passed.
- B. Fireworks:** This issue is something that we need to remember and keep in mind. If we get more written complaints we will need to look at this issue further.
- C. Road Brining:** The board wishes to not brine the roads for a second time.
- D. Maintance Help:** We need to look into the option available to us when Steve P. takes time off as well as when he needs a second person for a job.

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- E. Duty Crew:** An update was given on where we are at with this position. Ads have been placed and the applications are due by September 19, 2013.
- F. Fowler Road Improvements:** Therrien stated that we need to have a policy in place for these types of situations. The board would like to see what happens with the upcoming road millage before we agree to spend and funds on our roads.
- G. Nuisance Ordinance:** Motion by Beaujean and supported by Therrien to proceed with amendment of Ordinance No. 5 of 2001. Upon roll call vote: Therrien: aye, Beaujean: aye, Roper: aye, Rineer: aye, and Clous: aye. Motion passed.

**Extended Public Input:** None.

**Board Comments:** Therrien shared that Music in the Park was a huge success. Beaujean said that Music in the Park finished this year in the black. A lot of hard work was done by all. Roper stated that Andrew White is looking for a possible Eagle Scout Project, possibly something at the beach.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Tammy Clous  
Almira Township Clerk