

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting
October 13, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

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: New Business F. Newsletter.

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:

I. Approve Regular and Special meeting minutes dated September 8, 2014 and September 15, 2014.

II. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF September 2014: None

III. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #'s 35566 – 35613. 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

BENZIE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Included in Packet

ALMIRA TWP RECREATIONAL RESOURCES: Included in Packet

V. MISCELLANEOUS: None

RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE: None

Brief Public Input: Mark Griner: Fire and EMS Department items; Personally Owned Vehicles (POV's) parked in or using the fire station, cleanliness of emergency vehicles after use, response of Engine 7 to calls on unimproved roads, equipment replacement with millage funds, emergency equipment out of the area.

County Commissioners: Commissioner Bates; 3 openings on the ALS Committee, the by-laws of the ALS committee were rewritten to set a number of members and that Benzie EMS members are not to have a voting position on the committee. Trying to make the Committee a geographical diverse committee. The secondary Road Patrol budget was approved, prosecutor's

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office bids sought, looking at a tri-county agreement for medical examiner services, approved contract with MSU Extension, Benzie County does have an Ebola plan, and Council on aging is going great everything is on the up and up. Blarney Castle has sold the liquor license and rights to Bud's in Honor. The next commissioners meeting will be in Thompsonville at 6:00 pm.

Department Heads:

- A. **Fire and EMS Department:** The total calls for September were 15; 8 were ambulance transports; 3 were ambulance non transports; 4 were MVA/Fire calls. Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to approve Luke Altman as a Fire and EMS member. All ayes motion passed. Motion by Rineer and supported by Therrien for the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Fire Department Mutual Aid agreements with the Frankfort Fire Department, Benzonia Township Fire Department, Homestead Township Fire Department, Inland Township Fire Department, and the Village of Thompsonville. The Fire and EMS Association will be hosting a Trunk or Treat Event at the Fire and EMS Department Halloween night from 5-9 pm.
- B. **Planning Commission:** They met on October 6th, welcomed a new member and are waiting on a report from the Greenbelt Committee.
- C. **Library:** Received a generous donation of over 200 DVD's. There are a lot of things happening at the Library come and check them out.

Guests: None

Old Business:

- A. **Local Road Policy:** The Board reviewed what the Benzie County Road Commission Local Road Policy is.
- B. **Employee 1/4ly Report:** The report was reviewed and will be brought back after the next quarter.

New Business:

- A. **Road Commission Maintenance Contract (parking Lot):** We wish to not enter in to contract at this time.
- B. **Ordinance 10-1 of 2014:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to approve ordinance 10-1 of 2014 as written. Upon roll call vote; Rineer-aye, Beaujean-aye, Roper-aye, Clous-aye and Therrien- aye; motion passed.
- C. **Library Renovations:** Librarian Ransom stated the she would like to go ahead with the Emergency Exit and the moving of the computer relocation projects at this time. Shirley will contact the Friends of the Library to see if they would be willing to help with costs.
- D. **Maintenance Truck & Use:** Motion by Beaujean and supported by Therrien to allow Eric Alpers (Township Maintenance Person) to assemble a back blade for the Maintenance Truck with the Township paying for the parts and his time to assemble will be during regular work week not to exceed a cost of \$2000.00. Upon roll call vote; Beaujean-aye, Clous-aye, Rineer-aye, Therrien-aye, and Roper-aye; motion passed.
- E. **Election Items:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to approve Char Fink and Diana Nolan to the Election Receiving Board for the November 4th election. All

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ayes motion passed. Motion by Rineer and supported by Beaujean to approve the Election Inspectors as presented. All ayes motion passed. Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer approve a meal allowance of \$12.00 per worker if working more than 4 hours with an evening meal not to exceed \$150.00 upon checking in the MTA Magazine. All ayes motion passed.

- F. Newsletter:** We are going to do a winter 2014 newsletter, all the board members will help to formulate the letter.

Extended Public Input: Dale Flaherty reminded that the Village Council meeting is tomorrow night and will be discussing parking in the Village.

Board Comments: Rineer is back from leave. Beaujean states that the Recreational Resources Committee is working on transitional items as well as long term items. Therrien states that the Beach grass looks good. Clous states that she is receiving lots of Absent Voter requests and that the County MTA meeting will be October 22. Roper says the fall has been busy and would like to thank all for attending our meeting.

Adjourn: There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Tammy Clous
Almira Township Clerk