

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting
October 14, 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: New Business. D. Ransom Lake Project

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* and supported by Rineer, to approve the consent agenda. All ayes motion passed:

I. Approve Regular/Special meeting minutes dated September 9, 12,18, 23, 25, 2019.

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

III. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #'s 39121-39206. 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
PLANNING COMMISSION:	Included in Packet
RECRATIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:	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: Scott Hedberg 5945 Harris Point Lane: Concerned with high water level and boating safety on Ann Lake. He would like to see a dedicated officer on Ann Lake on the major summer holidays. Also concerned about the culvert being full of debris and not allowing proper drainage into the river. ALPOA doesn't want to limit or regulate the Wake Boat use, they wish for the DNR or the Township to do it.

County Commissioners: Report given.

Department Heads: Recreational Resources Chair Bisler stated that he will discuss their items at the time in new business.

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Village: President Pro-Tem Bisler stated that the Halloween Event was successful. The Village is trying to be more proactive with replacement and upgrades to the guardrails.

Guests: Jamie Martin: Presented the report on what was done with the Tribal Grant Funds.

Old Business:

- A. Fire/EMS Personnel:** Sarah Bushee will start on November 18th and Steve's last day will be November 29th. A discussion was had about handbook changes. A separation agreement between the Township and Steve Adams will be drafted and presented at November's meeting.

New Business:

- A. November 5, 2019 Election:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Florip to approve the Election inspectors and receiving board as presented with a \$200.00 meal allowance for the November 5, 2019 election. Upon roll call vote: Rineer-aye, Florip-aye, Therrien-aye, Clous-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.
- B. Road Commission Proposal:** Motion by Rineer and supported by Florip to accept the proposal from the Benzie County Road Commission for the Reynolds and Cedar Run Intersection signage upgrade for no more \$5000.00. Upon roll call vote: Therrien-aye, Clous-aye, Florip-aye, Rineer-aye and Roper-aye; Motion passed.
- C. Horse North Rescue:** Motion by Rineer and supported by Clous to work with Horse North Rescue to submit a Tribal Grant Application on their behalf with no administration fee. All ayes, motion passed.
- D. Ransom Lake Project:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to begin permit process with Practical Engineering and spend up to \$3000.00 to draw down Ransom Lake at an appropriate rate. Upon roll call vote: Rineer-aye, Therrien-aye, Florip-aye, Clous-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.

Extended Public Input: None

Board Comments: Therrien stated that the Brewery will be doing a food drive November 2nd-9th. Rineer stated that tree removal is scheduled to be on Wednesday and Thursday. Also reminds all of Trunk or Treat on Halloween at the Fire and EMS Station.

Adjourn: There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Tammy Clous
Almira Township Clerk