

**Minutes from the  
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting  
November 10, 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:** Guests: A. Karin Miner; New Business C. Townhall Use.

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

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

- I. Approve Regular meeting minutes dated October 13, 2014.
- II. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF October 2014: None
- III. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #'s 35614 – 35666. 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
- VI. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE:  
CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE                      Included in Packet

**Brief Public Input:** None

**County Commissioners:** Commissioner Bates stated that the County Board of Commissioners had not met yet his month due to the Election. In regards to the election the TNT Millage passed which means that a new officer will be hired to fill the position that this created. The Maples is doing good they are currently \$400,000.00 to the good. The Maples is looking to open their new facility shortly after the first of the year. There will also be three (3) new commissioners on the

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board for the next term. A gathering may be held for those members who have left the board, we will be advised as to if and when this will happen.

**Department Heads:**

- A. **Library:** A little quiet right now, there has been a volunteer leave with a new one filling their position. They are looking forward to the upcoming possible changes.
- B. **Fire and EMS Department:** The month of October held many things. There were 14 runs; 3 fire, 11 medical, 3 were non-transport and 8 were transports. As of the end of October there have been a total of 172 calls for the year which is up from this same time last year. The ImageTrend is up and running and working well. A Fire Fighter I & II class has begun and we have 1 member that is attending this class. Most classes will be held in Frankfort with a few in Manistee. We will be re-inspected at our facility so that we can be a recognized training center for EMT classes. Our Department will be hosting a P.H.T.L.S meeting that is mandatory for all EMS Providers on November 22, 2014. October was also Fire Prevention month which saw our members doing presentations at Lake Ann Elementary as well as Stepping Stones Daycare. The Lake Ann Elementary Kindergarten Classes also visited our Fire and EMS Station. Chief Adams attended a Chiefs Conference in Traverse City where there were a lot of items discussed. Our Department also hosted a Firefighter/Chiefs breakfast for area departments and wishes to do this quarterly to help with communication between area departments. The Firefighters Association held a Trunk or Treat Event that went much better than anticipated. The next event that will be held will be Breakfast with Santa on December 13 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.
- C. **Planning Commission:** They are still working on the Greenbelt and Sign Ordinances.

**Guests:** A. Karin Miner from Benzie Bus. Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to have Eric Alpers put the Benzie Bus signs up at his discretion near the bench. All ayes motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Local Road Policy:** Discussion took place as to how we wish to proceed with the roads. Ann will get costs on all the roads that need to be done so we know how much will be needed to complete each project. Once this data is gathered Ann will go to the subdivisions to let them know the costs.

**New Business:**

- A. **Road Millage:** The Board reviewed the roads that were recommended for the 2015 repair and upgrade schedule.
- B. **Library Renovations:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to move ahead with the renovation of the library splitting the cost with the Friends of the Almira township Library not to exceed a grand total of \$3200.00 to move the computers and install an Emergency Exit door. Upon roll call vote. Ayes: Therrien, Beaujean, Roper, Clous, Rineer. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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**C. Townhall Use:** Matt will do research on this topic and look to see if there are any other places that do this sort of thing and how much they charge.

**Extended Public Input:** Bates suggested that we should put a minimum time limit on the use of the Townhall for a special use of just the kitchen.

**Board Comments:** Rineer reminded everyone of the Veterans gathering to be held here at the Memorial starting at 6:30pm. Beaujean states that the Recreational Resources Committee is not having a meeting in November and are working on capital projects for next budget year. Therrien states that Trunk or Treat was awesome and good luck to all the hunters. Clous states that the election went well and we had a good voter turnout. Roper that Eric has things wrapped up for the summer and is getting ready for the winter season.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Tammy Clous  
Almira Township Clerk