

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting
May 14, 2012 5:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Vance Bates called the meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 5:01 p.m. at the Almira Township Fire & EMS Facility.

Supervisor led the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor called for roll call. Members present were: Mary Dort, Diana Nolan, Vance Bates and Kirt Giddis. Dawn Campeau was absent.

Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda by Board and Citizens: Under New Business add Item G. Music in the Park and removing e-mail from Mike Willsey from the Consent Agenda per request from Deputy Treasurer Rineer on behalf of Treasurer Campeau.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: *Motion by Nolan*, and supported by Giddis, to approve the consent agenda as amended:

1. Approve minutes of Regular Board meeting held April 9, 2012 and Special Board meeting held April 18, 2012.
2. Budget amendments for the month of May 2012: Increase Deputy Treasurer longevity by \$100.00.
3. Approve payment of check #'s 33296 – 33389. See check registers included in packet. Bills are available for examination upon request.
4. Receive and File the following reports:

Benzie County Commissioners:	Included in Packet
Assessor:	Added at Meeting
Zoning Administrator:	Included in Packet
Recreational Resources Committee:	Included in Packet
Fire & EMS Department:	Added at Meeting
Planning Commission:	Included in Packet
Veterans Memorial Committee:	No Report
5. Miscellaneous: None.
6. Receive and file the following correspondence:
 - Lake Ann Village Council Draft Meeting Minutes dated 4-10-12
 - The Par Plan News dated April 2012All ayes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: *Motion by Dort*, and supported by Giddis, to receive and file the Treasurer's report. All ayes, motion passed. Copy will be filed in the Clerk's office.

Brief Public Input: John Nuske spoke in support of Billie Jo Clark who is seeking election as Probate Judge.

Guests:

Billie Jo Clark, candidate for Probate Judge, introduced herself and gave a work history and qualifications.

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Rasa Baker addressed the Board regarding enforcing the Nuisance Ordinance. There are three homes in her subdivision that are concerns to her. She also wanted to know what the status of these homes was.

John Daugherty, candidate for Probate Judge, introduced himself and talked about his experience and work history.

Mark Roper, Benzie County Commissioner, talked about items at the County level.

Old Business:

- A. Lakefront Park:** Trustee Nolan presented the bid options for the construction and development of the Lakefront Park. *Motion by* Dort, and supported by Nolan, to approve the purchase of five (5) sets of contract drawings from Gourdie-Fraser to sell at the Township office. All ayes, motion passed. The advertisement for bids was reviewed. *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Nolan, to approve the advertisement as amended. All ayes, motion passed. *Motion by* Dort, and supported by Giddis, to approve the advertising for bids in the Traverse City Record Eagle to be published, May 17, 20 & 21, 2012; and to the Benzie Record Patriot to be published May 23, 2012. All ayes, motion passed. The trees on the west property line need to be removed per the request from the property owner on that side so the fence can be put in. *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Nolan, to accept the bid from AJ's Excavating to remove the trees and stumps. All ayes, motion passed.
- B. Park Millage:** The proposed language from the Township Attorney was presented and reviewed. *Motion by* Giddis, and supported by Nolan, to approve the ballot language as presented from the Township Attorney and to put it on the August 2012 Primary ballot. All ayes, motion passed.
- C. Employee IDs:** Supervisor Bates stated these are still being looked into.
- D. Employee Relations Conference Call:** Supervisor Bates informed the Board that the conference call had taken place and that an election to form a union was set up, that ballots for the election have been mailed out and the results from the election should be available around May 25, 2012.
- E. Benzie County Brownfield:** Trustee Nolan presented information from the public hearing that she attended along with Mark Roper and Marty Dagneau-Bates. Consensus was that the Clerk should prepare a resolution for the Board to act on at the June meeting.

New Business:

- A. Road Brining:** *Motion by* Nolan, and supported by Giddis, to approve brining a single pass down the middle of the roads only at this time. All ayes, motion passed.
- B. Mass Gathering Ordinance:** Township Attorney Graham updated the Mass Gathering Ordinance that was presented to the Board for review and discussion. *Motion by* Nolan, and supported by Bates, to adopt the Mass Gathering Ordinance Number 5-01 of 2012 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Giddis, aye; Dort, aye; Nolan, aye; Bates, aye. All ayes, no nays, Campeau absent, motion passed.

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- C. Master Plan:** Trustee Nolan stated that the Planning Commission had their public hearing on the Master Plan at their May meeting and approved it to be acted on by the Township Board. *Motion by Nolan*, and supported by Dort, to accept the Master Plan as approved by the Planning Commission. All ayes, motion passed.
- D. Pictures in Fire & EMS Facility:** Deputy Treasurer Rineer read an e-mail from Marilyn Dezelski on behalf of Treasurer Campeau regarding pictures of the Fire & EMS Chiefs. Supervisor Bates will contact the Fire & EMS Officers to see what they recommend.
- E. Veterans Memorial:** Trustee Giddis updated the Board on items at the Memorial. Cherryland Electric will be working in the near future there and Kirt will have the asphalt removed from the driveway and walking path so Cherryland can bury the electrical lines. He also presented a drawing of the back drop for the flag area. *Motion by Dort*, and supported by Nolan, to approve the funds for the boulder wall back drop for the flag area at the Veterans Memorial. All ayes, motion passed.
- F. Voter ID Cards:** Clerk Dort presented information on having new voter ID cards printed due to redistricting done by the County and State. *Motion by Bates*, and supported by Nolan, to contract with Printing Systems, Inc. to print new voter ID cards on form 515. All ayes, motion passed.
- G. Music in Park:** Deputy Treasurer Rineer presented information on behalf of Treasurer Campeau. Discussion took place and Supervisor Bates will talk with Mike Willsey and the Recreational Resources Committee about the food service permits.

Extended Public Input:

Rasa Baker asked what can property owners do about abandoned houses and the junk left behind. Supervisor Bates addressed her concerns with what information Zoning Administer Florip and he had on the three properties she referenced. Vance will contact the Township Attorney to see what else can be done.

Board Comments:

Trustee Giddis updated the Board on recent fund raisers for the Veterans Memorial and thanked all that helped at the Township Clean Up Day.

Clerk Dort talked about the upcoming election deadlines.

Trustee Nolan commented on the status of the library computers.

Deputy Treasurer Rineer presented Clean Up Day number of loads and gate donations on behalf of Treasurer Campeau.

Adjourn: There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Mary Dort, Almira Township Clerk