

# Almira Township

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2022

I. Supervisor Roper **calls the meeting to order at 6 pm** at the Almira Township Hall 19639 Maple Street, Lake Ann.

II. Roper leads the **Pledge to the Flag**

III. **Roll Call**

*Present: Mandy Gray Rineer, Tammy Clous, Lori Florip, Mark Roper, Matt Therrien*

IV. **Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda:** *None*

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

VI. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Motion by Therrien, supported by Gray Rineer, to approve the consent agenda as amended. All ayes, motion passed.*

VII. **Treasurer's Report**

*Treasurer MG Rineer presents the Financial Report end of June-2022.*

VIII. **Brief Public Input:** Tad Peacock, from the Benzie Conservation District, presented the Board and public with an information pamphlet of services provided by the Conservation District.

IX. **County Commissioners**

Commissioner Jeannot furnished a written report along with passing out a County Guide to Property Taxes, Proposal A, & Headlee Amendment.

X. **Dept. Heads**

Recreational Resources Committee Chairperson Jerry Morse updated the Board on items that this committee has been working on. Discussion about the beaver building a dam at Ransom Lake and the trial movie in the park took place. Movie in the park will be scheduled for a trial run on Friday, August 26th at 9:00 p.m.

Chief Drury stated that there were 33 calls in the month of June; 18 ambulance requests in Almira Township, 6 fire-related incidents, 2 weather-related incidents, 1 animal assist, 1 assist to Benzie County EMS, 2 assists to Inland Township, and 3 assists to Long Lake Township. Run volume is up 26% from 2021.

XI. **Village report:** President Timm stated the Village is working on getting some street paving done with the Benzie County Road Commission saying scheduling will be late July to mid August. President Timm thanked Rick Drewyour for donating some stump removal in the Village. Kyle Belton will be the new street administrator for the Village effective July 1, 2022. New park sign has been installed.

XII. **Guests** *None*

XIII. **Old Business**

**A. Mistwood Greens:**

Roper stated that the Attorney is moving forward.

**B. Master Plan:**

Florip stated that this is still being worked on now that the public input session is over.

**C. Commercial Lease:**

MG Rineer stated there is no update, still waiting on Attorney review.

**XIV. New Business**

**A. Fire and EMS Promotion:**

Chief Drury is requesting that Derek Smith be promoted to Assistant Chief of the Fire and EMS Department effective 7-30-2022. Chief Drury presented Derek's past work to support his request. *Motion by* Florip, supported by Therrien, to accept the recommendation of Chief Drury to promote Derek Smith to Assistant Chief effective 7-30-2022. Roll call vote was as follows: Therrien, aye; Rineer, aye; Florip, aye; Clous, aye; Roper, aye. All ayes, no one absent, motion passed.

**B. Zoning Approvals:**

Roper presented the information from Zoning Administrator Williams. Discussion took place. *Motion by* Rineer, supported by Clous, to approve the zoning amendment #22-02 as presented. All ayes, motion passed. The suggested fee schedule that the Planning Commission had reviewed was presented to the Board. Discussion took place regarding the proposed changes. *Motion by* Rineer, supported by Clous, to approve the new fee schedule effective August 1, 2022. Roll call vote was as follows: Clous, aye; Florip, aye; Therrien, aye; Rineer, aye; Roper, aye. All ayes, no one absent, motion passed.

**C. August Election:**

Clerk Clous presented information regarding the August election. Election inspectors are to be approved by the Board pending submission of applications and proof of election inspector training. *Motion by* Therrien, supported by Florip, to approve the election inspectors as amended, to approve the receiving board inspectors, and an allowance of up to \$500.00 for meal(s). All ayes, motion passed. Clerk stated the public accuracy tests will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 starting at 10:00 a.m.

**XV. Extended Public Input:**

Jerry Morse thanked the Board for the input on parking.

Chief Drury thanked Craig Timm for the donation of the boat trailer for the Fire and EMS Department.

**XVI. Board Comments:**

Therrien reminded people that Almira Homecoming is this Saturday and starts at 9:00 a.m.

Rineer stated that the second half of the ARPA was received the end of June. Please respond to the form Mandy had sent to the Board members as to uses for these funds. She also stated that summer tax payments are coming in.

Clous stated that absent voter applications and ballots are coming in.

Roper stated that he will be out of the office for a few days. Congratulations to Kheila Alpers on passing her state assessor exam. Discussion of the transition from retiring assessor to Kheila will be taking place in the next few months.

**XVII. Adjourn:** *Supervisor Roper adjourns the meeting at 7:03 pm*

DRAFT