

# Almira Township

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

### September 11, 2023

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

II. **Pledge to the Flag Recited** after a short 9-11 Memorial Tribute.

#### III. Roll Call

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

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

V. **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** *Motion by Rineer*, supported by Clous, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion passed.

#### VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

*Motion by Rineer*, supported by Therrien, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion passed.

#### VII. Treasurer's Report

*Treasurer MG Rineer provided the Financial Report for the end of August-2023.* She stated that summer taxes are due September 14<sup>th</sup> by 5 pm.

VIII. **Brief Public Input:** None

#### IX. County Commissioners

Commissioner Art Jeannot presented a written report and asked for questions.

#### X. Dept. Heads:

Chief Drury reported that for the month of August, the department responded to a total of 36 incidents including: 17 ambulance requests in Almira Township, 2 ambulance requests in the Village of Lake Ann, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 9 storm-related incidents, 1 residential fire alarm, 1 burning complaint, 1 assist to Homestead Township Fire Department in Platte Township, and 2 assists to Long Lake Township.

Tom Vinette, Chairman of the Recreational Resources Committee, reported on August meeting and Movie in the Park. He wanted to remind everyone of the Raptor Education event to be held this Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, in the park at 1 pm. Jerry Morse presented information on the dog park.

XI. **Village report:** No report

XII. **Guests:** None

#### XIII. Old Business:

- A. **Mistwood Greens:** Lakaila Streeter presented information. *Motion by Therrien*, supported by Rineer, to proceed with listing Villas #2, #4, #5 with Lakaila Streeter immediately as presented. Lori Florip stated that she would be abstaining from this vote. Roll call vote was as follows: Clous, aye; Rineer, aye; Florip, abstained; Therrien,

aye; Roper, aye. All ayes, no nays, motion passed. A special Board meeting will be held at 2 pm on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to review any offers.

- B. Master Plan:** Clerk Clous received an email from Mathew Cooke from Networks Northwest stating that the 2020 census information still has not been delivered. Discussion took place. *Motion by Therrien*, supported by Florip, to approve the Master Plan as presented with the option to amend the Master Plan when the 2020 census information comes in. Four (4) ayes, one (1) nay, motion passed.
- C. Townhall Steps:** Updating the proposed preliminary drawings for the Townhall steps are still being worked on by the engineer, and should be available for the October meeting.
- D. ARPA Funds:** The six top project finalists were presented and discussion took place. Therrien proposed having ad hoc committees set up to work on each project to gather information on what needs to be done, a time line for each project, etc. He suggested that each ad hoc committee have one Board member, and other members who are interested in that project. Projects regarding Recreational Resources should also have one Recreational Resources Committee member on them. Rineer stated that the ARPA funds need to be allocated by the end of 2024, and spent by the end of 2026. A special Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am to further discuss these projects.
- E. Absent Voter Drop Box Placement and Security Cameras:** Clous reviewed the information that was requested she get regarding security cameras. Discussion took place and for the time being a “Blink” camera will be put on the Township office to cover the Absent Voter Drop Box.
- F. Movie and Music in the Park:** Tom Vinette had already reported on Movie in the Park and additional discussion took place. Might try for three movies for “August in the Park” events with more advertising to be done. Music in the Park was very well attended but people waited a long time to get food, with only one food truck, need to look for additional options for the future.

#### **XIV. New Business**

- A. Early Voting:** Clous presented the recommendation from the Township Election Commission. *Motion by Rineer*, supported by Therrien, to accept the recommendation from the Township Election Commission that the Township hold their own early voting without joining with any other municipality. All ayes, no nays, motion passed.
- B. Tennis/Pickle Ball Resurfaced:** Roper explained the situation and gave the Board preliminary information on what the costs might be. Discussion took place with the topic to continue at the October meeting.
- C. Board Representative to Recreational Resources:** Discussion took place with Therrien stating that he would be willing to step down from the Recreational Resources Committee. *Motion by Clous*, supported by Rineer, to remove Therrien from the Recreational Resources Committee and to appoint Rineer to the Recreational Resources Committee. All ayes, no nays, motion passed.

- D. Veterans Committee By-Laws:** Clous and Rineer presented the proposed changes to the Veterans Committee By-Laws with discussion taking place. *Motion* by Clous, supported by Rineer, to accept the changes to the Veterans Committee By-Laws as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Therrien, aye; Florip, aye; Rineer, aye; Clous, aye; Roper, aye; all ayes, no nays, motion passed.
- E. Attorney:** Roper explained this issue and discussion took place. *Motion* by Roper, supported by Therrien, to take the first option of “I wish to transfer all active legal matters and files to Mika Meyers including an electronic copy of all client files.” Roll call vote was as follows: Florip, aye; Therrien, aye; Clous, aye; Rineer, nay; Roper, aye; four (4) ayes, one (1) nay, motion passed.
- F. Fire and EMS Computers:** Chief Drury presented information regarding prices of four computers as replacement options. Discussion took place. *Motion* by Florip, supported by Therrien, to spend up to \$900.00 on one computer for the needed replacement. Roll call vote was as follows: Clous, aye; Therrien, aye; Rineer, aye; Florip, aye; Roper, aye; all ayes, no nays, motion passed.

**XV. Extended Public Input:** None

**XVI. Board Comments:** None

**XVII. Adjourn:** Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.