

# Almira Township

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

### March 8, 2021

#### I. Call Meeting to Order

Treasurer MG Rineer calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

#### III. Roll Call

Present: M. Therrien, MG Rineer, L. Florip, T. Clous. Absent: M. Roper

#### IV. Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda: Add New Business J. Paradise Hollow K. Aerator and Dethatcher

#### V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

L. Florip moves to approve agenda as amended. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes. Motion passes.

#### VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

T. Clous moves to approve. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes. Motion passes.

#### VII. Treasurer's Report

Financial Report is presented and filed.

#### VIII. Brief Public Input: None

#### IX. County Commissioner: Written Report Reviewed

#### X. Department Heads

Interim Chief Smith stated there were 15 runs for the month of January. 9 Ambulance, 3 Fire assists 1 to Inland Township, 1 to Green Lake Township and 1 Long Lake Township. We are down in call volume by 32% from last year. We received a 2% Tribal Grant for 2 new chainsaws. We passed our EMS inspection and he is working on the Benzie EMS agreement.

Chairman Bisler stated that the Recreational Resources Committee has set their meeting dates for the next year. They discussed an ice rink, with discussion that there is really only 3 weeks a year average of skating weather. Disc Golf back nine is holes are complete, need signs and some chipping done. Ransom Lake repairs were discussed as well as the Gris Mill area after talking to DNR. We could put a sign up for the Mill but urge people not to go down to that area. They have also decided to move the Fairy Garden.

#### XI. Village Report: President Sturmer stated that the Christmas décor in the park has been taken down.

Discussion about Reynolds Road project has taken place. DTE contacted about moving of gas line if needed for the drainage plan to work.

XII. Guests: None

XIII. Old Business

- A. **Chiefs Position:** MG Rineer moves to enter into negotiations with Brad Drury for the Chief position. M. Therrien seconds. Roll Call Vote: Clous-aye, Therrien-aye, Florip-aye and Rineer-aye. Roper-absent. Motion passed. We will contact him to let him know we wish to move forward.

XIV. New Business

- A. **General Appropriations Act:** MG Rineer moves to approve Resolution 03-21 #1. T Clous seconds. Roll call vote: Florip-aye, Therrien-aye, Rineer-aye and Clous-aye. Roper-absent. Motion passed.
- B. **Regular Meeting Dates:** MG Rineer moves to approve Resolution 03-21 #2. T Clous seconds. Roll call vote: Therrien-aye, Rineer-aye, Clous-aye and Florip-aye. Roper-absent. Motion passed.
- C. **Clean-up Day:** MG Rineer moves to hold Township Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 8:00am-12:00pm charging \$30.00, proceeds to be divided. T Clous seconds. 3 ayes 1 nay motion passed.
- D. **Committee Appointment:** M Therrien moves to reappoint Christina Steele, Elmer Bisler and Barry Jones to the Recreational Resources Committee. T Clous seconds. All ayes motion passed.
- E. **Volunteer Benzie:** We are good with supporting Volunteer Benzie.
- F. **Surplus Items:** Dispose of unneeded items.
- G. **Reynolds Road Paving:** M Therrien moves to spend up to \$30,000.00 to help pave Reynolds Road contingent upon the Village opting to do the project. MG Rineer seconds. Roll call vote: Clous-aye, Therrien-aye, Florip-aye and Rineer-aye. Roper Absent. Motion passed.
- H. **Mistwood Greens:** M Roper and MG Rineer met with our Attorney. The attorney says that our first step should be to get the properties appraised. The next step is for the Board to decide what we wish to do with the properties. We feel the first step is to have the appraisal done as well as have a realtor preform a market analysis. T Clous moves to spend up to \$1500.00 for appraisal of Mistwood Greens Properties. MG Rineer seconds. All ayes motion passed.
- I. **Fire & EMS Department IT Updates:** MG Rineer moves to spend up \$1000.00 for IT updates as presented. T Clous Seconds. Roll call vote: Rineer-aye, Therrien-aye, Florip-aye and Clous-aye. Roper-absent. Motion passed.
- J. **Paradise Hollow:** M Therrien moves to formally decline the care of the septic system at Paradise Hollow should the Association fail to be able to maintain. MG Rineer seconds. All ayes motion passed.
- K. **Aerator and Dethatcher:** MG Rineer moves to purchase the aerator and the dethatcher no to exceed \$1500.00 contingent upon getting more quotes. M Therrien seconds. Roll call vote: Florip-aye, Therrien-aye, Rineer-aye and Clous-aye. Roper-absent. Motion passed.

XV. Extended Public Input: Sturmer thanks the Board for their support of the Reynolds Road Project.

XVI. Board Comments: None

XVII. Adjourn: Adjourned at 7:10pm until April 12, 2021 at 6 pm