

Almira Township

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 8th, 2020

I. Call Meeting to Order

Supervisor Roper calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present: M. Roper, M. Therrien, MG Rineer, L. Florip

Excused: T. Clous

IV. Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda

MG Rineer adds under New Business H. Use of the PA System

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

M. Therrien moves to approve. MG Rineer seconds. All ayes. Motion passes.

VII. Treasurer's Report

Financial Report is presented and filed.

VIII. Brief Public Input

None

IX. County Commissioner

Art Jeannot presents written report. The government center is open to the public as of today.

X. Department Heads

E. Bisler reports that Jerry Morse is working with the remaining Disc Chuckers to clear trees for the next nine holes. Christina Steele would like to put in a fairy trail on the back loop in the park. M. Roper moves and M. Therrien seconds to allow her to do so. All ayes. Motion passes. Ransom Lake needs marshy areas fixed, and they think boardwalks would do it. There is a possibility of another beaver in Ransom Lake.

Chief Bushee is not present. She emailed a report to Derek Smith and he reads it into record later in the meeting. We had 23 calls in May. 17 were medical, 6 fire. Eligible candidates have been emailed and we'd like to start interviews next week. Routine maintenance has been performed on all vehicles and we're trying to run B72 instead of B71. The new ambulance is still scheduled for completion in October. Nick Grzesik applied to return to the department. The officers discussed his return with one another and with him. Derek says there will be a typical probationary period. The board expresses their hesitation in hiring him back.

M. Therrien moves to rehire Nick Grzesik as a probationary Firefighter/EMT. L. Florip seconds. All ayes. Motion passes.

XI. Village Report

Jim Sturmer reports that the guardrail project is complete. The village is waiting to sign off on it and is still seeking grant funds to cover their 20% of cost. Would like to use the townhall tomorrow for Village Council meeting.

XII. Guests

None

XIII. Old Business

- A. **COVID-19.** Mark begins discussion about reopening. He would like to reopen the office to normal hours, M-W 8-4, starting next Monday the 15th. He would like to hold off on reopening the library at this time. We haven't yet gotten Shirley's opinion on reopening. Being that we will be in Phase 5 and restrictions on gatherings will be loosened on the 10th, Mandy thinks the townhall should be opened then. Jim reiterates that he'd like to use the townhall tomorrow (June 9th) for the VC meeting. Mandy states that the restrictions from the last two months are still in place, and if more than 10 people are in attendance, the meeting will have to be moved outside. We'd like the park and townhall reservations opened up, and we will inform renters of any current restrictions. Travel restrictions for employees should also be lifted. MG Rineer moves to open everything but the library at 100% starting June 10th. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes. Motion passes.
- B. **Newsletter.** MG Rineer presents the newsletter she is working on, and asks for everyone's input. This insert will be going out with summer taxes.
- C. **Remediation Building.** M. Roper states that Ryan doesn't want the building for any maintenance purposes. We don't want to put money into it. We want to make sure the village doesn't need it. We aren't sold on the FD using it for training purposes. There are concerns about property lines, neighbors, and access to the building. Derek and Sarah will go look at it and get us a proposal for use. We will put back on the agenda for July.
- D. **Red Door Rent.** We have already waived March rent. M. Roper moves to forgive April and May rent as well. MG Rineer seconds. All ayes. L. Florip abstains. Motion passes.

XIV. New Business

- A. **MTA Membership.** This is our annual membership fee. M. Roper moves to pay \$2975.67 to MTA for membership. M. Therrien seconds. Upon roll call, the following voted: M. Therrien- Aye; M. Roper- Aye; L. Florip- Aye; MG Rineer- Aye. All ayes. Motion Passes.
- B. **Tax Printing.** M. Roper moves to use KCI to print and mail our taxes. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes. Motion passes.
- C. **Disc Golf.** M. Therrien moves to purchase the next round of Chainstar baskets from Discraft, not to exceed \$3500. MG Rineer seconds. Upon roll call, the following voted: L. Florip- Aye; M. Roper- Aye; M. Therrien- Aye; MG Rineer- Aye. All ayes. Motion Passes
- D. **Music in the Park.** Mark is concerned we might be viewed as not caring about the health of our residents if we don't cancel MITP, as so many other things have been canceled. Matt and Mandy

feel like if we get a “second wave,” we can always cancel it in July or even August. Mark will call Tim to okay the food truck.

- E. **Assessor Disto.** MG Rineer moves to purchase the Disto laser measure for no more than \$500. M. Therrien seconds. Upon roll call, the following voted: M. Roper- Aye; L. Florip- Aye; MG Rineer- Aye; M. Therrien- Aye. All ayes. Motion passes. Mandy will order it.
- F. **Fundraising on Township Property.** In light of the recent can donation barrel issue, we discuss how to handle something similar. We haven’t had any other issues, but would like something in our policies to back us if we do. L. Florip moves that any and all fundraising propositions need to be presented to the board. MG Rineer seconds. Ayes- Roper, Florip, Rineer. Nay- Therrien. Wording will be brought to July’s meeting.
- G. **Electrostatic Handheld Sprayer.** The board feels we need more information on this purchase. How many places can we use it? Are the refills expensive? Is a UV light or other cleaning method more practical? This will also be brought back in July.
- H. **Use of PA System.** MG Rineer has a request from LA Elementary to borrow the new PA system for 5th grade graduation on Thursday, June 11th. We’ve always had a good relationship with the school, and no one sees a problem with them borrowing it. Mandy will be in charge of its use at event.

XV. Extended Public Input

Danny Mosholder is looking into rehabbing the rock beds around the fire department.

XVI. Board Comments

M. Therrien informs us the “Robin’s Nest” in the village is complete and ready to rent. (It is the yellow house across from the bank.)

MG Rineer wonders if anyone has heard information on Ironman? No one has heard.

L. Florip informs us that the planning commission’s meeting was in the ambulance bay as well, and a few members commented on how nice the equipment and station are.

XVII. Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:57 pm until July 13th, 2020 at 6 pm