

Almira Township

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2022

I. Supervisor Roper calls the meeting to order at 6 pm

II. Roper leads the Pledge to the Flag

III. Roll Call

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

Absent: Matt Therrien

IV. Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda: *Add New Business F. Change to Surplus Items*

MG Rineer moves to approve the agenda as amended. T Clous seconds. All ayes. Motion passes

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

MG Rineer moves to approve the consent agenda as presented. T Clous seconds. All ayes. Motion passes

VII. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer MG Rineer presents the Financial Report ending 05-31-2022.

VIII. Brief Public Input: *None*

IX. County Commissioners

Commissioner Jeannot furnished a written report. MG Rineer asked about the public hearing notice regarding the proposed mileage rate increase to take place at the June 14, 2022 Benzie County Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Jeannot stated that he would look into it and report back.

X. Dept. Heads

Chairperson Jerry Morse thanked the Board for the three items that the Board approved at the previous meeting. The committee has been working on some items, completed some items, and hope to have an updated Recreation Plan done by this fall. Committee has also been discussing 2023 projects.

Chief Drury stated that there were 28 calls in the month of May; 16 ambulance requests in Almira Township, 1 wildland fire, 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 miscellaneous incidents, 2 wild fire assists to Cedar Area Fire Dept. in Kasson Township, 4 assists to Inland Twp. And 1 assist to Benzie County EMS. This information also includes the MABAS activation to Otsego County for the Gaylord Tornado. He also provided an update on Grants, Trainings, Vehicle, Community Outreach, Personnel, and updating Policies.

XI. Village report: *President Timm stated the Village is working on getting some street paving done.*

XII. Guests *None*

XIII. Old Business

A. Mistwood Greens

M Roper stated that the Attorney has started the process on the cottages.

B. Master Plan

Public Input event is scheduled for June 23rd from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Townhall.

C. Commercial Lease

MG Rineer has been updating the lease language and will have the Board review it before she sends it to the Attorney.

D. Committee Appointment

M Roper interviewed the 2 applicants for the 1 open position on the Planning Commission. His recommendation is for Kurt Swartz to be appointed to the open position on the Planning Commission. M Roper

asked Derek Smith if he would be interested to serve on the Planning Commission for the next open position. MG Rineer moves that Kurt Swartz be appointed to the Planning Commission to fill the vacated position. T Clous seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Therrien absent

XIV. New Business

A. Poverty Exemption

MG Rineer read the Resolution for Poverty Exemption, No. 6-22 #1 because of changes in the exemption language per the State. The resolution was offered by MG Rineer and supported by T Clous. Roll call vote: MG Rineer, aye; Clous, aye; Roper, aye; Florip, aye. Absent: Therrien. Motion passed.

B. Fund Balance Transfer

Clerk Clous presented the information for the transfers. MG Rineer moved to approve the Fund Balance Transfers as presented. T Clous seconds. Upon Roll Call Vote: Florip-aye, Clous-aye, Rineer-aye and Roper-aye. Absent: Therrien. Motion passed.

C. Fire & EMS Department Policy Approval

Policies had been given to the Board to review. MG Rineer moved to approve the updated policies for the Fire & EMS Dept. Florip seconds. All ayes; motion passed. Therrien absent.

D. Fire & EMS Department Separation

Chief Drury explained that this is for a member of the department that has exhausted all leave of absence options, and is recommending that this member be removed from the roster at this time. MG Rineer moved to accept the resignation of Douglas Lake from the Fire & EMS Dept. T Clous seconds. All ayes; motion passed. Therrien absent.

E. Zoning Approvals

Discussion regarding the Short-Term Rental Application changes took place. MG Rineer moved to approve the revised Short Term Rental Application with the stipulations on the application. Florip seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Therrien absent. Discussion regarding the changes to the Special Event Ordinance, No. 4-19 #1 took place. T Clous moved to approve the amendments as presented to the Special Event Ordinance, No 4-19 #1. Florip seconds. Roll call vote: Clous, aye; Florip, aye; Rineer, aye; Roper, aye. Absent: Therrien. Motion passed. Zoning Ordinance Amendment #22-01 was discussed. MG Rineer moved to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment #22-01 as presented. Florip seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Therrien absent.

F. Surplus Items

MG Rineer moved to declare six (6) blue office chairs as surplus and to donate them to Popp Excavating. Florip seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Therrien absent. T Clous moved to declare all the 2215 SCBA equipment as surplus to be sold, with the Chief's discretion, to Dalmatian Equipment or other vendor(s) for as much as he can obtain. MG Rineer seconds. Roll call vote: Clous, aye; Rineer, aye; Florip, aye; Roper, aye. Absent: Therrien. Motion passed.

G. Dunesville

Brandon Wittig gave information to the Board. Discussion took place. Brandon is to provide the Health Department information when it is available along with needed information from other entities as per the special event check list. MG Rineer moved to approve the Dunesville special event with conditions. Florip seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Therrien absent.

XV. Extended Public Input: *Jerry Morse stated that there was one opening on the Recreation Committee.*

County Commissioner Jeannot stated that the operating mileage would be going down and that the

State gave the County the language for the publication.

XVI. Board Comments: T Clous stated that election time has started. She has sent out about 1,100 absent voter applications. M Roper thanked Mandy for the great job she did at the Memorial Day Ceremony. He also introduced Mary Dort for her willingness to help the Township out with administrative work.

XVII. Adjourn: *Supervisor Roper adjourns the meeting at 7:30 pm*

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