

Almira Township
Regular Board Meeting
June 14, 2021 6 pm
Townhall 19639 Maple St

I. Call meeting to order

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

II. Pledge to Flag

III. Roll Call

Roper-present, Rineer-present, Clous-absent, Therrien-present, Florip-present

IV. Additions/Deletions to agenda

Add New Business E. Tanker Purchase, F. Planning Commission and G. Memorial Benches.

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

M. Therrien moves to approve the agenda as amended. T. Clous seconds. All ayes. Agenda approved.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

M. Therrien moves to approve the agenda as presented. MG Rineer seconds. All ayes. Agenda approved.

VII. Treasurer's report

Financial report is received and filed

VIII. Brief public input

None

IX. County Commissioners

Art Jeannot provided his written report as well as gave a brief recap of what his report said. He answered question that were asked.

X. Department Heads

Chief Drury presents run numbers for the month of May. There were 22 total calls, including 12 ambulance requests in the township, 5 fire incidents, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 assist to Homestead Twp., 1 assist to Glen Lake, 1 assist to Cedar and 1 assist to Benzie County. T. Clous moves to appoint Kayla Hadfield to the Fire and EMS Department contingent upon interview. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes; motion passed. Chief Drury also stated that the AFG Grant that we applied for has not been awarded yet however we were contacting for clarification on our application. We are also applying for the 2% Tribal Grant for 4 sets of turnout gear. We are asking for a 50% match. B71 is getting routine maintenance and warranty work done. They trained 60+ student at the Lake Ann Camp in AED and CPR.

Chairperson Bisler stated that the Recreational Resources Committee has come up with how much each new memorial bench would be for the park. Other things they discussed were the disc golf hole/thank you signs, as well as parking for disc golf. We still may need to install no parking signs at the recycling site.

XI. Village report

Elmer Bisler states that the Reynolds Road paving project is complete. He would like to thank the Township Board for their help with this project.

XII. Guests

Ann Emington, EGLE, gave an update on the status of the mitigation of the ground contamination. They will be doing sampling this next week and will continue to monitoring for a year. They are looking to see how big the contamination site is and feel that this will be an ongoing issue until clean-up is done at the source site.

XIII. Old Business

A. Mistwood Greens

Update on where we are with this property was given.

XIV. New Business

A. Disc Golf Signs

Discussion took place on the list of names that were provided. Jerry will come in and sit down with Rineer and Roper to discuss and compile the list.

B. Phone System

M. Roper moves to move ahead with 123NET for a new phone system for the Office, Fire Department and Library. MG Rineer seconds. Upon Roll Call Vote: Clous-aye, Rineer-aye, Therrien-aye, Florip-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.

C. Entrance Sign

Sign proposal were presented. We would like to bring this back next month. Input was given as to what we would like the sign to look like.

D. Master Plan

M. Roper moves to accept the proposal from Networks Northwest for updating our Master Plan for \$4500.00. MG Rineer seconds. Upon Roll Call Vote: Therrien-aye, Florip-aye, Rineer-aye, Clous-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.

E. Tanker Purchase

Chief Drury stated that it will cost about \$16,000- \$17,000 to bring that current tanker back to where it needs to be. He presented the process for purchasing a new tanker in the next few years. Looking to start the process the end Of 2022 with a down payment in 2023 to start building with a finish date in 2024. MG Rineer moves to spend up to \$25,000.00 to fix the tanker. L. Florip seconds. Upon Roll Call Vote: Therrien-aye, Clous-aye, Florip-aye, Rineer-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.

F. Planning Commission

MG Rineer moves to accept the resignation of Don Ellis from the Planning Commission. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes, motion passed. MG Rineer moves to appoint Melisa Martin to the Planning Commission. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

G. Memorial Benches

M. Therrien moves to move forward with the benches as presented with a memorial donation of \$400.00. MG Rineer seconds. Upon Roll Call Vote: Clous-aye, Florip-aye, Therrien-aye, Rineer-aye and Roper-aye; motion passed.

XV. Extended public input

Art Jeannot states that the County will be using Fire Recovery for Ambulance Billing. Elmer Bisler lets all know that the Almira Historical Society will be holding Homecoming on August 7th this year. Jerry Morse says thank you for the feedback on the disc gold sign list.

XVI. Board Comments

M. Therrien reminds all that we will be having Music in the Park on August 28th this year.

Supervisor M. Roper adjourns the meeting at 7:38 pm

Minutes submitted by MG Rineer

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