

# Almira Township

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

### August 10, 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, T. Clous

#### IV. Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda

Added item to Consent Agenda and a Moment of Silence for John Nuske.

#### V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

#### VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

MG Rineer moves to approve as amended. L. Florip seconds. All ayes. Motion passes.

#### VII. Treasurer's Report

Financial Report is presented and filed.

#### VIII. Brief Public Input

Vance Bates is disappointed that Clean up Day will not be held

#### IX. County Commissioner

Art Jeannot presents written report.

#### X. Department Heads

Elmer Bisler talked about cancellation of Music in the Park and the relocation of disc golf pad. Christina is working on a fairy walk. Jerry and Greg will be working on new pads. Presented email from Tom Vinette on Ransom Lake Pathways. The Committee was disappointed that Music in the Park was cancelled.

Derek Smith reports that we had 22 calls in July. 16 were medical, 3 fire related, 1 assist to Long Lake Township, 1 assist to Kasson Township and 1 assist to Benzie EMS. Apparatus, personnel and other updates given.

#### XI. Village Report

Elmer Bisler states that the Village Planning Commission has some issues to work on. Gun shots in the Village as well as utility companies being able to be charged when they do work in the Right of Way. Discussing a community garden as well.

## XII. Guests

None

## XIII. Old Business

- A. **Remediation Building.** Discussion took place. Fire Department does not wish to use. We will check with Ryan and the Village.
- B. **Fundraising Policy:** MG Rineer moves to approve the policy as presented. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes. Motion passed.
- C. **Social Media & Boat Policy:** MG Rineer moves to approve, upon Attorney approval, the Social Media Policy as presented. T. Clous seconds. All Ayes. Motion passed. MG Rineer moves to approve, upon Attorney approval, the Boat Guidelines as presented. T. Clous seconds. All ayes. Motion passed.

## XIV. New Business

- A. **Village Striping:** M. Roper moves to not to exceed \$500.00 to stripe the Townhall grid and the Red Door/Library parking. M. Therrien seconds. Roll call vote: Therrien-aye, Florip-aye, Rineer-aye, Clous-aye and Roper-aye. Motion passed.
- B. **Cost Recovery Ordinance:** MG Rineer moves to approve the Loss Recovery Fee Schedule. T. Clous seconds. Roll call vote: Clous-aye, Rineer-aye, Florip-aye, Therrien-aye and Roper-aye. Motion passed.
- C. **Surplus Items:** MG Rineer moves to surplus items as presented contingent upon quantities. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes. Motion passed.
- D. **New Ambulance Equipment:** M. Therrien moves to allow D. Smith to spend up to \$3000.00 to purchase needed equipment for the new ambulance. L. Florip seconds. Roll call vote: Florip-aye, Therrien-aye, Rineer-aye, Clous-aye and Roper-aye. Motion passed.
- E. **West Almira Cemetery Plots:** M. Roper abstains. T. Clous moves to allow the Roper Family to purchase 6 half plots in West Almira Cemetery for \$50.00 each to be used for cremains only. MG Rineer seconds. All ayes. Motion passed.
- F. **Disc Golf Sponsors:** M. Therrien abstains. M. Roper moves to offer the initial sponsors the option for a refund or name on a sponsorship sign. MG Rineer seconds. All ayes. Motion passed.
- G. **Full Time Firefighter/EMT:** MG Rineer moves to appoint Gerald Hendrix, Brooke Knauss and Steven Schroeder to the Fire and EMS Department as paid on call members. L. Florip seconds. Motion passed. We would like to start the background checks on the individuals whom are still interested in applying for a full-time position with the Department.

## XV. Extended Public Input: none

XVI. Board Comments: Therrien stated that there is a big hole in the Village with the loss of John Nuske. Hard shoes to fill, his boys are doing what they can. Clous stated that the election went well. A huge thank you to all of the election inspectors. They did a great job. Rineer stated that taxes are due September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Township Audit starts next Monday and the Village will start once the Townships is done. She has heard a lot of community support for the board canceling Clean up day as well as Music in the Park. Roper stated that

things are going good and currently running smoothly. R. Williams has been doing a great job for us and thanks him for all he does.

XVII. Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:38pm until September 14, 2020 at 6 pm

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