

Almira Township

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2021

I. Trustee M. Therrien calls the meeting to order at 6 pm

II. Therrien leads the Pledge to the Flag

III. Roll Call

Present: Matt Therrien, Mandy Gray Rineer, Lori Florip

Absent: Mark Roper, Tammy Clous

IV. Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda *None*

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

MG Rineer moves to approve the agenda as presented. L. Florip seconds. All ayes. Motion passes

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

L. Florip moves to approve the consent agenda as presented. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes. Motion passes

VII. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer MG Rineer presents the Financial Report ending 9.30.21

VIII. Brief Public Input *None*

IX. County Commissioners

Commissioner Jeannot presents his report. He gives detail on the Pt. Betsie funds (\$5.1 million!) that were obtained by Senator Vanderwall. Rineer inquires about the designated assessor determination letter received by the county. Jeannot says it was approved.

X. Dept. Heads

Chief Drury presents his report on paper and orally. The Fire/EMS Dept responded to a record 39 calls in September. This included 19 ambulance requests within the township, 1 field fire, 1 boat fire, 5 smoke/CO alarms, 1 gas leak, 2 miscellaneous fire incidents, 1 citizen assist, 1 Ironman incident, 5 assists to Benzie County, 1 assist to Long Lake Twp., 1 assist to Cedar Fire and 1 assist to Inland Twp. We are already at 8 runs for the month of October. The Fire/EMS Association is planning the Trunk or Treat event for Halloween from 5 to 8 pm.

Elmer Bisler reports on the Parks and Rec Committee. Done with Disc Golf Signage. Working on building park benches. Tom Vinette is working with the GTR Land Conservancy on the paths and signs at Ransom Lake. Christina Steele is working with the Girl Scouts on Fairy houses for the Fairy path and will have some budget requests for next fiscal year. Christina, Tom, and Jerry Morse are picking up the walking path (connecting the Twp. park to the village) project and have contacted Randy Fosgard to see where he left off.

XI. Village report *Jim Sturmer not in attendance.*

XII. Guests *None*

XIII. Old Business

A. Mistwood Greens

Todd Millar sent an email update on the Quiet Title action. We are waiting to hear back from all parties before October 18. He expects cooperation and for this to move quickly.

B. Master Plan

Trustee Florip informs us that the Planning Commission is trying to plan a meeting with Networks Northwest to discuss survey results and the next steps in updating our Master Plan.

XIV. New Business

A. Remediation Building Site

Discussion is had on what we'd like to do with the site behind the townhall. It's currently a concrete pad with pipes sticking out and large holes in it. We've decided to put this back on November's agenda.

B. Fire Department Purchases

Chief Drury presents the items we discussed at the special meeting in September for consideration. The first is to pay Long Lake Twp. our 10% share of the SCBA AFG that we had previously earmarked in the budget. MG Rineer moves to pay Invoice #2139 to Long Lake Township in the amount of \$9800. M. Therrien seconds. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted; L. Florip- aye, M. Therrien- aye, MG Rineer-aye. M. Roper-absent, T. Clous-absent. Motion passes.

Secondly, we are asked to purchase more supplies to be compatible with the new system of Air-Paks. These include extra masks, bottles, eyeglass covers, etc. We are presented with an invoice from West Shore Fire for \$11,662. Chief Drury will clarify whether or not we get an additional \$2200 off this, as all grant-approved items are being purchased through West Shore. M. Therrien moves to pay West Shore Fire not more than \$14,000 for the remainder of accessories for 14 Air-Paks. L. Florip seconds. Upon roll call, the following voted; L. Florip-aye, MGRineer-aye, M. Therrien-aye. M. Roper-absent, T. Clous-absent. Motion passes.

Lastly, we are presented with a proposal from Emergency Reporting. This is to replace our current reporting software (ImageTrend) and improve on our capabilities. It is noted that our billing company (Andres/Fire Recovery) supports this switch. Also, Benzonia Twp has purchased their own reporting software, so they won't be inconvenienced by us switching. It is an annual cost increase, but with the added capabilities of tracking training, gear, rigs, licensing and payroll, it will make other aspects of record-keeping easier. If we sign a 3-year contract, the first year is \$3170, and the second and third years are each \$2545. MG Rineer moves to sign the 3-year contract with Emergency Reporting and switch from ImageTrend. M. Therrien seconds. Upon roll call, the following voted; MGRineer-aye, M. Therrien-aye, L. Florip-aye. M. Roper-absent, T. Clous-absent. Motion passes.

Chief Drury also adds we're looking into vehicle prices and keeping an eye on used command vehicles and brush trucks.

C. Advent Baby Pantry Sign

We appreciate the church asking for temporary use once a month. We support people helping the community and have no problem with them doing this. MG Rineer will let Pastor Jahn know.

XV. Extended Public Input

Derek Smith asks how the Master Plan update works. It is explained that Networks Northwest was hired as planners. They will compile our survey results and work with our Planning Commission to effectively update our Master Plan. M. Therrien adds that we still have a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

XVI. Board Comments

*Lori- none. Mandy- updates the board and public that the ARPA application we submitted to the State of Michigan was kicked back to us. We corrected the signature mistakes and resubmitted last week.
Matt- none.*

XVII. Adjourn *Trustee Therrien adjourns the meeting at 6:43 pm*