

# Almira Township

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2021

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

**II. Roper leads the Pledge to the Flag**

**III. Roll Call**

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

*Absent: None*

**IV. Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda:** *Change New Business B. to Assessor Position.*

**V. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

*M. Therrien moves to approve the agenda as amended. T. Clous seconds. All ayes. Motion passes*

**VI. Approval of Consent Agenda**

*M. Therrien moves to approve the consent agenda as presented. MG Rineer seconds. All ayes. Motion passes*

**VII. Treasurer's Report**

*Treasurer MG Rineer presents the Financial Report ending 11-30-2021.*

**VIII. Brief Public Input:** *None*

**IX. County Commissioners**

*Commissioner Jeannot presents his report and answers questions.*

**X. Dept. Heads**

*Chief Drury presents his report on paper and orally. The Fire/EMS Dept responded to a record 31 calls in November. This included 17 ambulance requests within the township, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 smoke/CO alarm, 1 odor investigation, 1 assist to Cedar Area FD, 2 miscellaneous incidents and 7 assists to Benzie County EMS. We have currently exceeded or run total from last year.*

*Chairperson Bisler stated that the Recreational Resources Committee is working on budget wishes. They have approved their 2022 meeting dates. They will be reviewing the items they have tabled in the past as well as looking at survey and making a priority list.*

**XI. Village report:** *President Bisler stated that they will be replacing Trustee and temporary Zoning Administrator at their next meeting. On December 4<sup>th</sup> the park was decorated by 9 volunteers with the tree coming from the White farm.*

**XII. Guests**

*Bill Kennis- Benzie Bus: Jessica Carland spoke on behalf Bill and the Benzie Bus about their ridership changes during COVID. They have been able to hire new drivers. They were 1 of 5 transit authorities to get a grant for electric vehicles. They will be celebrating 15 years on January 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**XIII. Old Business**

**A. Mistwood Greens**

*Todd Millar sent an email update on the Quiet Title action.*

**B. Master Plan**

*Trustee Florip informs us that there is no update yet.*

C. Remediation Building Site

*MG Rineer moves to delay doing anything with the remediation building site until hearing from the DEQ. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes. Motion passed.*

D. Chief Pay Review

*The Board discussed and decided to review this at budget time.*

**XIV. New Business**

A. Board of Review and Recreational Resources Appointments

*MG Rineer moves to appoint Martha Redick to the Recreational Resources Committee effective 01-01-2022. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes. Motion passed. MG Rineer moves to reappoint Tom Vinette to the Recreational Resources Committee. M. Therrien seconds. All ayes. Motion passed. MG Rineer moves to reappoint Barb Hood, Sarah Wetmore and Amber Pomper to the Board of Review. T. Clous seconds. All ayes. Motion passed.*

B. Assessor Position

*L. Florip moves to pay travel expenses for hotel, food and gas for Khiela Alpers while taking the assessor classes. MG Rineer seconds. Upon Roll Call Vote: Therrien-aye, Florip-aye, Clous-aye, Rineer-aye and Roper-aye. Motion passed.*

C. Road Commission

*This is currently on hold no action needed tonight.*

D. ARPA Funds

*We have received our first ARPA funds disbursement. We are looking into what the funds can be used for. Schedule a meeting for January 12, 2022 at 9:00am to discuss ARPA Funds and Fire Department Equipment Replacement Schedule.*

**XV. Extended Public Input:** Art Jeannot stated that the County is redistricting and the proposed map is online.

**XVI. Board Comments**

*M. Therrien states that the Township lost a good friend Carl Harm. Condolences to his family and friends. He also stated that Elmer Bisler did a nice job of clean the Village sidewalks. Merry Christmas. L. Florip says Merry Christmas all. M. Roper tells everyone Merry Christmas and be safe.*

**XVII. Adjourn:** Supervisor Roper adjourns the meeting at **7:15 pm**