

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Special Meeting
May 16, 2011
9:00 a.m.**

Supervisor Vance Bates called the special meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Almira Township Fire & EMS Facility.

Members Present: Dawn Campeau, Mary Dort, Kirt Giddis, Diana Nolan and Vance Bates.

Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda by Board and Citizens: Under New Business add Item B. Park Concession.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Giddis, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. All ayes, motion passed.

Brief Public Input: Jay Morse commented on how nice the Green Briar Cemetery looked this past weekend for a burial he attended. Dawn Campeau stated that she had heard several comments on how nice the cemetery looked also.

Guests: None

Old Business:

A. Computer Software:

Supervisor Bates gave an explanation of the information he had gotten. Discussion about how many computers needed to have software updated took place. *Motion by* Nolan, and supported by Campeau, to purchase computer server software and backup software from Netcom Computers in the amount of \$1,725.00. All ayes, motion passed. *Motion by* Nolan, and supported by Bates, to purchase small business office software from Netcom Computers in the amount of \$1,375.00 to update five (5) computers. All ayes, motion passed.

New Business:

A. Personnel Issues: Fire & EMS Department Chief Jay Morse requested a closed session to discuss personnel issues. *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Giddis to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. All ayes, motion passed. Entered closed session at 9:45 a.m. *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Nolan, to come out of closed session. All ayes, motion passed. Reconvened special meeting at 11:28 a.m.

B. Park Concession: Supervisor Bates explained what has been discussed at the Recreational Resources Committee meetings in regards to finding volunteers to work the concession stand. Trustee Giddis declined to comment as a relative of his has been contacted to oversee the concession stand. Discussion took place and Supervisor Bates will go back to the Recreational Resources Committee to see what that Committee wants to recommend to the Board.

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Extended Public Input: Chief Morse informed the Board that another resignation from the Fire & EMS Department will be on the June Board meeting agenda.

Board Comments:

Trustee Nolan stated that there was a medical marijuana discussion taking place in Leelanau County this evening if anyone was interested in hearing more about this issue. Trustee Giddis stated that he had turned in more money for the Veterans Memorial from the collection of scrap metal. He also stated that Swensen Memorials would be putting in small pads for the benches at the Memorial.

Treasurer Campeau informed the Board that the cemeteries would not be sprayed due to concern from residents of any side effects from the spray.

Supervisor Bates informed the Board that Attorney Wendling has been contacted by our insurance carrier regarding the Roper property.

Adjourn: There being no other business Supervisor Bates adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Mary Dort
Almira Township Clerk

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