

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Special Meeting
January 23, 2012
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.

Supervisor led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

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

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: None

Guests: None

Old Business:

- A. Lakefront Park:** Trustee Nolan presented the Board with the updated site plan drawing and stated that the Township Attorney had reviewed the updated information as well. The Attorney recommends sending the two neighbors a letter regarding the fencing issue changes. *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Nolan to send ten (10) copies of the updated site plan application to the Lake Ann Village Planning Commission to distribute and that letters were to be written to the neighbors regarding the fencing. All ayes, motion passed.

New Business:

- A. Review Budget Fiscal Year 2012/2013:** The budget for fiscal year 2012/2013 was reviewed in general first and then by cost centers with discussion taking place. *Motion by* Bates that salaries for newly elected Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor have a starting wage of \$21,060 and newly elected Trustees have a starting wage of \$1,200 for fiscal year 2012/2013. Motion died due to lack of support. Consensus of the Board was to increase wages 1 ½% for everyone except the assessor who would only get ¼% or the health insurance premium increase. The zoning administrator if getting this amount would have additional duties assigned to that position. Lakefront park improvement costs were also discussed as were funds for road improvements.

Meeting was recessed at 10:53 a.m.

Meeting was reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

Fire and EMS budget was reviewed with discussion taking place regarding the purchase of a cot lift and planning for a new fire engine.

Park budget was reviewed with discussion taking place regarding upgrading another ball field.

- B. Insurance Review:** Insurance agent was not able to attend due to weather.

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Extended Public Input: None

Board Comments:

Trustee Nolan will do the letters to be sent to the lakefront park neighbors regarding the fencing.

Clerk Dort had met with the insurance risk manager and should be getting a letter with recommendations.

Adjourn: There being no other business Supervisor Bates adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Mary Dort
Almira Township Clerk

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