

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Special Meeting
February 21, 2013
8:00 a.m.**

Supervisor, Mark Roper, called the special meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 8:05 a.m. at the Almira Township Offices.

Members Present: Matt Therrien, Mandy Gray Rineer, Mark Roper, Ann Beaujean and Tammy Clous

Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda by Board and Citizens: None

Approval of Meeting Agenda: *Motion by Therrien*, and supported by Rineer, to approve the meeting agenda. All ayes, motion passed.

Brief Public Input: None

Guests: None

New Business:

- A. Honor Bank: Motion by Therrien, supported by Rineer, to authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to get information on loan account for the property south of the Fire and EMS Station. All: Ayes, motion passed
- B. Townhall Chairs: Discussion took place about the purchase of new chairs for the basement of the townhall. It was decided to add \$1200.00 to the next fiscal year's budget to purchase chairs.
- C. Lock System: Motion by Therrien, supported by Beaujean, to bring the lock system program into the Clerk's office and allow the access to the clerk and maintenance person for full use. All: Ayes, motion passed.
- D. Mike Buchanan hours: Motion by Rineer, supported by Therrien, to purchase a 20 hour block of time for \$1000.00 from MGB Technologies. All: Ayes, Motion passed.

Old Business:

- A. Computers: Discussion took place on where we are at with the purchasing of the new laptop. An update was given on who and what the computer will be used for.
- B. Lakefront Park Bids: Bids were opened on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 by Supervisor Mark Roper and Trustee Ann Beaujean, Recreational Resources Committee member Mike Willsey was unable to make it. Only one bid was received for the deck construction and 6 (six) bids were received for excavation. The bids for excavation were: Elmers \$10950.00; Roper \$7730.00; Northwest Michigan Contracting \$ 6400.00; Gray \$6075.00; Therrien \$5465.00; and AJ'S \$3930.00. The one Deck bid was Eckler \$5330.00. Discussion took place on all bids. It was decided to seek more bids for the construction and also suggested to get a product package for the deck construction materials. Upon the discussion of the excavation bid Matt Therrien removed himself from voting on this issue due to a conflict of interest possibility of whom we were voting on. Motion by Rineer, supported by

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Beaujean to hire Therrien Excavating for the beach excavation project. Roll call vote: Roper: Aye, Clous: Aye, Beaujean: Aye, Rineer: Aye, Therrien: Abstained.

Extended Public Input: Mike Buchanan suggested that the board consider the possibility of allowing a local discount allowance when seeking bids.

Board Comments: Therrien is working on getting input from those who regularly use the Townhall on their thoughts and concerns.

Adjourn: There being no other business of the Township Board Supervisor Roper Adjourned the meeting at 9:17a.m.

Tammy Clous
Almira Township Clerk

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