Supervisor, Mark Roper, called the special meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Almira Township Fire and EMS Department.

**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:** Vance Bates asked status on CR669 business that was opened and inquired about Lake Ann Hardwoods using property other than the mill property for storage & sale of mill goods. Bates also stated that an agreement with the Village of Lake Ann for closure of the Lakefront Park may not be being met.

**Guests:** None

**New Business:**

1. Fire & EMS Coverage for Non-duty crew hours- Craig Johnson stated that we have currently missed 11.75% of runs that we have been dispatched to. He also stated that if continues to happen that we may be in jeopardy of losing our licensing. Items were discussed on how to help alleviate this issue and the Board asked Mr. Johnson to see if the county would be willing to help in any way with this issue. Jay Morse asked for a committee to be formed to solve this problem not just for now but for the long term. A few people asked to be considered for this committee if formed.
2. Grant Resolution-Ann Beaujean presented a Grant Application for video surveillance equipment for our parks. Resolution 5-13 #1 was presented and passed. The resolution is available by contacting the Clerk.
3. Beach Bid Overruns- Roper presented the bills from Skiver Construction and Therrien Excavating with explanation of why bills were more than bids. Motion by Rineer, and supported by Beaujean to pay Skiver Construction $3445.81. Upon roll call vote all: Ayes motion passed. Motion by Beaujean, and supported by Rineer to Pay Therrien Excavating $7217.00. Upon roll call vote Roper, Beaujean, Clous, Rineer ayes. Therrien abstained. Motion Passed.
4. Road Improvements- Estimates to repair two township dirt roads were presented. Motion by Rineer, and supported by Roper to pay Benzie County Road Commission up to $2618.09 to repair dirt portions of Ole White Drive and Bellows Lake Road before road brining. Upon roll call vote Therrien: Nay, Beaujean: Nay, Roper: Aye, Rineer: Aye, and Clous: Aye. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

1. Fire & EMS Position- New Department Chief job description reviewed. Need to contact Attorney as to how far or how long of a radius stipulation can be made. Motion by Roper, and supported by Beaujean to accept job description as amended. All; Ayes motion passed. Motion by Roper, and supported by Rineer to go out for applications for the Department Chiefs Position after legally reviewed. All: Ayes motion passed.

**Extended Public Input:** None

**Board Comments:** Rineer says thank you to all who have put in input for the Chiefs potions and to Craig Johnson for his help in covering our township for fire & EMS calls. Roper said thanks to all who had input on the job description. Clous said thanks to all who had input on the job description. Therrien inquired about the Townships Memorial Day Services.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business of the Township Board Supervisor Roper Adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Tammy Clous

Almira Township Clerk