

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting
April 12, 2010
5:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Vance Bates called the meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Almira Township Fire & EMS Facility.

Supervisor led the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor called for roll call. Members present were Vance Bates, Dawn Campeau, Kirt Giddis, Diana Nolan and Mary Dort.

Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda by Board and Citizens: Under New Business add Item L. Veteran's Memorial.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: *Motion by Campeau*, and supported by Bates, to approve the amended consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting held March 8, 2010 and Special Board meetings held March 22, 2010 and March 25, 2010.
2. Budget amendments for the month of April 2010: None
3. Approve payment of check #'s 30928 – 31080. See check registers included in packet. Bills are available for examination upon request.
4. Receive and File the following reports:

Benzie County Commission:	Included in Packet
Assessor:	Added at Meeting
Zoning Administrator:	Included in Packet
Recreational Resources Committee:	No Report
Fire & EMS Department:	Included in Packet
Planning Commission:	No Report
Veterans Memorial Committee:	No Report
5. Miscellaneous: None.
6. Receive and file the following correspondence:
 - MTA fax dated 3-12-10
 - MTA fax dated 3-19-10
 - MTA fax dated 3-26-10
 - MTA fax dated 4-1-10
 - MTA fax dated 4-9-10
 - Lake Ann Village Council Meeting Minutes dated 3-9-10 and 3-30-10
 - Revenue/Expenditure Report End of March 2010
 - Letter from Benzie County Clerk dated 3-31-10
 - Letter from Friends to Elect Nicolette McClure dated 3-25-10
 - Information from Benzie County Sheriff's Office dated 3-25-10
 - Almira Citizens for Preservation Meeting minutes dated 3-24-10
 - Benzie County Road Commission Meeting minutes dated 1-28-10; 2-11-10; 2-25-10

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The Par-Plan News dated March 2010
All ayes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Copy will be filed in the Clerk's office.

Brief Public Input: None

Guests:

Mark Roper, Benzie County Commissioner, reported on the following topics; ORV Youth Education Class; ORV Clean Up Day on area two tracks; Special Meeting of Platte Township regarding the ORV ordinance; delinquent taxes; ACO has seen an increase in stray animals; phone savings at the government center; county administrator salary; boat launch on Crystal Lake; Benzie Bus buildings; Ride Around Crystal Lake fund raiser; Blank law suit in federal court now; and Whale law suit still being discussed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. Status of Recreation Plan:** Supervisor Bates stated that copies have been made for the recreational resources committee to review and discuss at an upcoming meeting.
- B. Lakefront Park Site Plan:** Supervisor Bates attended the Lake Ann Village Planning Commission meeting to discuss the beach property. The Village Council needs to discuss the issue also. The township will need flush toilets and privacy fencing before the park can be officially used. Vance will recheck with the Village on additional needs.
- C. Clean Up Day:** *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Giddis, to accept the proposal from American Waste as amended for the 2010 Township Clean Up Day. All ayes, motion passed. *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Bates, to approve the Clean Up Day flyers as amended that the gate proceeds will be divided between the Almira Citizens for Preservation and the Veterans Memorial Committee. All ayes, motion passed.
- D. Township Depositories:** *Motion by* Dort, and supported by Nolan, to continue to use Honor State Bank and Huntington National Bank as the township depositories for fiscal year 2010-2011. All ayes, motion passed.
- E. Noise Ordinance:** Supervisor Bates explained how this draft ordinance came about. The ordinance was discussed and Vance will contact the attorney for revisions and with questions. A public hearing will be held at the May meeting.
- F. Road Brining:** Information from the Benzie County Road Commission was reviewed. *Motion by* Dort, and supported by Campeau, to brine the improved gravel roads in Almira Township once this year. All ayes, motion passed. Supervisor Bates will check the list and lengths of the roads to be brined.
- G. Resignation from Fire & EMS Department:** Resignation letter from Gabriel Andersen was read by Supervisor Bates. *Motion by* Bates, and supported by

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Campeau, to accept Gabriel Andersen's resignation from the Fire & EMS Department with regrets. All ayes, motion passed.

- H. Resignation from Recreational Resources Committee:** Supervisor Bates stated he had received a verbal resignation from Gene Mayo. *Motion by* Dort, and supported by Nolan, to accept the verbal resignation of Gene Mayo from the Recreational Resources Committee with regrets. All ayes, motion passed.
- I. Appointment to Recreational Resources Committee:** Supervisor Bates did not have a name yet so no action was taken on this appointment.
- J. Volunteer of the Year:** Supervisor Bates read the nominations and discussion of the nominations took place. *Motion by* Giddis, and supported by Bates, to award George Daisy, Kent Gray, Al Komoll and Tanya Struble all as volunteers of the year. All ayes, motion passed.
- K. Federal Air Trailer Grant:** Letter from Asst. Chief Mayo was read and discussed. *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Bates, to accept the new proposal for the Fire & EMS Department station breathing air system. All ayes, motion passed.
- L. Veterans Memorial:** Trustee Giddis informed the Board of what the committee has been working on. He would like the ok to be able to spend up to \$2,600 for the next phase of the brick paving. *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Nolan, to allow the Veterans Memorial Committee spend up to \$2,600.00, from the Trust and Agency account, for the next brick paving phase at the memorial in the park. All ayes, motion passed.

Extended Public Input:

Representative Dan Scripps discussed revenue sharing and it's funding. He also stated that transportation funding had no federal match money and would be cut about 63% unless a waiver from given from the federal government. He briefly discussed a possible gasoline tax increase. Dan also thanked the Board for the job being done and invited people to contact him with any questions or if he could help personally with items.

Board Comments:

Trustee Giddis stated that he is doing research for a new maintenance tractor and getting quotes. The trade in value seems to have increased from previous information and he will have information for the May mee

Clerk Dort stated that information regarding an ambulance bill write off would also be presented for the May meeting.

Adjourn: There being no other business Supervisor Bates adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Mary Dort
Almira Township Clerk