

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting
May 10, 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 I. Camp Quality Use of Fire & EMS Facility and Item J. Inland Township Fire Mutual Aid Agreement.

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

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

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting held April 12, 2010.
2. Budget amendments for the month of May 2010: See agenda
3. Approve payment of check #'s 31081 – 31156. 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:	Included in Packet
Zoning Administrator:	Included in Packet
Recreational Resources Committee:	No Report
Fire & EMS Department:	No Report
Planning Commission:	No Report
Veterans Memorial Committee:	No Report
5. Miscellaneous: None.
6. Receive and file the following correspondence:
 - MTA fax dated 4-16-10
 - MTA fax dated 4-23-10
 - MTA fax dated 4-30-10
 - Benzie County Road Commission Meeting minutes dated 3-25-10; 4-8-10;
 - Letter from Landplan Inc. dated 4-21-10
 - Building Dedication Invitation from Inland Township
 - Letter regarding Benzie County Broadband Coverage/Speed dated 4-14-10
 - MTA Capitol Currents dated May 2010All ayes, motion passed.

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

Brief Public Input: None

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Guests:

Mark Roper, Benzie County Commissioner, reported on the following topics; County audit; County Millage proposals for the August ballot; Cole property at Railroad Point; Septic tank issues; MSU funding; Benzie Bus Board; Road Commission audit; Sears Estate issue; Blank law suit; Whale law suit.

Darwin Booher, candidate for 35th District Representative introduced himself and asked if Board had any questions or concerns for him.

Old Business:

- A. Road Brining:** *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Campeau, to remove State Road (.19 miles) and Oakley Road East of County Road 669 (.49 miles) from list of roads in Almira Township to be brined once in 2010. All ayes, motion passed.
- B. Lakefront Park Site Plan:** Supervisor Bates informed the Board that he and Dawn would be meeting with Matt McDonough from the Regional Land Conservancy this coming Thursday to discuss possible grants for recreation plan and site plan. Vance also attended the April Lake Ann Village Planning Commission meeting and has not heard anything back from that meeting yet.
- C. Noise Ordinance:** *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Nolan, to adopt the Noise Ordinance Number 5-01 of 2010 as presented. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was as follows: Nolan, aye; Giddis, aye; Campeau, aye; Dort, aye; Bates, aye. All ayes, no nays, no one absent, motion passed.

New Business:

- A. Ambulance Bill Write off Request:** Information was reviewed and discussed. The Board would like to see a copy of patient's 2009 tax return and to know how long in 2009 he was laid off. Clerk will try to obtain the additional information.
- B. Employee Physicals:** *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Campeau, that all current Fire & EMS personnel are to get the pre-employment/baseline firefighter exam minus the PPD Tuberculin Skin Test; but to include the Chest x-ray and Lumbar x-ray options for 2010. All ayes, motion passed.
- C. Electric for Breathing Air System:** Proposal from Jaquish Electric in the amount of \$725.00 and Alpine Electric in the amount of \$924.00 were reviewed and discussed. *Motion by* Giddis, and supported by Bates, to accept the Jaquish Electric proposal not to exceed \$725.00. All ayes, motion passed.
- D. Tractor:** Trustee Giddis presented proposals from Ginop Sales in the amount of \$41,600.00; Voelker's in the amount of \$42,023.36. He stated he did not receive any proposals from Gillison's or John Deere Equipment. The proposals were reviewed and discussed. *Motion by* Giddis, and supported by Bates, to purchase a Kubota tractor, cab, front snow blower, bucket, pallet forks and debris blower from Ginop Sales not to exceed the budgeted amount including trade in allowance. All ayes, motion passed.

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- E. Resignation from Planning Commission:** Supervisor Bates read the resignation e-mail from Dennis Curtice. *Motion by Dort*, and supported by Bates, to accept with regrets the resignation of Dennis Curtice from the planning commission. All ayes, motion passed.
- F. Budget Amendment – Unemployment:** Clerk Dort explained the need for the budget amendment. *Motion by Campeau*, and supported by Nolan, to approve the budget amendment for the reimbursing employer unemployment bill in the amount of \$5,145.26. All ayes, motion passed.
- G. Recreational Resources Committee Appointments:** *Motion by Bates*, and supported by Giddis, to appoint Mike Willsey and Steve Puchovan to the recreational resources committee. All ayes, motion passed.
- H. New Member Fire & EMS Department:** Chief Jay Morse introduced Bill Parker to the Board and asked Bill to give the Board a brief summary of his qualifications. *Motion by Campeau*, and supported by Bates, to accept Bill Parker as a new member of the Fire & EMS Department. All ayes, motion passed.
- I. Camp Quality Use of Fire & EMS Facility:** Information was presented to the Board and discussion took place. A consensus of the Board was that the Fire & EMS facility would not be offered to this group. Supervisor Bates will contact the group and inform them of the consensus and to inform them of other facilities that might be better suited for them.
- J. Inland Township Fire Mutual Aid Agreement:** Supervisor Bates stated that he had talked with the Inland Township Fire Chief in regards to a mutual aid agreement. Discussion took place with a consensus of the Board to have Supervisor Bates write a letter to the Inland Township Board asking if they would be interested in meeting to discuss a mutual aid agreement between the two fire departments.

Extended Public Input:

Chief Jay Morse presented the Board with information that was discussed with the duty crew, the April Department report and a request for a new cot for the ambulance. Discussion took place regarding the duty crew and new cot request. *Motion by Dort*, and supported by Campeau, to approve the purchase of a Stryker power cot in the amount of \$7,500.00 upon receiving a detailed invoice from Michigan First Response. Ayes were: Giddis, Nolan, Dort and Campeau. Bates abstained due to a conflict of interest involving Michigan First Response. Motion passed.

Board Comments:

Trustee Giddis stated that the Veteran's Memorial committee had very successful fund raisers over the past couple of months. Kirt also stated that a brief wreath laying ceremony would take place at the memorial at 12:30 p.m. on Memorial Day.

Clerk Dort stated that she had to purchase more election ballot bags to cover the elections in 2010 and that the Deputy Clerk would be taking the ballot containers to the county clerk's office for certification on Wednesday of the week.

Treasurer Campeau stated that the Citizens for Preservation netted \$1,100.00 between the gate and tires collected at the clean up day. Dawn also stated the group was going

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to hold a garage sale Memorial Day weekend and that donations were being accepted. She also asked about the status of the Drug and Alcohol policy. Supervisor Bates stated that Dawn and he had gone to the Benzie County Road Commission morning meeting. Vance stated that Crystal Lake Township is the only township that currently has a road millage. He also stated that once the Fire & EMS facility has been paid in full that the township might consider a road millage for improvements. Vance also updated the Board on the Neil Roper property.

Adjourn: There being no other business Supervisor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Mary Dort
Almira Township Clerk