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, Mary Dort, Diana Nolan and Kirt Giddis.

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

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

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

1. Approve minutes of Regular Board meeting held June 13, 2011 and Special Board meeting held June 7, 2011.
2. Budget amendments for the month of July 2011: None
3. Approve payment of check #’s 32375 – 32454. See check registers included in packet. Bills are available for examination upon request.
4. Receive and File the following reports:

Benzie County Commissioners: Included in Packet

Assessor: Included in Packet

Zoning Administrator: No Report

Recreational Resources Committee: No Report

Fire & EMS Department: Included in Packet

Planning Commission: No Report

Veterans Memorial Committee: No Report

1. Miscellaneous: None.
2. Receive and file the following correspondence:

Benzie County Road Commission meeting minutes dated: 5-12-11; 5-26-11

Lake Ann Village Council Meeting Minutes dated 6-14-11

All ayes, motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** *Motion* by Dort, and supported by Giddis, to receive and file the Treasurer’s report. Copy will be filed in the Clerk’s office.

**Brief Public Input:**

Lee Muehlmann presented the Board with a letter regarding the proposed walleye planting in Ann Lake.

Gene Mayo thanked the Board for allowing the use of the Fire & EMS Facility for the EMT class that just finished. He would like the Board to consider allowing him to hold another EMT class at the facility starting January 2012.

**Guests:**

Mark Roper, Benzie County Commissioner, reported on the following: Resignation from DHS (Maples) Board; County Equalization Director leaving; New State ORV bill to be signed by Governor; State bill regarding Road Commission districts; Public Health Care cost caps; County recycling fee being raised $3.00 per household; Land Bank Authority has been set up; Blank law suit still at Appeals Court and Sears Estate law suit close to being done.

**Old Business:**

1. **Dune Grass Music Festival:** Ryan Lake, Win-Win Productions, presented additional information requested from the Board. Discussion of this information took place. *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Nolan, to allow the Dune Grass Festival event to be held with the music stopping at 1:00 a.m. and that added security from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. was to be provided. All ayes, motion passed.
2. **Roper Property:** Supervisor Bates stated that the Attorneys are close to a settlement.
3. **Lakefront Park Property Proposed Site Plan:** Discussion took place regarding the public input from the special Board meeting held July 7, 2011. Consensus of the Board was to change the parking lot to only parking on the West side with two (2) handicap parking spaces; see about putting in a new well; leave restroom/changing facility located where shown; leave large pavilion where at and to cover the handicap pavilion; lighting in the parking lot and restroom area; power supply at the two (2) pavilions. A special Board meeting will be held on July 25th starting at 7:00 p.m. to meet with the Recreational Resources Committee to review the revised site plan.
4. **Thermal Imaging Camera:** Information from the Fire & EMS Department on three thermal imaging cameras was reviewed. *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Giddis, to purchase a SCOTT Eagle Imager 320 plus truck charging system at a cost of $8,740.95. All ayes, motion passed.

**New Business:**

1. **Resignation from Recreational Resources Committee:** *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Nolan, to accept the resignation of Steve Puchovan from the Recreational Resources Committee with regrets. All ayes, motion passed.
2. **EMT Class:** Matt Durant inquired if an EMT class at the Fire & EMS facility would be okay to run starting in September of this year if okayed by Munson Regional Education. No action was taken.
3. **Recreation Millage:** Supervisor Bates read a letter from the Recreational Resources Committee with their recommendation for a recreation millage. *Motion by* Dort, and supported by Nolan, to ask the township attorney for ballot language to propose a .50 mill millage to include maintenance and improvements to recreation areas operated by Almira Township for the years 2012 through 2017. All ayes, motion passed.
4. **Resignation from Veterans Memorial Committee:** Bruce Andersen gaveTrustee Kirt Giddis a verbal resignation from the Veterans Memorial Committee. *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Bates, to accept the verbal resignation of Bruce Andersen from the Veterans Memorial Committee. All ayes, motion passed.
5. **Appointment to Veterans Memorial Committee:** Trustee Giddis reviewed a letter of interest to the Veterans Memorial Committee from Jodi Salamino. *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Nolan, to appoint Jodi Salamino to the Veterans Memorial Committee for a two (2) year term. All ayes, motion passed.
6. **Fire & EMS Department New Member:** Supervisor Bates read a letter of recommendation from Fire & EMS Chief Jay Morse regarding approving a new probationary member. *Motion* by Bates, and supported by Giddis, to approve Lindsay Warrington as a new Fire & EMS Department probationary member. All ayes, motion passed.
7. **Fire & EMS Department Officer Resignation:** Supervisor Bates read a letter from Fire & EMS Chief Jay Morse regarding the resignation of Jason Wolfe as an officer of the Fire & EMS Department. *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Giddis, to accept the resignation of Jason Wolfe as Lieutenant II of the Fire & EMS Department. All ayes, motion passed.

**Extended Public Input:**

Gene Mayo asked if the Board would consider allowing him to hold an EMT class at the Fire & EMS Facility starting in January of 2012 so that class could be confirmed with Munson Regional Education. *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Nolan, to allow an EMT class to be held at the Fire & EMS facility starting in January 2012 through May 2012, with the class being held every Tuesday and Thursday and every other Saturday. All ayes, motion passed. Gene also inquired about the issues he had discussed with Trustee Giddis a couple of months ago and wondered where those issues were at.

**Board Comments:**

Trustee Giddis stated that a private dedication for the bench in Cpl. Millers name was held on June 18th and everyone should make a point to go the site to see the bench.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business Supervisor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Mary Dort,

Almira Township Clerk