

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Regular Meeting
March 8, 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: None

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Under New Business add Item. F. Board Meeting Schedule Resolution 3-10 #2. *Motion by* Giddis, and supported by Campeau, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. 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 February 8, 2010 and special Board meeting held March 1, 2010.
2. Budget amendments for the month of March 2010: Move \$100 from 101-101-980.001 to 101-446-935.001.
3. Approve payment of check #'s 30851 – 30927. 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:	Added at Meeting
Planning Commission:	No Report
Veterans Memorial Committee:	No Report

5. Miscellaneous: None.
6. Receive and file the following correspondence:
 - MTA fax dated 2-19-10
 - MTA fax dated 2-26-10
 - MTA fax dated 3-5-10
 - Lake Ann Village Council Meeting Minutes dated 2-9-10
 - Revenue/Expenditure Report End of February 2010
 - Commendation Committee Meeting Minutes dated 1-27-10
 - Blue Care Network rate schedule starting 4-1-10All ayes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: *Motion by* Giddis, and supported by Nolan, to receive and file the Treasurer's report. All ayes, motion passed. Copy will be filed in the Clerk's office.

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Brief Public Input:

Chris Convissor read from a prepared statement regarding staff and budget issues. Matt Therrien stated that other townships are holding on to as much money as they can. Matt also stated that from the planning commission survey residents would like the roads taken care of.

Renee Hamilton stated the township should be more efficient with our money and that sealed cement floors become slippery when wet.

Guests:

Mark Roper, Benzie County Commissioner, reported on the following topics; County budget cut backs; possible MSU extension office closing; no new administrator until next fiscal year; reduced hours at the government center; furlough days and wage freezes; Sheriff department not replacing officer who is going over seas; ORV ordinance changes; Road Commission replacing tubes on Burnt Mill Road with a bridge; Bob Weaver, Road Commission manager is retiring; Benzie Bus budget; County union employees 2% wage increase and the law suits involving the County.

Old Business:

A. Employee Handbook: Diana Nolan and Dawn Campeau have not been able to meet yet.

B. Copy Machine for Office: Vance Bates has more information but did not have it for the Board to review at this meeting.

New Business:

A. General Appropriations Act Resolution 03-10 #1: Supervisor Bates read the resolution. *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Giddis, to adopt the general appropriations act resolution 03-10 #1 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Nolan, aye; Campeau, aye; Giddis, aye; Dort, aye; Bates, nay. Four ayes, one nay, no one absent, motion passed. Supervisor declared resolution adopted.

B. Auditor: Information from Tobin and Company was reviewed. *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Nolan, to accept the proposal from Tobin and Company for the 2009/2010 fiscal year audit. All ayes, motion passed.

C. Volunteer of the Year Nominations: Nominations will be accepted until March 31, 2010 and the nominations will be reviewed at the April Board meeting.

D. Appointment to Commendation Committee: Supervisor Bates read a letter from the commendation committee. *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Giddis, to appoint Brent Swanson to the commendation committee. All ayes, motion passed.

E. Commendation Committee Recognition Event: Supervisor Bates read a letter from the commendation committee. *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Nolan, to approve the commendation committee recognition event dinner to be held on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at the Lake Ann Camp. All ayes, motion passed.

F. Board Meeting Schedule Resolution 3-10 #2: Supervisor Bates read the resolution. *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Nolan, to adopt the regular board meeting schedule for fiscal year 2010 – 2011 resolution 3-10 #2 as presented. Roll

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call vote was as follows: Dort, aye; Giddis, aye; Bates, aye; Campeau, aye; Nolan, aye. All ayes, no nays, no one absent, motion passed. Supervisor declared resolution adopted.

Extended Public Input: None

Board Comments:

Trustee Nolan stated that the planning commission is still working on the master plan updates.

Trustee Giddis thanked the public for attending this meeting and that a gun raffle would be starting soon and that a Swiss steak dinner and silent auction is being planned for April as fund raisers for the Veterans Memorial.

Supervisor Bates thanked the residents for attending the meeting and that a meeting with a concerned resident went well. Vance also stated that the board of review started today with fifteen requests being reviewed.

Adjourn: There being no other business Supervisor Bates adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Mary Dort
Almira Township Clerk