Supervisor Vance Bates called the special meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Almira Township Fire & EMS Facility.

**Members Present:** Dawn Campeau, Diana Nolan, Vance Bates, Mary Dort and Kirt Giddis.

**Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda by Board and Citizens:** Trustee Giddis would like to switch the first and third Items under Old Business so the agenda would be Old Business Item A. Lakefront Park and Item C. Union Negotiations. *Motion by* Giddis, and supported by Campeau, to switch the order of the Old Business items. All ayes, motion passed.

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

**Brief Public Input:** Maintenance Director Puchovan informed the Board of the water leak in the Fire & EMS Facility’s woman’s restroom that is being fixed.

**Guests:** None

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:**

1. **Lakefront Park:** Trustee Nolan informed the Board that only one proposal had been received for the Lakefront Park’s two pavilions. Discussion took place about possible reasons for only getting one proposal. The one proposal was received and reviewed from Eckler Construction in the amount of $37,430.00 for both pavilions. Discussion took place regarding the proposal amount. *Motion by* Dort, and supported by Bates, to increase the general fund’s Park Capital Outlay budget line by $30,000 along with the general fund’s fund balance contribution line for the same amount. Roll call vote was as follows: Campeau, aye; Nolan, aye; Giddis, nay; Bates, aye; Dort, aye. Four ayes, one nay, no one absent, motion passed. *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Nolan, to accept the proposal presented by Eckler Construction for both of the Lakefront Park pavilions in the amount of $37,430.00. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was as follows: Nolan, aye; Campeau, aye; Giddis, nay; Dort, aye; Bates aye. Four ayes, one nay, no one absent, motion passed. Trustee Nolan also informed the Board that the DEQ had accepted the wetlands application.
2. **Zoning Administrator Position:** Discussion took place regarding what the zoning administrator position should be. *Motion by* Dort, and supported by Giddis, to approach the former zoning administrator to see if he would be willing to agree to be the temporary zoning administrator until December 31, 2012 working up to a maximum of ten (10) hours per week at the previous hourly wage rate with the Supervisor authorized to hire. All ayes, motion passed.
3. **Union Negotiations:** *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Nolan, to go into closed session to discuss union negotiations. All ayes, motion passed. Went into closed session at 10:05 a.m. *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Campeau, to re-open the open session. All ayes, motion passed. Re-opened the open session at 11:20 a.m. *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Nolan, that for the purpose of union negotiations, the negotiators from the Township Board will be Supervisor Bates and Trustee Giddis with Trustee Nolan to serve as alternate if needed. All ayes, motion passed.

**Extended Public Input:** None

**Board Comments:**

Trustee Giddis asked if during the negotiations any Board member had ideas, thoughts or concerns to please contact him.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business Supervisor Bates adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Mary Dort

Almira Township Clerk