

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Board Special Meeting
March 1, 2010
9:00 a.m.**

Supervisor Vance Bates called the special meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 9:07 a.m. at the Almira Township Fire & EMS Facility.

Supervisor led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

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

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

Brief Public Input: None.

Guests: Brian Foster, from Foster Coating Concepts, made a presentation and answered questions regarding the sealing of the apparatus bay in the Fire and EMS facility. Phil Johnson, retired Fire Chief from Meridian Township, talked about the different experiences he had while Chief with the sealing of floors. He has had both good and bad experiences with floor sealing. Phil also included comments on the proposed budget.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. **Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 Budget:** A letter signed by some of the employees and an e-mail from Larry Kage were reviewed. Board consensus that the proposed two percent (2%) raise for employees be taken out of the budget but that the step increases that were due should be included in the budget. Discussion about the sealing of the floor for the Fire & EMS facility took place with the consensus of the Board that the money stays in the proposed budget as it does not mean that the money will get used. Other options will be looked into.
- B. **Employee Holidays:** *Motion by* Bates, and supported by Giddis, to pay the eligible employees for the Good Friday and Memorial Day holidays that they have been being paid for in past years. Discussion took place. All ayes, motion passed.
- C. **Roper Property:** Township Attorney Wendling recommends that the Township pay the difference between the appraised value and what Roper's title insurance is to pay which will be \$23,500. *Motion by* Campeau, and supported by Bates, to allow the Township Attorney to proceed with this recommendation regarding the Roper property offer with the Township paying no more than \$23,500 with the Township being completely released from this matter. Roll call vote was as follows: Giddis, aye; Nolan, aye; Dort, aye; Campeau, aye; Bates, aye. All ayes, no nays, no one absent, motion passed.

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Extended Public Input: None.

Board Comments: Trustee Giddis informed the Board that the Veterans Memorial Committee is waiting for the raffle license for a gun raffle fund raiser and that a buffalo swiss steak dinner fund raiser will be held April 24th. Kirt also mentioned that bingo fund raising events may also be coming in the future in conjunction with another community organization.

Adjourn: There being no other business Supervisor Bates adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Mary Dort
Almira Township Clerk