

ALAMO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7901 North 6th Street
Kalamazoo, Mi 49009

January 9, 2012
6:00 PM

Members present: Supervisor Vlietstra, Treasurer Stoneburner, Clerk Sportel-Bogard,
Trustee Feniger, Deputy Supervisor Fisher.
Also present: 15 interested persons.

Supervisor Vlietstra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Feniger, supported by Supervisor Vlietstra to approve the December 12, 2011 board minutes with four amendments.[1) Both board members and Deputies who wish may attend the MTA Conference in January. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to excuse Trustee Potter-Williams, supported by Clerk Sportel-Bogard. Carried. (Trustee Potter-Williams arrived at 7 pm.)

Insurance presentation

Dave Ballinger of Ted Hartleb Agency and Kevin Decker of MCM Group explained their proposal of insurance coverage for Alamo Township. Presented the board with summaries and pricing.

Building Department

Building department reported two building, five mechanical, two electrical permits for the month of December. Total \$1584.30. A preliminary report presented to the board, showed increases in activity from 2010. A complete report will be given in February. Building permit fees are based on valuation rather than a permit fee plus applicable inspections. Permit fees for smaller projects requiring multiple inspections do not cover Township costs. Deputy Supervisor Fisher will provide possible amendment language for consideration in February.

Clerk's report

Liabilities for December were \$30,780.75. AVB applications are available for the February election. Inquired whether there are any requests for pay increases for the 2012 budget. No response.

Fire and Rescue

Chief Kizer reported 21 incidents in December. Participated in two training classes.

Firefighter Shawn Baker is leaving the department due to moving out of the township. Chief is handling the calls regarding B Avenue.

Parks

Lou Conti gave a reminder of the February 11 Winterfest to be held in the park. Not much snow for the trails, and is struggling with the ice rink.

Planning Commission

Trustee Feniger reported working on the noise ordinance, a sub committee was appointed, would like the ordinance ready for the February meeting. The Commission members will be attending a seminar on sign ordinances for more information.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Stoneburner reported:

General fund	\$183,352.22
Fire truck fund	\$ 18,313.29
Parks	\$ 597.13

2012 Road Selection

Supervisor Vlietstra suggested we consider 7th and 8th Streets for maintenance in 2012. Working with the Road Commission to establish a five-year plan. Members of the Board requested the Supervisor to ask for quotes on Owen Drive from D Ave to B Ave, and F Ave [between Owen] and 3rd Street.

Motion by Clerk Sportel-Bogard, support by Supervisor Vlietstra for the Board of Review members to attend training on February 14, 2012 at the Fetzer Center. Carried. Al Wielinga, Richard Bennett and Supervisor Vlietstra to attend.

Motion by Treasurer Stoneburner, supported by Supervisor Vlietstra for anyone who wishes to attend the January 24, 2012 MTA Conference in Detroit be able to attend. Carried. [Include Board members and Deputies].

Motion by Clerk Sportel-Bogard, support by Trustee Feniger for transfer of funds (2011-2012 budget) in the amount of 27,500.00. (Professional Services -\$1500.00, Legal Notices - \$4000.00 and Township Hall Improvements & Additions - \$22,000.00). Roll call vote: Trustee Potter-Williams – no, Supervisor Vlietstra – yes, Trustee Feniger – yes, Treasurer Stoneburner – yes, Clerk Sportel-Bogard – yes. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to authorize payment of liabilities. Supported by Trustee Feniger. Carried

Board Member Time

Supervisor Vlietstra reported three Townships are working on a building-consolidating plan. (Oshtemo, Comstock, and Kalamazoo Townships) Central dispatch is researching funds from cell phones, etc.

Road Commission urged care for children playing near the road when the snow plows are going thru.

Citizen's Comments

L. Conti – questioned the Board's two closed sessions regarding litigation, expenses, and settlement.

N. Covault – questioned truthfulness.

R. Bennett- Kalamazoo Foundation and Township finances should be updated on the web site.

R. Flath – Board should excuse person(s) who make presentations to the Board from the meeting.

B. Smith – questioned the work of the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Is applying for the job.

M. VanderWheele- disappointed the Township Hall is no longer being rented out.

Motion by Trustee Potter-Williams, supported by Trustee Feniger to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Garilyn Sportel-Bogard
Clerk