

**ALAMO TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
7901 N. 6th Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009**

July 9, 2012

Members present: Supervisor Vlietstra, Clerk Sportel-Bogard, Trustee Feniger, Trustee Potter-Williams, Deputy Supervisor Fisher, Treasurer Stoneburner (arrived late)

Also present: 19 interested persons

Supervisor Vlietstra called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve June 11, 2012 board minutes by Trustee Feniger, supported by Supervisor Vlietstra. Carried.

Building Department

Building department reported three building permits, one mechanical for a total of \$332.30 for the month of June.

Clerk's Report

Liabilities for June \$12,548.46. Receiving absentee ballots.

Endowment Fund

Board discussed the spending options regarding the Kalamazoo Foundation's investment and related goals. **Motion** by Supervisor Vlietstra to approve the 'Spending Option Suggestion' for the Alamo Township Parks Endowment Fund as follows; The Alamo Township Board suggests to the Kalamazoo Foundation that the Alamo Township spending policy for the Fund remain as originally established: 5% (fixed) earnings only (not principle). It is understood that this suggestion will remain in effect for at least 5 years. Supported by Trustee Feniger. Roll call vote- Trustee Potter-Williams –yes, Treasurer Stoneburner – yes, Trustee Feniger –yes, Supervisor Vlietstra – yes, Clerk Sportel-Bogard – yes. Carried.

Audit (2011-2012)

Township auditor Steve Bryer from Siegfried & Crandall, explained the 2011-2012 audit. Gave a clean audit opinion with explanation. Reported township is in good financial condition. Intern Paul Ramos accompanied him to our meeting.

Kalamazoo County Office of Emergency Management

Lt. Paul Baker reported 1)Alamo Township is average in calls for service for the size of our Township. 2) building progress on the jail is a little ahead of schedule 3) working hard to stay on budget 4) having open fireworks has presented a few problems 5) regards

Mabas as a very positive tool for all departments 6) Have opened shelters for community people.

Parks Board

Lou Conti reported an amendment to the Five-Year Plan for year 4 would add (Design and build a group gathering area in the park)

Lou Conti reported that Thomas Finch would like approval to repair the bridge at the park, as his Eagle Scout project. Thomas presented his proposal to the board. After much discussion a **motion** by Trustee Feniger to approve the bridge project if Thomas gets permission from the DEQ, Drain Commissioner and a Civil Engineer. Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Roll call vote – Trustee Feniger-yes, Supervisor Vlietstra-yes, Clerk Sportel-Bogard-yes, Treasurer Stoneburner-yes, Trustee Potter-Williams-yes. Carried.

Gavin Rantz - asked to be allowed to build gathering stations along the trail, widen trail and cover with bark mulch. After discussion Trustee Potter-Williams, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner, **motioned** to allow Gavin to begin process of maintaining the trail on the SouthWest corner of the park. Roll call vote – Trustee Potter-Williams-yes, Trustee Feniger-yes, Clerk Sportel-Bogard-yes, Treasurer Stoneburner-yes, Supervisor Vlietstra-yes. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund \$199,506.18, Fire Truck Fund \$18,316.99. Taxes were mailed out July 1 and some payments have been made.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra for the Treasurer and Clerk to pay the liabilities, supported by Trustee Feniger. Carried.
Supervisor Vlietstra leaves meeting.

Chief Kizer introduced Chief Barnes from Oshtemo Township. Chief Barnes presented a brief orientation of Mabas (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Works with several townships and counties participating together to provide the best practice for mutual aid. Purpose is to coordinate an effective way for departments to work together. Many positive aspects such as saving money, sharing equipment, insures correct resources sent to rescue/recovery, less error, etc.

Board Member Time

Trustee Potter-Williams provided hand-outs for the Hazardous Waste program. Trustee Feniger- questioned what to do with extra desk, tables, shelving. Does the board want to bring to auction or use some other method of sale? Suggestion to place on agenda for August.

Citizen's Comments

Joyce Carnes – Concerned with the road condition of West B Ave. Would board consider road repair for 2013?

Dave Reynolds – questioned how board determines which roads receive attention.

N. Covault – questioned if letters were sent regarding cemetery rules that are being broken, also safety plan being developed for recycling day.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Trustee Potter-William, supported by Clerk Sportel-Bogard. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Garilyn Sportel-Bogard
Clerk