

ALAMO TOWNSHIP BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

Alamo Township Hall
7901 North 6th Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

February 25, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Vlietstra, Clerk Sportel-Bogard, Treasurer Stoneburner, Trustee Potter-Williams and Deputy Supervisor Fisher

Also Present: 4 interested others

Supervisor Vlietstra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION by Treasurer Stoneburner to excuse Trustee Feniger from the meeting, **support** by Clerk Sportel-Bogard. Carried.

ROAD SELECTION

Terry Tilley, Kalamazoo County Road Commission, stated a visual survey was made of Township roads with an eye to promoting maximum road life through preventative maintenance to prevent costly and/or premature failures and notes he is preparing a 5-year plan for the Township. He noted a number of roads will be multi-year projects and described funding options. Concern was raised about inadequate time to consider options. It was suggested, in the future, the Township prepare a single supplemental document that captures pertinent information to enable comparisons and informed discussion. Various road project options for 2011 were evaluated in a lengthy discussion.

MOTION by Supervisor Vlietstra to select Owen (6th Street to F Avenue, Hart Drive to Ravine Road and Ravine Road to D Avenue) and DE Avenue (2nd Street to 5th Street) as the 2011 road projects, **support** by Trustee Potter-Williams. Supervisor Vlietstra – yes; Trustee Potter-Williams – yes; Treasurer Stoneburner – no (does not support the Ravine Road to D Avenue segment of Owen), Clerk Sportel-Bogard. Carried.

Contracts were signed, copied and provided to Terry Tilley to convey.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2011-2012 BUDGET

Supervisor Vlietstra opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. Chief Kizer noted 16 sets of costly protective gear will need to be purchased over the next several years and advocated the \$1,000 cut be restored to the equipment line item. He stated grants funds are being sought to upgrade communication equipment and air packs and referenced going to the voters to seek funding for the air packs in the absence of grant funding. He is looking at methods to reduce costs for physical exams. He was encouraged to develop a building maintenance plan; he noted seeking assistance from the Fire Fighter's Association. Clerk Sportel-Bogard highlighted various sections of the budget and addressed inquiries. Deputy Supervisor Fisher referenced the written document she prepared and advocated that \$2,500 be budgeted to address conversion of records to a medium that fosters preservation and ease of retrieval. She updated the Board on the latest requests from Kalamazoo Township and inquired whether the revenue due from the ARRA grant should be included. Multiple persons noted the 2010-2011 snow plowing services to be inadequate; examples cited

L. Rayman (Inquired about the amount budgeted for the Ordinance Enforcer's salary and leaves/brush behind the Alamo Center Cemetery)

R. Flath (Inquired about legal services/notices and requested a print out of this information)

Supervisor Vlietstra closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Vlietstra to adjourn, **support** by Trustee Potter-Williams. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Garilyn Sportel-Bogard
Alamo Township Clerk