

## ALAMO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Alamo Township Hall  
7901 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

March 14, 2011

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

Also Present: 6 interested others

Supervisor Vlietstra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ADOPTION OF 2011-2012 BUDGET**

No changes were made to the revised budget presented on March 7.

**MOTION** by Trustee Potter-Williams to accept the 2011-2012 budget, **support** by Treasurer Stoneburner. Supervisor Vlietstra – yes; Trustee Potter-Williams – yes; Treasurer Stoneburner – yes; Clerk Sportel-Bogard – yes. Carried.

Clerk Sportel-Bogard highlighted the Appropriation Act Resolution: the budget is \$454,395, PNC will remain the Township's banking institution, Siegfried Crandall will remain the Township auditor and Ford, Kreikard will remain legal counsel.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Vlietstra to accept the appropriations as described, **support** by Treasurer Stoneburner. Trustee Potter-Williams – yes; Supervisor Vlietstra – yes; Treasurer Stoneburner – yes; Clerk Sportel-Bogard – yes. Carried.

Treasurer Stoneburner requested a copy of the document.

Supervisor declared the budget hearing closed.

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

### **MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Treasurer Stoneburner to approve the work group minutes of March 7, 2011, as written, **support** by Clerk Sportel-Bogard. Carried.

### **ASSESSING REPORT**

Supervisor Vlietstra noted the Board of Review held its organizational meeting. Property values have dropped; however this does not mean taxes have done so.

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Deputy Supervisor Fisher reported February permits as 1 building and 1 electrical. (\$195.50) E. Westra asked for an update on outdoor furnace registrations: 13 are registered and 4 are pending.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Kizer requested approval to purchase turnout gear, boots and gloves from the 2010 budget. He reviewed information on meth lab waste dumps (flyer to the Park Board chair) advising that the trash is both poisonous and explosive plus instructing persons finding meth trash to contact the proper authorities. He referenced a highly toxic chemical used in suicides (closed vehicle), noting it is hazardous to open the vehicle doors. There were 22 calls in February including 8 (unusually high) false alarms. Training for the month was highlighted and Chief Kizer earned his Officer III and Health & Safety Certifications.

**MOTION** by Trustee Potter-Williams to allow the Fire Department to purchase 2 sets of turnout gear, 4 sets of fire boots and 4 sets of gloves as noted in the March 14, 2011 report, **support** by Treasurer Stoneburner. Carried.

### **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

No report was received.

## PARK BOARD REPORT

Chair Landon reports the April Park Board meeting will be used to gather public input on the C Avenue park. The Board's roofing selection will be brought before the Board of Trustees in April once outside funding is secured. Discussion on the reservation system for the pavilion occurred; all pieces were not being ironed and information was not handed out last Saturday as anticipated. A representative from the Township will work with the Park Board on the reservation system.

## PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Member Sweitzer reported minutes from the Planning Commission had been distributed and represent the report. Trustee Potter-Williams verified that a guest speaker from the DNRE will be at the April meeting.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

(through February 28, 2011)

General Account:	\$123,223.62	Brokerage Account:	\$250,047.47
Fire Truck Account:	\$ 18,305.64	Park Endowment:	\$ 41,104.33

## CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Sportel-Bogard reported \$22,351.45 in liabilities for the month of February.

She reported approved ballots for the May election are at the printer. She inquired about the feasibility of cancelling the April and May work groups. Treasurer Stoneburner supported cancellation. Supervisor Vlietstra preferred to cancel only if the agenda permitted. Trustee Potter-Williams inquired when the next newsletter was going out. Deputy Supervisor can make room in the newsletter scheduled to go to the printer this week. Work groups will not be held in April or May.

## OLD/NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Contract – Kalamazoo Township

Deputy Supervisor Fisher noted no changes in the proposed contract since the March 7 meeting; the Building Official will remain an employee for services not covered by the contract at the rate of \$180 per month.

**MOTION** by Treasurer Stoneburner to adopt the agreement with the Charter Township of Kalamazoo for building inspections, **support** by Supervisor Vlietstra. Clerk Sportel-Bogard – yes; Trustee Potter-Williams – yes; Treasurer Stoneburner – yes; Supervisor Vlietstra – yes. Carried.

## AUTHORIZATION OF LIABILITIES

**MOTION** by Trustee Potter-Williams to pay the liabilities, **support** by Clerk Sportel-Bogard. Carried.

## BOARD MEMBER TIME

Trustee Potter-Williams provided information from EHAC. Bed bugs are becoming epidemic. Various solutions were suggested; due to their longevity, storage units can become infected.

Supervisor Vlietstra noted insufficient containers were available at recycling; more will be available next year.

Treasurer Stoneburner reported she has provided her records to the County for settlement and all is OK at this point. She reports a parcel court of 2,154. The majority of Board members felt the Assessor's salary was based on the parcel count but set (and capped) at \$22,000.

## CITIZEN COMMENT

Chief Kizer (Inquired if the 9-1-1 invoice had been paid, the Fire Chiefs recommended holding payment)

A. Sweitzer (Suggested a method to evaluate office space as well as other systems with built in storage, etc.) Treasurer Stoneburner noted new cubicles at the County afford privacy and security.

E. Westra (Expressed concerns about the current outdoor furnace ordinance, felt one section to be illegal and felt it should be rescinded until another can take its place).

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Trustee Potter-Williams to adjourn, **support** by Supervisor Vlietstra. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Garilyn Sportel-Bogard, Alamo Township Clerk