

ALAMO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

7901 No. 6th Street
Kalamazoo, Mi 49009
September 12, 2011

Present: Supervisor Vlietstra, Treasurer Stoneburner, Clerk Sportel-Bogard,
Trustee Feniger, Trustee Potter-Williams, Deputy Supervisor Fisher.
Also present: 14 interested persons.

Supervisor Vlietstra began the meeting with an Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Feniger made the motion to approve the September 6, 2011 minutes with amendments. Supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Amend: add Treasurer Stoneburner requested a letter from Tim Britian regarding the progress of the building of play ground equipment, given a larger amount of dollars on the State revenue check than last quarter, and amounts of money used in Parks Board minutes. **Carried.**

BUILDING REPORT

Deputy Supervisor Fisher reported 5 building, 7 electrical, 4 mechanical permits for the month of August. Total \$1,671.10.

CLERK'S REPORT

Liabilities for August \$63,976.51.

FIRE AND RESCUE

Chief Kizer reported 15 incidences, 3 false alarms. Used the 4-wheeler for search and rescue and were involved in training for a new county study. Purchased a new computer and working on the AFG grant. The Chiefs are submitting a regional grant with a two grant subject 1) better communications (radios, etc.) and 2) tower equipment. If awarded these grants the cost to the Township would be around \$3350.00. Also participated in the August Burn Camp Parade.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner to pay for the new computer. (\$499.00) Roll call vote: Trustee Feniger – yes, Trustee Potter-Williams – yes, Clerk Sportel-Bogard – yes, Supervisor Vlietstra – yes, Treasurer Stoneburner – yes. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Potter-Williams, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner approval to proceed with the grants. Roll call vote: Treasurer Stoneburner –yes, Clerk Sportel-Bogard – yes, Trustee Potter-Williams – yes, Trustee Feniger – yes, Supervisor Vlietstra – yes. Carried.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Supervisor Vlietstra will speak with Officer Hoffman, as to whether she speaks with the people who have complaints or just drives by the situation.

MUSEUM REPORT

The annual tractor show will be held on October 1, 2011.

PARK BOARD REPORT

Committee appreciated the newsletter being sent out at an earlier date, large turnout at the dedication.

Board received the Little League plan for 2012. Received approved billing for maintenance on 4-wheeler. Noted the checklist for building the treehouse was approved by the Insurance Company.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Chair Goyings reported they are working on the sign ordinance.

Discussion on the revision on the Outdoor Furnace Ordinance. Supervisor Vlietstra thanked the Commission for their time and effort in revising the ordinance.

Motion by Treasurer Stoneburner to approve the amended Outdoor Furnace Ordinance, (Ord.59-M). Supported by Trustee Feniger. Roll call: Clerk Sportel-Bogard – no, Trustee Feniger – yes, Trustee Potter-Williams – no, Supervisor Vlietstra – yes, Treasurer Stoneburner – yes. Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Stoneburner reported:	General fund	\$191,387.01
	Parks	\$ 895.16
	Fire truck	\$ 18,310.25

Stated her records showed differing amounts than amounts in the parks minutes; **noting the Clerk's and her records are not in agreement.** Resident asked why the report does not include the endowment fund and recommended that the amount be given at each meeting. The treasurer has copies of all reports including the endowment fund. Treasurer will report each month on this fund. (AI has been paying their yearly amount and the monies go directly to the foundation.)

RECLAMATION OF C AVENUE

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to grant ~~American~~ **Aggregates Industries'** request to be released from the C Avenue bond, as our consultant Marty Landes suggested. Support by Trustee Feniger. Roll call vote: Trustee Potter-Williams – **yes no**, Treasurer Stoneburner – yes, Supervisor Vlietstra – yes, Trustee Feniger – yes, Clerk Sportel-Bogard – yes. Carried.

Concludes the compliance plan. Resident questioned if the needed guidelines were met.

PARK ORDINANCE

Firearms cannot be banned, but hunting, target shooting, etc. can be banned. It was suggested that the Parks committee leave the signs, but cover the wording on the signs. Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra, supported by Trustee Feniger to amend the 'no firearms' section of the ordinance. Roll call vote: Supervisor Vlietstra – yes, Treasurer Stoneburner – yes, Trustee Potter-Williams – yes, Trustee Feniger – yes, Clerk Sportel-Bogard – yes. Carried.

NOISE ORDINANCE

The noise ordinance was approved in 1974 and needs updating. Motion by Trustee Feniger, supported by Potter-Williams to send this ordinance to the Planning Commission for possible revision and updating. Carried.

BANKING SERVICE

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra, support by Trustee Feniger, to add First National of Michigan Bank along with PNC Bank approved as a bank for use of the Township. Roll call vote: Supervisor Vlietstra – yes, Trustee Feniger – yes, Trustee Potter-Williams – yes, Clerk Sportel-Bogard – yes, Treasurer Stoneburner – yes. Carried.

SNOW REMOVAL

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to have the clerk put the snowplowing out for bids. Support Trustee Feniger. Carried. Will be placed on the agenda for the October meeting.

ROAD DESIGNATION

Supervisor reported he is not sure how much money is left from the road maintenance of this year's budget. (Possibly around \$8000.00) Would like to designate that amount to chip sealing Owen Drive between Ravine and D Avenues. This needs to be designated before the end of 2011 so it can be saved to the 2012 budget.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra, supported by Trustee Feniger to designate any balance of funds left from the 2011 budget to seal chipping Owen Drive between Ravine and D Avenues. Roll call vote: Trustee Potter-Williams – yes, Treasurer Stoneburner – yes, Clerk Sportel-Bogard – yes, Trustee Feniger – yes, Supervisor Vlietstra – yes. Carried.

OFFICE SPACE

Various suggestions were made by Board members; Treasurer Stoneburner suggested we clean up the back storage room to possibly be able to make office space for the Assessor and the Fire Chief.

LIABILITIES

Motion by Trustee Potter-Williams, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner to pay the liabilities, including the maintenance on the township 4-wheeler. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER TIME

Supervisor Vlietstra: appreciated the dedication at the Park on Sunday.

Appreciates the fire department working co-operatively with neighboring townships.

Treasurer Stoneburner: Noted our auditor Steve is coming October 18 to discuss the 2011-2012 completed audit. **The CD referenced in the audit was reviewed and an inquiry made regarding the Board's plan to review issues outlined in the audit.**

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

R. Bennett: Noted the maintenance of the township 4- wheeler to be done by Lee Stoneburner. Questioned who pays the bills.

L. Conti: Noted the memorial on Sunday was very well attended and appreciated by all.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra, supported by Trustee Potter-Williams. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,