

## ALAMO TOWNSHIP BOARD

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

November 14, 2011

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

Also Present: 23 interested others.

Supervisor Vlietstra called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm., with the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes**

**Motion** by Treasurer Stoneburner to approve the minutes of October 18, 2011 with addition of Attorney's name and the purpose of having the closed session. Trustee Feniger supported. Carried.

**Motion** by Treasurer Stoneburner, support by Trustee Feniger to approve the November 7, 2011 work session minutes. Carried. Clerk Sportel-Bogard abstained due to absence.

### **Presentation of 2011 Compliance report on the G Avenue mine.**

Marty Landes provided members of the board with copies of the compliance report. He highlighted the 9 points he found that deviate from the terms and conditions approved in the Consent Judgement. (page ii) He also recommended solutions on solving these deviations to the Board. Responding to questions: materials look impressive, due to the economy they seem about a 5<sup>th</sup> behind in their planned production, recommended using 10<sup>th</sup> Street as haul route, not G Avenue.

**Motion** by Supervisor Vlietstra that the use of G Avenue as a haul route be denied, as 10<sup>th</sup> Street is now available. Supported by Trustee Feniger. Carried.

### **Audit Presentation**

Our Auditor, Steve Breyer, provided us with an overview of the 2010-2011 audit. His opinions: 1) Audit is clean 2) General fund is in good condition. Explained the Parks restricted fund and how it is now unrestricted. Explained the material weaknesses: 1) important for the Board members to go over budget and check register 2) follow purchasing procedures 3) preparation of the financial statement. Township will always have this weakness because we do not have an in-house CPA. Currently Siegfried and Crandall does prepare this. Auditor also answered questions posed by the Board and the citizens.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Deputy Supervisor Fisher reported: 4 building permits, 3 electrical, 1 mechanical, 1 zoning permit for the month. \$1530.70. Since January 2011 there have been 117 permits issued.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk reported liabilities for October 2011 were \$15,350.40. AVB's for the February election will be mailed the end of November or 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Requests for budget items should be to the Clerk in December.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Kiser reported responding to 18 incidents, a CPR recertification, and drafting and driving training were held. Tanker 161 was serviced, held their annual Halloween Candy check and fire prevention night. Again the department will be accepting food at the Harding's on West Main this Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10 am to 2 pm. On December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Harding's in Otsego, 10 am. to 2 pm. This is to help struggling families in our area. Chief recommended the board approve the hiring of Scott Williquette. He has interviewed with two Officers and will interview with the Chief, November 15.

**Motion** by Supervisor Vlietstra to hire Scott Williquette pending the Fire Chief's interview and approval. Support Trustee Potter-Williams. Carried.

## **Park Board**

Jack Landon requested \$750.00 to repair the foot bridge at the Park. No permit required.

### **Trustee Feniger requested bids and plans for the project.**

**Motion** by Trustee Potter-Williams, supported by Supervisor Vlietstra. Roll call vote: Supervisor Vlietstra – yes, Trustee Potter-Williams – yes, Treasurer Stoneburner – no, Trustee Feniger-no, Clerk Sportel-Bogard-no. Defeated.

## **Planning Commission**

Chair Goyings reported working on the sign and noise ordinances. Asked permission for the commission to attend a work class in January 2012. Al Sweitzer also noted that 3 members met with a representative of the Adams Sign Co.

**Motion** by Treasurer Stoneburner to allow all planning commission members who wish to do so, attend this class. Supported by Supervisor Vlietstra.

## **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Stoneburner reported:	Fire Truck fund	\$18,311.78
	General	\$180,683.15
	Park	\$895.24

## **Two quotes were received for building office spaces.**

**Motion** by Treasurer Stoneburner to accept Mike Corridini's quote for building two office spaces. Support by Supervisor Vlietstra. Roll call vote: Supervisor Vlietstra- yes,

Treasurer Stoneburner-yes, Trustee Feniger-yes, Trustee Potter-Williams-no, Clerk Sportel-Bogard-yes. Carried.

Treasurer will contact Mike Corridini and ask him to replace the metal fascia on the West side of building which was blown off by the wind.

**Treasurer Stoneburner inquired about dust control bill from the KCRC.**

## **ROADS**

Supervisor Vlietstra explained that some roads need to be maintained and some need major repair. Gave a list of roads for the board to look over.

### **Hazardous Waste Contract**

**Motion** by Clerk Sportel-Bogard, support by Treasurer Stoneburner to approve \$2,300.00 for the contract agreement with Health & Community Services. Roll call vote: Trustee Potter-Williams-yes, Trustee Feniger-yes, Treasurer Stoneburner-yes, Supervisor Vlietstra-yes, Clerk Sportel-Bogard-yes. Carried.

**Motion** by Trustee Potter-Williams to pay the liabilities, support by Trustee Feniger.

### **Board Member Time**

Treasurer Stoneburner concerned with the bill for \$571. from the Road Commission. Clerk will look into this.

Supervisor Vlietstra reported that four townships are applying for a grant with which to set up a Building Authority. Noted discussion regarding a 131-interchange into town. Need to place Consumers Power on our Ordinance so they can be charged for firefighter's time when needed. Attorney Soltis is working on this. 9-1-1 progresses slowly. Sheriff Department will possibly ask for a County millage in the future.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

J. Endrus –inquired whether a material and cost list be sufficient for park bridge repair.

D. Bennett-expressed regret regarding time period before receiving check. Shared disagreements and comments from a neighbor regarding receiving a building permit.

L. Stoneburner – read a statement regarding improving his property.

S. Stoneburner - read her concerns regarding assistance from building department

H. Westra – questioned when the racetrack added on, did they receive a fine? (Yes)

L. Conti - expressed regret over fine given to Stoneburners.

H. Goyings – questioned tickets given by Ordinance Officer.

N. Couvalt – questioned mending non-conforming property regulation.

L. Conti - claims section 8.8 exempts lots without 250' of frontage.

D. Stratton – questioned the 250' frontage. Suggested revisiting this item.

**Motion** by Treasurer Stoneburner to adjourn. Support Trustee Potter-Williams. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Garilyn Sportel-Bogard  
Alamo Township Clerk