

ALAMO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7901 North 6th Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

December 12, 2011

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

Also present: 15 interested persons

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

Motion by Trustee Feniger, supported by Supervisor Vlietstra to approve the December 5, 2011 work group minutes as written. Carried. (Trustee Potter-Williams abstained due to being absent.)

Building Department

Deputy Supervisor Fisher reported five building permits, one electrical, and five mechanical. (\$1914.50) The annual tally for 2011 will be presented at the January meeting. Kevin Cardiff has returned to work as Building [Official] and Inspector. The department appreciates the work of PCIM during this interim and received no negative comments regarding their services. The Township no longer pays Kalamazoo Township for Mr. Cardiff's services. The Building Department request an additional \$150.00 be added to his wages for his mileage and phone, retroactive to November. Kalamazoo Township was paid \$175.00 for use of services. **Motion** by Supervisor Vlietstra, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner to approve the \$150.00 addition to the Building Inspectors' salary retroactive to November, 2011. Carried.

Clerk's Report

Liabilities for November - \$31,461.26. Permission to use the Alamo Community Church for voting has been received. Precinct #2 will be voting there. Would appreciate budget requests in December.

Fire Department

Incidents in November were:

3 medical emergencies, 3 assists, 2 vehicle accidents, 1 structure fire, and 1 police aid/fire. Firefighters participated in two training classes.

Chief Kizer approves the appointment of Scott Williquette as a volunteer fireman. (approved by the Board in November, 2011). Asked permission to attend the Kalamazoo County Winter Conference with six firefighters at an expense of \$720. The new FR-3 AED has been marketed. The County has asked each Department to provide \$354.00 so all-15 departments in the County will have one of these. Technology is much improved. Alamo's department has 6 already in place. The Holiday food drives found people very

generous. The Hazmat bill for spilled container (\$272.) must be paid by the Township. The department is using the Fire Training Tower four to five times a year. Chief is hoping to hear on receiving grants in a few months. Will continue working on the Insurance project.

Motion by Trustee Potter-Williams, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner to allow Chief Kizer to pick six firefighters to attend the Kalamazoo County Winter Conference. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Feniger, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner to approve the purchase of the new deliberator (\$354.00) for the Fire Department. Carried.

Parks Department

Jack Landon's reported:

- 1) cancel the December 27th meeting
- 2) funding for tarp for an ice rink
- 3) the rustic footbridge rebuilding has been placed on hold.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra, supported by Trustee Potter-Williams to purchase a B&G tarp for the ice rink. Carried.

Trustee Feniger stated he could not find in the minutes where the lumber purchased for the stage for September 11, 2011 was approved by the board. The lumber was used for the platform for the September 11 dedication and will now be used for building the ice rink.

Planning Commission

Trustee Feniger reported progress on the noise ordinance. Working on the wording. Commission is going to a sign seminar next month and will gather information for the Township's sign ordinance. They will not hold a meeting July 3, 2012.

Treasurer's Report

Fire Department account	\$18,312.54
General Fund account	\$212,224.29
Parks account	\$ 597.13 [987.10]

Old/New Business

Deputy Supervisor Fisher is working on the 2012-meeting schedule as the Planning Commission meeting dates have to be notice out.

The Board decided to meet at 6:00 p.m. January 9, 2012 for work session and the regular meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. rather than meet January 2. No work sessions scheduled for 2012.

Motion by Clerk Sportel-Bogard to close office between Christmas and New Years. (December 26-January 1) Supported by Trustee Potter-Williams. Carried

Appointments

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to appoint Helen Goyings to serve 3-year term on the Planning Commission. Supported by Trustee Feniger. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to appoint Belden Smith to serve a 3-year term on the Planning Commission. Supported by Trustee Feniger. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to appoint Dave Veenstra to serve a 3 year term on the Planning Commission. Supported by Trustee Feniger. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to appoint Al Wielinga to a two-year term on the Board of Review, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to appoint Richard Bennett to a two-year term on the Board of Review, supported by Trustee Feniger. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to appoint Marshall Champion to a two-year term on the Board of Review, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to appoint Brian Smith to a three-year term on the Museum Committee, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to appoint Trustee Feniger to a three year term on the Museum Committee supported by Trustee Feniger. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Feniger to appoint Jim Deneau, to a three-year term on the Parks committee, support by Treasurer Stoneburner. ~~Carried.~~

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

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to appoint Lou Conti to a three-year term on the Parks Committee, supported by Trustee Potter-Williams. Carried (3-2) Treasurer Stoneburner **[and Trustee Feniger]** opposed.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to appoint Jack Landon to a three-year term on the Parks Committee, supported by Trustee Potter-Williams. (3-2). **[Opposed Trustee Feniger and Treasurer Stoneburner.]** Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to appoint Sharon Tans to a 3-year term on the Otsego Library Board, supported by Trustee Feniger. Carried.

G Avenue Mine Compliance Report

Aggregates Industries did not have a copy of Landes Consulting report, they agreed to write a ~~report~~ for us. Motion by Supervisor Vlietstra to send Aggregate Industries a letter requesting they answer the report. Supported by Trustee Feniger.

Carried. **[agreed to write a response to Landes Consulting report]**

Authorization of liabilities

Motion by Clerk Sportel-Bogard, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner to authorize payment of liabilities. Carried.

Board member time

Trustee Potter-Williams questioned Officer Hoffman's billing, felt it was not complete. Supervisor Vlietstra stated that the 911 dispatching is in a very slow moving process. Chief Kizer questioned if the Board was going to support it in 2012. The Board would like a progress report.

Citizen's comments

S. Stoneburner – read a statement regarding steps they went thru to build a small addition on their pole barn.

L. Conti – Zoning Ordinance has a flaw.

R. Flath – questioned the method of procedure to receive a building permit.

N. Covault – disappointed on appointments. Two committees, Fire and Parks are helping the Township advance. Differences between Board members and Parks Committee needs to stop.

Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Potter-Williams, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Garilyn Sportel-Bogard
Alamo Township Clerk