

ALAMO TOWNSHIP HALL  
7901 NORTH 6<sup>th</sup> STREET  
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN 49009

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Conti at 7:05 p.m...

The Pledge of Allegiance was sited and an Invocation was given by Trustee Potter-Williams.

**Attendance:** Supervisor Conti, Treasurer Stoneburner, Clerk Endres, Trustees Potter-Williams & VanderWeele.  
Other interested parties: Representative from Consumers Power and 18 +/- individuals.

**MOTION** was made by Supervisor Conti to change the evenings Agenda to include a report to be given by a representative from Consumers Energy , report to be given after authorization of liabilities, Supported by Trustee Potter-Williams. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes for the May 12, 2014 Alamo Township Road Improvements Special Assessment District No. 2 Hearing;

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Potter-Williams to approve the meetings minutes as written, Supported by Trustee VanderWeele.

Motion Carried 4-1; Opposed: Treasurer Stoneburner.

Minutes for the May 12, 2014 Alamo Township Board Meeting;

**MOTION** was made by Trustee VanderWeele to approve the meeting minutes with a spelling error change on page 3 the word begging should be beginning, Supported by Trustee Potter-Williams..

Motion Carried 4-1; Opposed: Treasurer Stoneburner.

#### **AUTHORIZATION OF LIABILITIES:**

**MOTION** was made by Clerk Endres to approve authorization to pay Liabilities of \$33,831.86 (this total reflects void check # 4703). , Supported by Trustee Potter-Williams.

Motion Carried 4-1; Opposed: Treasurer Stoneburner.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** A representative from Consumers Energy introduced the New Smart Meter this is part of a Consumers Energy Efficiency Upgrade. The New Meters are connected to the Verizon cellular network, the meters communicate information such as power outages, meter reads, and peak time of usage to the main office via text. Meters are projected to be installed in Kalamazoo County in 2015 and 2016.

#### **REPORTS:**

- **SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Conti reminded us that Saturday May 14, 2014 is once again recycling day (9-1) and the Farmers & Crafters Market (8-2) at the Townships "Rector Community Park". Conti also announced the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Classic in The Park" held Saturday June 28, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m...There is no admission charge for this popular Township event it is strictly by donation with proceeds going towards park improvements.
- **CLERK/SEXTON:** Liabilities for May 2014: \$33,831.86 (this total reflects void check # 4703).  
Clerk Endres Reported: The Audit was held May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Endres gave the final budget adjustment for the 2013/2014 fiscal year for the Fire and Rescue Department (see attached doc.) The Metro County Connect is now offering a Grocery Service program for those in need of assistance. Kalamazoo County Transportation

Authority along with Metro Transit is offering a "Learn to Ride" program for those who have never ridden the Bus and do not know where to start. A Citizen called and complimented how nice the Cemeteries look; and the office has used the budgeted funds to purchase new printers and a scanner.

Cemetery: Income for May \$ 1,175.00. General maintenance will be taking place in the near future to upright tilting stones and trim overhanging branches. The growing dirt pile at the Alamo Center Cemetery will be removed so Cemetery lots can be sold, to prevent the stockpile in the future it will be removed upon site excavation at no additional cost to township.

Elections: Clerk Endres & Deputy Forrest attended Election Training to prepare for the August Primary Election and the November Gubernatorial Election.

- **TREASURER:** Treasurer Stoneburner informed the Board the CD held at PNC will be expiring July 26, 2014, she would like to know what the board would like to do with the funds, Supervisor Conti requested that the issue be brought to the next meeting.

- General Account: \$123,510.80
- Trust & Agency: \$680.90 (money goes in and out)
- Current Tax: \$1,707.84 (paid put twice a month)
- Fire Truck Fund: \$18,238.49
- Surplus Account: \$61,954.09 (not a CD)
- CD (PNC): \$50,961.13
- Savings Account: \$250,018.59 (moved from First National Bank CD)
- Insured Cash Sweep Money Market Savings: \$233,437.63
- Kalamazoo Community Foundation: not given

- **BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

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|---------------------|----|-------------------------------------------------|
| Building Permits    | 9  | \$2,417.00                                      |
| Electrical Permits  | 4  | \$320.00 (includes additional inspection fees*) |
| Mechanical Permits  | 4  | \$35.00                                         |
| Outdoor Wood Boiler | 1  | \$25.00                                         |
| Totals              | 18 | \$3097.00                                       |

- **FIRE AND RESCUE:** There were 18 Total Runs reported for the month of May. (Chief Kizer not in attendance)

9 Medical Emergencies  
1 Vehicle accidents  
1 Grass Fire  
3 Structure Fires  
2 Initial Aid / Assist  
2 Miscellaneous

Training for the month of May included Continued Education Credits-pediatrics, and Drivers Training at he Kalamazoo Speedway.

It was reported that Firefighter Merritt Bush has resigned.

- **PLANNING COMMISSION:** Planning Chair Covault reported The Truck wash is moving forward; Road improvements to 'D' Avenue near the Expressway are being planned to expand it to 3 lanes adding a turn lane;

Member Potter-Williams is waiting for verification from attorney as to which entities need the proposed Master Land Use Plan amendment; There will be a hearing July 1, 2014 to review the Zoning Changes; Special Exception Use Permit (SEUP) for J & K Machine will be held on June 17, 2014 at 7:00p.m. (Waiting on site plan from VanDam & Kruiuzenga); there was a public hearing to consider a SEUP for 5010 West D Avenue (Jaspal Singh) for the proposed 7,200 sf Convenience/liquor store.

- **PARK BOARD:** Sidewalk improvements to take place in July, Monarch will pour the curbing for the Swing set as part of the sidewalk project at no additional charge to the township; The 5<sup>th</sup> Street acquisition will be going to the Kalamazoo County Board on July 15, 2014 to approve giving the Right of Way to the Township; The Fire Department requested the use of the C Avenue Park for training events. Brian Ekema will provide a detailed schedule of training events and a land use agreement will be drawn up.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** The focus of the Economic Development Committee is on the US 131 & 'D' Avenue corridor. Their goal is to study and prepare a report to be presented to the Township Board this fall with an outline of positive steps to assist in developing this economic corridor. The Committee has met with a Southwest Michigan First representative to learn more about rural development strategies. A well thought out plan should lead to controlled development, create local jobs and add to the overall township tax base. Interested citizens wanting to be part of "Building a Better Alamo" call Supervisor Conti at 382-3366.
  - **FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO USE 'C' AVENUE PROPERTY:** The Alamo Fire Department is requesting the use of the Townships 'C' Avenue property for training purposes. Brian Ekema will be submitting a detailed schedule of training events that the Fire Department would like to participate in on the property. They will be required to submit and follow a Land Use Plan. At any time the Township sees fit this agreement can be revoked.  
**MOTION** was made by Trustee Potter-Williams to authorize the Fire Department to present a Land Use Plan to the Park Board for review before final presentation to the Township Board, Supported by Trustee VanderWeele. Motion Carried 5-0.
  - **BEAUTIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP HALL RESTROOMS:** Trustee VanderWeele requested permission to beautify the Township Hall Restrooms at no cost to the Township.  
**MOTION** was made by Trustee Potter-Williams to authorize Trustee VanderWeele to Decorate, Paint, & add a table to beautify the Hall restrooms, Supported by Supervisor Conti. Motion Carried 5-0.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Comment was heard regarding the balance of General Fund.

**BOARD MEMBER TIME:** Supervisor Conti spoke of the "Good Samaritan" program offered by the Alamo Foundation to Aide citizens in cleaning up their property. This program helps citizens that have health issues or monetary issues that otherwise could not do it on their own.

The Alamo Foundation has set up a Scholarship that is being offered to Alamo Township Students that attend the Kalamazoo Nature Centers Herron Woods School.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Potter-Williams to adjourn meeting (8:05p.m.), supported by Trustee VanderWeele. Motion Carried 5-0.