

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Hyet.

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited and an invocation was given by Trustee VanderWeele.

Attendance: Supervisor Hyet, Treasurer Stoneburner, Clerk Endres, Trustees VanderWeele and Kennedy.

Other interested parties 31 +/- individuals.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION** was made by Treasurer Stoneburner to approve the December 08, 2014 meeting minutes as written, Supported by Trustee Kennedy. Motion carried 5-0.

**AUTHORIZATION OF LIBILITIES:**

**MOTION** was made by Clerk Endres to grant permission to pay outstanding invoices, Supported by Trustee VanderWeele. Motion Carried 5-0.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:**

**MOTION** was made by Clerk Endres to amend the meeting's agenda to include: approval of Land Use Plan, approval to attend MTA Board of Review Training and to remove item 6-B Otsego Athletic Booster Resolution, supported by Trustee Kennedy. Motion Carried 5-0.

**REPORTS:**

➤ **SUPERVISOR:**

Supervisor Hyet reported changes to Board and Committee members and the building of new relationships. Hyets primary priority is to ensure the road program continues; he introduced David Worthams Alamo's new representative from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission. The Supervisors plans for the remainder of the month will be dealing with road repair, the 2015/2016 budget, the Water Program, as well as the recycling program.

➤ **CLERK:**

Clerk Endres reported receiving two complaints regarding the closing of the Park.

Clerk Endres reviewed Budget Adjustments and asked for permission to transfer money from Contingency to cover shortfalls (see attached list for all adjustments).

**MOTION** was made by Clerk Endres to grant permission to transfer from contingency \$ 9,420.00 to cover 2014/2015 Budget shortfalls in the following areas:

Elections \$3,750.00

Clerk \$400.00

Supervisor \$270.00

Building Department \$2,500.00

Planning Commission \$2,500.00

Motion Supported by Supervisor Hyet. Motion Carried 5-0.

Liabilities December 2014:      \$ 25,896.23

Cemetery:

Cemetery income for December 2014: \$ 800.00

Elections:

There will be a State wide election in May to address the states crumbling infrastructure. The plan is to raise 1.3 Billion in new funding.

➤ **TREASURER:**

General Account	\$ 138,435.28
Trust & Agency	\$ 1,387.73
Current Tax	\$1,000,511.11
Fire Truck Fund	\$ 18,239.56
Surplus Account	\$ 61,957.74
Cash Sweep Fund	\$ 33,567.34
Savings	\$ 174,060.96
Kalamazoo Foundation	\$105,022.73

➤ **BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

1- Building Permits	\$ 300.00
2- Electrical Permits	\$ 205.00
3- Mechanical Permits	\$ 255.00
0- Wood Boiler Permits	\$ 0.00
6-TOTAL	\$ 760.00

➤ **FIRE AND RESCQUE:**

Chief Kizer reported responding to 15 incidents in the month of December.

7- Medical Emergencies

5- Miscellaneous

3- Fires- 1 Building, 2 Chimney

Training: CE credits, Scene Lighting and Scene Set up.

Operations: None.

Personnel: Chief Kizer asked permission to approve hiring Austin Dutton and Josh Eichler. Kizers plans are to bring the staff up to 24 Volunteer Fire Fighters by March, a full staff.

**MOTION** was made by Treasurer Stoneburner to give Chief Kizer permission to hire Austin Dutton and Josh Eichler as Volunteer Firefighters, Supported by Trustee Kennedy. Motion Carried 5-0.

Public Relations: None.

Chief Kizer informed the Board that he is looking into contracting with a new ambulance service and asked permission to allow 6 senior firefighters to attend a firefighting seminar.

**MOTION** was made by Treasurer Stoneburner to send 6 Senior Firefighters to the firefighting seminar "Making Yourself Hard to Kill" on January 31, 2015 at a cost of \$75.00 per person, Supported by Trustee Kennedy. Motion Carried 5-0.

➤ **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Member Pauline Keiser reported the Land Use Plan was Accepted and Approved and will come before the Board today for final approval; she mentioned having issues with the Wash Out center with dumping waste in Cooper Township and liquid runoff going into the drainage ditch, she said the issue will be dealt with by the DEQ; and members were appointed to sub committees however this seems to be falling by the wayside.

**MOTION** was made by Treasurer Stoneburner to allow officials on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals attend the 2015 Planning and Zoning Essentials workshops to be held February 4, 2015, Supported by Clerk Endres. Motion Carried 5-0.

➤ **PARK BOARD:**

Member Jim Endres reported working on the 2015/2016 Park budget with member Richard Bennett and Clerk Endres it will be presented to the Parks Board at their January meeting before being brought to the township board for consideration; they plan on appointing a new chair to replace retired Chair Tim Brittain.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

▪ **Township Files at Ford Kriekard, Soltis, and Wise PC**

Supervisor Hyet received a letter from Attorney Soltis, the townships previous attorney, informing the board that he is unable to store the 30 years of files currently being held at his office, he wants to know what the Township Board wishes to do with them. Use of an offsite storage facility was suggested. Pricing was obtained for Industrial strength shelving.

**MOTION** was made by Treasurer Stoneburner to approve spending up to \$ 1,000.00 for shelving if the files are to be stored on site, Supported by Trustee Kennedy. Motion Carried 5-0.

▪ **Land Use Plan Approval**

**MOTION** was made by Treasurer Stoneburner to approve the updated Land Use Plan as presented by the Planning Commission, Supported by Trustee VanderWeele. Motion Carried 5-0.

▪ **MTA Board of Review Training**

**MOTION** was made by Treasurer Stoneburner to allow members of the Board of Review to attend the 2015 Board of Review Training held February 4, 2015, Supported by Trustee Kennedy. Motion Carried 5-0.

▪ **Household Hazardous Waste Program Annual Contract**

**MOTION** was made by Clerk Endres to allocate \$2,800.00 for the 2015 annual contract for Household Hazardous Waste disposal (HHW) Supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Motion Carried 5-0.

▪ **5<sup>th</sup> Street Abandonment Update**

Attorney Lohrstorfer just received the paperwork from Prein Newhoff for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street abandonment and plans on having the paperwork completed soon.

▪ **Water Program**

Supervisor Hyet expressed the importance of seeing the water project through. Representative David Worthams from KCRC stated the project has already gone out to bid and that the township is late to the table, the first round of bids should be back within 4 weeks. It was suggested that Supervisor Hyet find out where the KCRC dropped the ball.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

Comments were heard regarding: lack of agenda and the majority of reports on web site, mud on 'G' avenue by the gravel pit, a request was heard to send the road assessment to the electorate, and N. Covault informed the board that after 3 years as the Planning Commission Chair he has resigned citing irreconcilable differences with a new PC board member.

**BOARD MEMBER TIME:**

Trustee Kennedy- stated he is pleased the road project is moving forward and is looking forward to working with the KCRC on road selection for this year's projects.

Clerk Endres- Thanked Newt Covault for his dedication to the Township and for chairing the Planning Commission the past 3 years.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Treasurer Stoneburner to adjourn meeting at 8:13 pm, Supported by Trustee Kennedy. Motion Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Endres  
Alamo Township Clerk