

Alamo Township Hall
7901 NORTH 6th STREET
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN 49009

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

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

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

Other interested parties 32 +/- individuals.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION was made by Treasurer Stoneburner to approve the August 10, 2015 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 Supervisor Hyet. Motion Carried 5-0.

REPORTS:

➤ **SUPERVISOR:**

Supervisor Hyet reported attending a supervisors conference; some of the subjects covered where Assessments, Roads , Personal Property Taxes, and how to handle Hot Topics at Board meetings. Hyet thanked citizen Dan Knight for working the monthly recycling program, and thanked Jeff Molenaar for helping with a fire call on the Highway, although Molenaar is not an active member of the Alamo Township Volunteer Fire Men he is a volunteer for Gun Plains Township.

➤ **CLERK:**

August Liabilities: \$137,459.01

Cemetery:

Income for June: \$0.00

Elections:

Absentee Voter Applications will be going out in the mail September 18, 2015 for the November Election.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Township has *had* received several emails and phone calls of concern regarding the proposed Lantern Fest. Citizen Kim Spitzner called and would like to see a millage passed to support an increase of police presence within the community.

➤ **TREASURER:**

General Account	\$202,938.87
Trust & Agency	\$ 405.93
Current Tax	\$ 235,392.12
Fire Truck Fund	\$ 18,240.78
Surplus Account	CLOSED 9/4/15 to General Fund to pay for roads
Cash Sweep Fund	\$ 197,172.60
Savings	\$100,229.50
Kalamazoo Foundation	

Treasurer Stoneburner asked for permission to move the Fire Truck Fund from PNC to First National Bank and place it into a Rising Rate CD.

MOTION was made by Clerk Endres to allow Treasurer Stoneburner to move the Fire Truck Fund from PNC to First National Bank and place it into a Rising Rate CD, Supported by Trustee VanderWeele. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

➤ **BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

August Report-

6- Building Permits	\$ 192.00
3- Electrical Permits	\$ 615.00
2- Mechanical Permits	\$ 130.00
1- Wood Boiler Permits	\$ 25.00
12-TOTAL	\$962.00

Supervisor Hyet has appointed Steve Hoogstraten to be the Townships Dangerous Building Ordinance Officer.

➤ **FIRE AND RESCUE:**

Chief Kizers reported the department responded to 17 incidents in the month of August :

9- Medical Emergencies

3- PI Accidents

2-Grass Fires

1- Vehicle Fire

1- Mutual Aides: 1 Oshtemo

1- Miscellaneous

Training: Driver Training, Evolution #1- Hose Lays.

Operations: Nothing to report.

Personnel: Jeremy Kent has resigned as of September 9, 2015.

➤ **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Member Studabaker reported 4 citizens attended the Public Hearing on the proposed Sign Ordinance changes which was held September 8, 2015. Attorney Kaffman suggested continuing the discussion at the October Meeting.

Supervisor Hyet stated he will be speaking to each of the PC Members to find common ground regarding the proposed changes to the sign ordinance over the next two weeks.

Next month's Planning Commission meeting will be held at the Kalamazoo Nature Centers Heronwood Site.

➤ **PARK BOARD:**

Chair J. Endres reported a B & E at the township park into the maintenance outbuilding. The break in is currently being investigated by the Kalamazoo County Police Department.

Endres asked the Board if they had gotten word from the Engineer regarding the 5th Street Bridge project so work could begin. Supervisor Hyet stated the go ahead was given by the engineer and work may begin. Endres stated having two plans of attack they will be choosing from.

➤ **BUSINESS:**

- **COUNTY SHERIFFS REPORT/ RUPERT LAKE:** The County Sheriff Department reported receiving 138 calls from Alamo Township for service. Supervisor Hyet mentioned having issues at Rupert Lake. Hyet is having Lieutenant Christiansen look into the cost to add scheduled patrols within the township. It is estimated that a full time officer ranges between \$100,000.00 to \$110,000.00 per year and \$45,000.00 to \$60,000.00 per year for part time. Options to pay for the added service include acquiring a public safety grant, or possibly creating a Special Assessment.
- **ASSESSOR:** After interviewing possible applicants to fill the vacant assessor position it was narrowed down to three: J. Hoevenaar, B. Brousseau, and Sherry Burd w/ Assistant. **MOTION** was made by Trustee Kennedy to retain Sherry Burd and her assistant as the Alamo Townships Assessor at the same pay rate, Supported by Clerk Endres. Carried 5-0.
- **LANTERN FESTIVAL:** Supervisor Hyet informed all that since there is no township ordinance regulating or restricting the release of sky lanterns it is currently not illegal. Concerns were heard regarding possible fires, trespassing, litter, wind, and distance traveled, and height traveled, burn time, risk to community and an overall general disagreement with the speedways decision to host this event.
- **MARTY LANDIS CONSULTING:** **MOTION** was made by Clerk Endres to retain Landis Consulting to perform Alamo townships annual Sand & Gravel operations inspection, Supported by Supervisor Hyet. Carried 5-0.
- **AGENDA POLICY:** Trustee VanderWeele presented an updated version of the Board Transparency Policy for consideration. Supervisor Hyet suggested VanderWeele meet with him to review and make minor changes.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Comment was heard regarding Rupert Lake: trash, outhouse blown up, meth problem, and drug transactions, and general crime; It was suggested that the citizens should be making calls to the County if one feels something doesn't look right this would make the county have a presents in the township without incurring an additional charge to its citizens.

BOARD MEMBER TIME:

Trustee Kennedy- Thanked those present for allowing a civil meeting to take place.

Trustee VanderWeele – Reminded board members of the September 25th deadline for Newsletter articles.

Treasurer Stoneburner- Taxes have been coming in.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Clerk Endres to adjourn meeting at 8:38 pm, Supported by Supervisor Hyet. Motion Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Endres, Alamo Township Clerk