

Alamo Township Hall  
7901 NORTH 6<sup>th</sup> 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 21 +/- individuals.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee VanderWeele to amend Agenda to include the Metro Act Permit in New Business, Supported by Supervisor Hyet. Motion Carried 5-0

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA- MEETING MINUTES & APPROVAL OF LIABILITIES:**

**MOTION** was made by Supervisor Hyet to approve the consent agenda with one grammatical error correction to the September 14, 2015 meeting minutes, Supported by Trustee Kennedy. Motion Carried 5-0

**REPORTS:**

➤ **SUPERVISOR:**

Natural Gas is still a possibility for Alamo Township residents , although dealing with the prompts at Consumers Energy is frustrating it is the correct number. Construction of the Hall parking lot should begin 10/08/2015. Questions regarding township roads may be directed to Kalamazoo County Road Commission at 269-381-3171 or by going to their web site [www.kcrc-roads.com](http://www.kcrc-roads.com).

➤ **CLERK:**

August Liabilities:           \$111,969.18

Cemetery:

Income for June:           \$800.00

Elections:

Everything is running smoothly for the November Election, AV Ballots have gone out.

**MOTION** was made by Supervisor Hyet to approve the Election inspectors for the November Election, supported by Clerk Endres. Motion Carried 5-0

➤ **TREASURER:**

General Account	\$ 90,116.50
Trust & Agency	\$ 801.74
Current Tax	\$183,218.40
Fire Truck Fund	\$ 18,240.93
Cash Sweep Fund	\$ 197,222.03
Savings	\$100,245.98
Kalamazoo Foundation	\$112,742.82 as of 9/2015

Treasurer Stoneburner moved the Fire Truck Fund from PNC to First National Bank into a Rising Rate CD.

➤ **BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

5- Building Permits	\$ 719.00
4- Electrical Permits	\$ 545.00
6- Mechanical Permits	\$ 6570.00
0- Wood Boiler Permits	\$
12-TOTAL	\$1834.00

Building Official Cardiff has started issuing dangerous building citations. There will be a dangerous building hearing in November. Chief Kizer requested notification of condemned buildings stating the fire department could use them for training provided asbestos remediation is completed and the proximity of other buildings is deemed safe.

➤ **FIRE AND RESCUE:**

Chief Kizers reported the department responded to 22 incidents in the month of September:

- 14- Medical Emergencies
- 2- PI Accidents
- 1-Grass Fires
- 1- Vehicle Fire
- 2- Mutual Aides: 1 Oshtemo, 1 Gobles
- 2- Miscellaneous

Training: Vehicle Extrication and Fire Ground Communication.

Operations: Beginning October 14, 2015 the State of Michigan is mandating all rescue trucks carry Narcan; the township will incur an initial cost of \$35.00 per rescue vehicle.

The Fire Department will be having its annual candy check October 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:00pm.

Chief Kizer Thanked Weller Automotive for the donation of a nice multi function printer; announced Alamo will be training Gun Plains Township how to use extrication equipment (no cost to Alamo Township). Kizer continues to research contract options for ambulance service, is researching new extrication tools; and informed the board the Officers meeting will be moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month beginning in November.

➤ **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Meeting was held at the Kalamazoo Nature Center's Heronwood facility Chair Smith discussed the proposed changes to Section 8.1(3)(b).

**MOTION** was made by Supervisor Hyet to return section 8.1 to Planning Commission to add standards, Supported by Clerk Endres. Motion Carried 5-0.

Smith discussed sending Section 8.4 Signs to a subcommittee for remainder of needed changes.

Supervisor Hyet charged the Planning Commission to explore and create a Firework/Illuminated airborne Lantern ordinance.

➤ **PARK BOARD:**

Otsego Public Schools will be hosting the Junior Varsity Cross Country Invitational at Rector Park on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Chair J. Endres thanked John Kennedy for building the new section of the park trails. Endres stated the goal for the 5th Street bridge project is to seal bridge, install rails, fencing and barriers this year. Aloh Blanchard, the Farmers and Crafters Market Chair, decorated the trail at the park and gave tours, she said they had lots of positive feedback and had a great turn out for the event, she hopes to do it again next year. Member Podwell announced wanting to have an annual photo contest, pictures must be of locations in Alamo Township.

➤ **BUSINESS:**

- **Metro Franchise Agreement:** It was decided that due to lack of paperwork the board would need to revisit the Metro Franchise Agreement at a Special Meeting.
- **Policy Committee discussion:** Supervisor Hyet would like to re establish the Policy Committee so the townships policies can be brought up to date.
- **Recycle Program discussion:** It has been a struggle to find volunteers to oversee the recycle program questioning its continuance. Supervisor Hyet stated it is hard to continually rely on the same people over and over again. Alamo's recycle program was started because there were no other options for the townships residents that wanted to recycle. Currently other options would be to charge residents an Assessment like Cooper and Oshtemo do or let its residents make arrangements for their own recycling; Best Way disposal offers curb side recycling for \$4.00 per month or \$12.00 per quarter.
- **Museum discussion:** Past Board member Ron Feniger stated everything in the townships museum belongs to the township, ads were placed in the Gazette and in the news letter setting a deadline for retrieval of personal items, after deadline ownership of all items not retrieved would belong to the township. It has not been decided what course of action should be taken for the future of the Museum and its contents.

➤ **CITIZEN COMMENT:**

Comment was heard regarding: the Nature Centers Heronwood facility has 41 students enrolled this semester, Otsego Public Library has Newspaper drop off bin in back of building, & Thank You for another Great News Letter.

**BOARD MEMBER TIME:**

Trustee Kennedy- Kennedy spoke with Travis from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission regarding 'B' Avenue, it is standard procedure to let the road settle and fix and repair damage in spring.

Treasurer Stoneburner- the Township has spent \$229,184.31 on Road projects this year to date so far.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Clerk Endres to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm, Supported by Trustee VanderWeele. Motion Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Endres, Alamo Township Clerk