

**ALAMO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

Held at the  
Alamo Township Hall  
**February 03, 2015**

**Present:** Belden Smith, Dick Bennett, John Kennedy, David Veenstra, and Michael Lisak, Patrick Studabaker (alternate) and Pauline Keiser,

**Others Present:** Twelve (12) other interested persons.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Member Belden Smith called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call of Commissioners:** Belden Smith, Dick Bennett, John Kennedy, David Veenstra, Michael Lisak, Patrick Studabaker (alternate), and Pauline Keiser **all answered present.**

**Approval of Minutes: Motion:** by Member Bennett, to accept the January 06, 2015 minutes, with corrections supported by Member Kennedy, Carried.

**Elections:** Recommendations from the Planning Commission that Patrick Studabaker (alternate) will replace Newt Covault who resigned in January 2015. After approval of Patrick Studabaker, by the Alamo Township Board, realignment of the Planning members will take place at later date.

**Sub Committees:** After a discussion of the Planning Commission, it was agreed that the sub-committees be resolved and revisited at a later date.

**Motion:** by Member Kennedy and supported by Member Bennett, Carried

**Zoning Update:** Posting not on the web site in January 2015, but is complete.

**Land Use Plan:** Land Use Plan was sent to the Alamo Township Board on January 12, 2015 and was approved.

**Water Project:** The conduit to be ran under the road on (12<sup>TH</sup> Street / “D” Ave.) corridor intersection is in process. Supervisor Tony Hyet explained the process that was complete up to now, and provided the Planning members with a map of the location of the project. Objections from some board members were that the majority of the township doesn’t want development in Alamo Township. *Explanations*, would help the fire department, bring in revenue, and it’s much cheaper to do it now rather than later, and Alamo would be ready for the water supply when it becomes available, and that could be up to ten (10) years away.

**Andrew Minor:** To purchase the property at 9286 West “D” Ave. Kalamazoo, Michigan and will be a resident of Alamo Township. Mr. Minor introduced himself and family, explained his intentions were to move his catering business Pistachios Catering from West Main Street to his residence and run the business out of his home. Mr. Minor mentioned the property was perfect and did not need any changes. The family liked the area and Otsego Schools and children attended Alamo Elementary School.

Member Smith pointed out the area was in the Agriculture District, and it would be up to Mr. Minor to get building permits if any building occurred. Member Bennett explained the Alamo Ordinance and possible restrictions. Member Veenstra commented on concerns about the possible influx of traffic.

**Commissioners Reports: FIRE**—Member Lisak, reported the Alamo Fire Department has very special and dedicated people and the people of Alamo should be very proud. Training is on going in the Fire Dept.

**PARK** ---Member Bennett, reported at the January 27, 2015 meeting Jim Endres, was appointed chairperson of the Parks Committee, and the new budget was submitted. **Economic Development, -0- ZBA**—some of the members of the Planning Board, will attend an educational class.

**Citizen Comment:** Alamo Township is rural and the majority of the people want to keep it that way.

**Commissioners Comment:** Member Kennedy, commented that the whole township is like a park. Member Bennett and Member Keiser thanked Member Smith for chairing the meeting. Applause for Member Belden Smith by all in attendance.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Member John Kennedy and supported by Member Dick Bennett. Carried, Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pauline Keiser, Secretary