

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

Supervisor Hyet called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Hyet, Treasurer Stoneburner, Clerk Endres, Trustees Kennedy and VanderWeele; others in attendance 12 +/-.

6:00 pm

Joint meeting with the Road Commission of Kalamazoo

Mark Warden from the Road Commission of Kalamazoo reviewed the county wide Capital Improvement Plan along with Alamo Township's Local Road Projects from 2005 to 2015.

The Alamo Township Surface Rating Summary shows 14% of Primary Roads are in Good shape while 86% are rated as being Fair; the Local Roads show 24% are in Good condition, 39% are in Fair condition, while 37% are rated as being in Poor condition. Mr. Warden expressed the importance of asset management to save and preserve the good roads so they do not prematurely slip into the Poor condition category.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hyet to take a five minute break so the RCKC can break down and depart, Supported by Trustee VanderWeele. Motion Carried 5-0.

7:00 pm Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees resumes.

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

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hyet to approve the October 10, 2016 meeting minutes as written, and allow payment of liabilities, Supported by Trustee VanderWeele. Motion Carried 5-0.

REPORTS:

➤ **SUPERVISOR.**

Supervisor Hyet touched on the new state guidelines ruling Medical Marijuana in our communities.

➤ **CLERK:**

October 2016 Liabilities: \$47,373.17

Cemetery:

Income for October: \$ 0.00

ELECTIONS:

Clerk Endres reported having a heavy turnout in the precincts on Election Day.

Precinct 1: 661 voters showed up at the polls on Election Day while 208 voted absentee ballot.

Precinct 2: 1363 voters showed up at the polls on Election Day while 374 voted absentee ballot.

Alamo reported having a 71.4% overall turnout for the election.

➤ **TREASURER:**

General Account	\$ 135,747.82
Trust & Agency	\$ 3,187.28
Current Tax	\$ 47,299.89
Fire Truck Fund	\$ 18,314.19
Cash Sweep Fund	\$ 226,570.70
Savings	\$ 231,921.00
Kalamazoo Foundation	\$ 133,557.89

➤ **BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

2- Building Permits	\$ 1,020.00
2- Electrical Permits	\$ 990.00
2- Mechanical Permits	\$ 390.00
0- Wood Boiler Permits	\$ 0
Permits/Zoning Compliance	
17-TOTAL	\$2,400.00

➤ **FIRE AND RESCUE:**

Chief Kizer reported Alamo Fire and Rescue responded to 38 incidents in the month of October, with an average response time of 6.68 minutes.

27- EMS Calls

3- Misc.

7 Personal Injury Accidents

1- Cooking Fire

Training: CE Credits, Hose Streams and water flow.

Operations: Projected in- service date for the New Grass Truck will be around February 1, 2017.

Personnel: Ken Schneider a 15 year vet of the Alamo Fire Department has passed away.

Public Relations: Kizer reported the Halloween candy check was a success with 60 kids and 45 adults stopping by to participate and join in the fun; this is up nearly 20% from previous years. Fire Prevention day at Alamo Elementary was a huge success providing in class instruction, smoke trailer training along with truck tours for the entire school.

Kizer reported Engine 121 did not pass it's pump test , it is estimated to cost between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00 repair.

➤ **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Chair Studabaker reported having no issues with the public meeting to rezone 7811 Ravine Road and the 7600 block on the west side of Ravine Road.

The Planning Commission is working on: possibly rezoning the 131/D Avenue corridor to I-3, improving the Blight Ordinance and Parking Ordinance changes.

The next meeting will be held at Herron Wood.

➤ **PARKS BOARD:**

The New swing set for the park is here and will be installed in the spring; the new sign is up and looks great. J-Endres stated the gates have been closed for the winter; however, the park is still available for use.

➤ **BUSINESS:**

A. ROYAL ESTATES- WATER SYSTEM RESOLUTION:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hyet to approve Meritus Communities to operate a drinking water system serving the Royal Estate Community located at 8300 Ravine Road, Supported by Trustee VanderWeele. Upon a roll call vote the following voted Yes: Trustee Kennedy, Trustee VanderWeele, Supervisor Hyet, Treasurer Stoneburner and Clerk Endres. Motion Carried 5-0.

B. 2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES:

MOTION was made by Suprvisor Hyet to approve the 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines to be used by the March Board of Review, Supported by Treasurer Stoneburen. Motion Carried 5-0.

➤ **DISCUSSION:**

- A. **PREIN & NEWHOFF FOR DEEDS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:** The Alamo Township Assessor has advised the township to hire a firm to update the townships maps so they match up with the legal descriptions; stating the records are a mess and the assessors job difficult, it is estimated to run the township \$3,000.00 to complete this task.
- B. **FIRE/EMERGENCY SERVICES MILLAGE:** With the aging fleet of the fire department Supervisor Hyet has been reviewing information on a possible operating millage to support Alamo's fire department.
- C. **AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES 2016 COMPLIANCE REPORT:** Aggregate Industries is in violation of its site plan due to the installation of an above ground water storage tank. Supervisor Hyet will be reaching out to AI regarding this matter.

➤ **CITIZEN COMMENT:**

Comments were heard regarding: Consumers Energy natural gas expansion, ZBA hearing to address parking spaces for commercial store and the great job Inspector M. Landis does for the township.

➤ **BOARD COMMENT:**

Treasurer Stoneburner- Tax bills going out December 1st.

Trustee VanderWeele Read a Thank You letter from her mother thanking the township for honoring her family by renaming the Alamo Township Park after her late husband Eugene Rector.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hyet to adjourn meeting at 8: 17 pm, Supported by Trustee Kennedy. Motion Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Endres
Alamo Township Clerk