

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

Supervisor Hyet called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Hyet, Treasurer Stoneburner, Clerk Endres, Trustees Kennedy and VanderWeele; others in attendance 10 +/-.

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

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

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hyet to amend the agenda, to add the appointment of Patrick Studabaker to the ZBA, Supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Motion Carried 5-0.

REPORTS:

➤ **SUPERVISOR.**

Supervisor Hyet highlighted the main topic of the Supervisors meeting which was Past and Future Road Funding.

Charleston Township Supervisor, Jerry VanderRoest shared his view with the group: There is nothing in the State statute requiring Townships to take responsibility for any road upkeep, however, if there is going to be any improvement to secondary/local roads; it will only happen if Townships pay for them. Townships are at a crisis point to find funds with limited sources for revenue. It is his wish that Kalamazoo County will play a major role in finding some type of solution.

➤ **CLERK:**

December 2016 Liabilities: \$ 54,156.89

Cemetery:

Income for December: \$ 150.00

➤ **TREASURER:**

General Account	\$ 68,670.66
Trust & Agency	\$ 430.70
Current Tax	\$ 884,001.56
Fire Truck Fund	\$ 18,344.82
Cash Sweep Fund	\$ 226,672.49
Savings	\$ 231,998.53
Kalamazoo Foundation	\$ 134,362.39

➤ **BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

3- Building Permits	\$ 1,462.00	
2- Electrical Permits	\$ 160.00	
7- Mechanical Permits	\$ 560.00	
0- Wood Boiler Permits	\$ 0	
12-TOTAL PERMITS:		\$ 2,182.00

➤ **FIRE AND RESCUE:**

Chief Kizer reported Alamo Fire and Rescue responded to 29 incidents in the month of November, with an average response time of 8.50 minutes (weather related).

15- EMS Calls

1- Misc. (power down)

12- Personal Injury Accidents (3 billable, 9 slide offs waiting for wrecker)

1- Car Fire

Training: CE Credits, Truck Check, and Highway Procedures.

Operations: New Grass Truck is here, still waiting for the Darley Skid Unit.

Total Calls for 2016 totaled 305, which is up from 252 in 2015.

Personnel: K. Mauer has resigned.

Public Relations: The firefighters Annual Holiday Food Drive helped 5 community families; in addition they helped stock the food pantry shelves at the mobile home community.

➤ **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Chair Studabaker reported:

The Planning Commission Entered into a Public Hearing regarding- Rezoning of Six (6) parcels of land in Section 24 of the Township. Mr. D. Schierbeek, part owner of Quality Precast Inc., is seeking to purchase and use the parcels in question. The hearing was moved to recess so further research could be done due to conflicting records regarding eighteen (18) acres lying to the East side of one of the six parcels. The Public Hearing will resume at the Planning Commissions regularly scheduled February meeting.

The changes to ordinance 8.1(5) Deferred Parking and 8.1(4) c required parking spaces per square foot will be included in the Public Hearing to take place in February.

➤ **PARKS BOARD:**

There was no meeting in December.

Chair J. Endres stated The Parks Board will submit their budget at the end of the month for the township board's consideration; the members are contemplating skipping the meetings from November through March when very little activity is taking place in the park; and the Museum Christmas Party went over well.

➤ **BUSINESS:**

A. Road Projects 2017-

Currently Alamo Township has chosen Owen Drive- C Avenue to D Avenue as its Reconstruction project for 2017, the preventive maintenance part of the contract will be voted upon at next month's meeting to allow board members more time for research.

B. Appointment of Rebecca Harvey to the Planning Commission-

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hyet to appoint Rebecca Harvey to the Alamo Township Planning Commission, Supported by Clerk Endres. Motion Carried 5-0.

C. Appointment of Patrick Studabaker to the ZBA-

D. MOTION was made by Supervisor Hyet to appoint Patrick Studabaker to the Alamo Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), Supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Motion Carried 5-0.

E. Household Hazardous Waste 2017-

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hyet to provide funding to a maximum amount of \$2,800.00 to the County for services at the HHW Center, Supported by Trustee Kennedy. Motion Carried 5-0.

➤ **DISCUSSION:** None.

➤ **CITIZEN COMMENT:**

Comment was heard regarding: Inventory of Museums items will begin Friday at 5:00 pm, and The Club Car Restaurant is up and running.

➤ **BOARD COMMENT:**

Trustee VanderWeele- the Community News Letter will be going out in March, VanderWeele is requesting all articles be submitted to her by the second week of February.

Supervisor Hyet- April Conference to take place in Lansing this year, and reviewed the Sheriff report.

Treasurer Stoneburner- the influx of taxes has begun to slow.

Trustee Kennedy- Thoughts and Prayers are with the Stoneburner family as they deal with the loss of a family member.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hyet to adjourn meeting at 8:20 pm, Supported by Trustee Kennedy. Motion Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Endres
Alamo Township Clerk