

April 11, 2022 - Township Board Meeting Minutes

The Board Meeting of the Alamo Township Board of Trustees was held at the Alamo Township Hall, 7901 North 6th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

The Township Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor VanderWeele at 7:02 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 5 citizens in attendance.

Board Members Present:

Supervisor: Gail VanderWeele
Treasurer: Mary Stoneburner
Clerk: Barb Venema
Trustee: Russell Scott
Trustee: Jason Scheffers

Lt. Baker spoke for a few minutes. He gave an update. He is moving to a lateral job. Captain Jeff Christenson will be our contact now. Stats are in our board packet. He answered questions about carrying guns in during the election.

A. Minutes

Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Trustee Scott supported. Passed.

B. Approval of Liabilities

Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to approve liabilities. Trustee Scott supported. Passed

Received Reports:

Clerks Report: No death report was received from County as of yet. Very busy with Elections, Pre-lim testing on voting machines was done. Absentee Ballots have been coming in. Election workers were approved and took zoom training at the Township Hall. Cemeteries have been cleaned for the spring.

Treasurer Report:

First National Bank:

Insured Cash Sweep: \$365,199.98
Current tax: \$177,673.71
Trust & Agency: \$ 1,961.74
General Account: \$201,563.67
Fire Withholding: \$ 13,058 = 7263 Ravine Road still holding

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$257,110.88 As of February 28 , 2022

Trustee Scheffers wonder if we had spent all of the \$25,000. Were the bathrooms and Concession stand finished? Possibility of new playground equipment?

Building Department Report: December 2021

Building Permits	10	\$ 625.00
Electrical Permits	7	\$ 875.00
Mechanical Permits	7	\$500.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	0	
Totals	24	\$2000.00

Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission did not meet on March 1. Chairperson Studabaker was at the board meeting and gave some update. Language is changing on some ordinance. Waiting on advice from Township Lawyers, and will proceed soon with "Land Use Plan".

Fire Department Report:

Given by Fire Chief Kizer

For the month of March, 2022, Alamo Fire Department responded to 28 Incidents. The nature of these calls are as follows:

Incidents:

- 13 EMS calls
- 5 PI Accidents
- 2 Initial Aids. 1-Cooper, 1-Otsego
- 2 Misc
- 1 Fire -1 vehicle
- 4 Alarms and no incident found
- 1 Dispatched/cancelled

Year to Date calls: 111

Training:

- 3 /7 Fire Ground Tactics
- 3/21 Fire Ground Preparedness

Operation:

No Operations to report

Personnel:

Emma Hoffman has resigned

Public Relations/Fire Prevention:

No public relations or fire prevention to report

Terry gave a report of possible pancake breakfast at Outdoor Adventures, Race Track or at Fire Dept. No definite details as of yet. Discussion on a payment of bill. Will consult lawyers/auditors. Discussion tabled.

Roll call was taken: Trustee Scheffers, Yes, Trustee Scott, Yes, Treasurer Stoneburner, Yes, Supervisor VanderWeele, Yes and Clerk Venema, Yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Salary Resolution: Trustee Scott read the Salary Resolution. Treasurer Stoneburner made a motion, was supported by Clerk Venema. Roll Call was taken. Trustee Scheffers, Yes, Trustee Scott, Yes, Treasurer Stoneburner, Yes, Supervisor VanderWeele, Yes and Clerk Venema, Yes.

Trustee Scheffers stated that we should actually try to balance the budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

ARPA Funds: Discussion started on what to spend the Covid Relief Funds on. Some suggestions were made from citizens and board members. Suggested that a committee be formed on this matter." We are blessed to have this money." Gail VanderWeele stated.

Fireworks approval requested from Outdoor Adventures on C Ave. Questions were raised as if they had their back road ready and cleaned for fire trucks to enter. Need to turn insurance papers. In past were not timely or organized. Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion, Trustee Scheffers supported. Motion Passed.

Junk Day was on Saturday, April 9. 6 volunteers. At least 80 vehicles. 2 garbage trucks full, 40 yd of metal. Treasurer Stoneburner questioned if we are given the money for the metal collection.

Citizens Comments: A suggestion was made to have junk day in May, instead of April, due to the weather. It was suggested we call and schedule a date soon, for next year.

Board Comments:

Supervisor VanderWeele met with the Road Commission at Adobe Road, they will figure out cost to fix the torn up road. "We have to do, something." The road was not built initially for the "Love Truck Stop".

Deputy Supervisor VanderWeele said the they suggested to pay for it with a special assessment. Possible concrete.

Supervisor VanderWeele gave a quick update, that the museum was being handled by the Biddergy, and online auction company. Will have bell removed, pay for it possibly with ARPA funds?

Treasurer Stoneburner stated we will have Audit in May.

Adjournment

Treasurer Stoneburner made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Scott supported the motion. Motion passed. Adjournment @ 9:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema,