

April 10, 2023- 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.

Board Members Present:

Supervisor: Gail VanderWeele

Treasurer: Mary Stoneburner

Clerk: Barb Venema

Trustee: Russell Scott

Trustee: Jason Scheffers

The Township Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor VanderWeele at 7:03 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

9 people in attendance, which included Fire Chief Kizer, and County Commissioner Dale DeLeeuw.

Citizens Comments:

Deputy Supervisor M. VanderWeele gave a brief report on the Junk and Recycling Day, which just happened on Saturday, April 8. The date for the fall Junk and Recycling will be Oct 14, 2023.

County Commissioner Dale DeLeeuw gave a brief report on things happening at the County. He has been in office for 3 months. The Board Members were each given his business card.

Consent Agreement

- A. Minutes, a motion made by Trustee Scheffers to approve the minutes, of 3 meetings held on March 13, March 20 and March 28, 2023, with Trustee Scott supporting. Passed.
- B. Approval of Liabilities, a motion made by Trustee Scott to approve the liabilities, with Treasurer Stoneburner supporting, motion passed.

Received Reports:

Clerks Report: Death Report: February- 1, March 2

Worked on budget with Supervisor, and with the Treasurer. Typed up the budget for meetings on the March 20 and 28th. The Treasurer and I went through each department and amended the budget for 2022-23, and it was balanced. My deputy and I cleaned up all 3 Alamo Cemeteries, removing old flowers, etc. I have had a lot of cemetery projects going on. A Notice was put up on our door and bulletin board and website, that our Staff will be at The Michigan Township Association Conference, during the Week of April 17 to 20, 2023. I am preparing for an election in August for Otsego Schools.

Treasurers' Report:

Insured Cash Sweep: \$ 366,136.74

Current tax: \$ 8,396.17

Trust & Agency: \$ 700.12
 General Account: \$ 125,660.00
 ARPA Account: \$ 321,554.00
 Special Fire Protection: \$144,985.00
 Fire Withholding: \$

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$245,162.90 As of February 28, 2023.

Building Department Report: March 2023

Building Permits	12	\$1,890.00
Electrical Permits	7	\$ 650.00
Mechanical Permits	4	\$410.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	0	\$.00
Totals	23	\$2,950.00

Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission met on April 4, 2023, Trustee Scheffers gave us a synopsis of the meeting.

Fire Department Report

Given by Fire Chief Kizer

For the month of March, 2023 Alamo Fire Department responded to 30 Incidents. The nature of these calls are as follows:

Incidents:

- 11 EMS calls
- 10 PI Accidents
- 2 Initial Aids, 1-Cooper, 1-Mattawan
- 1 Brush Fire
- 3 Misc.
- 3 Fire Alarms

Year to date calls: 124

Training:

- 3/6 Drafting from external water source – lake/stream
- 3/20 Drafting from drop tanks

Operations:

- Truck are all serviced.
- Rescue 181 is out of service indefinitely. Explanation at meeting.

Personnel:

No personnel report.

Public Relations/Fire Prevention:

No Public Relations to report.

Fire Chief Kizer gave us a report on the Siren and pole that fell on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. It fell onto the roof of the Fire Station. An emergency repair was done at the time. They would like to refurbish the siren and put it on a pole in front of the Fire Station. Truck 181 has been taken off the road with multiple issues right now. It is being kept at Emergency Vehicle Products, currently. The Board of Trustees has been invited and asked to attend the next Fire Department meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7pm. Fire Chief is hoping that some decisions can be made and voted on at the May Board Meeting. They are currently moving equipment from Truck 181 to the other vehicles, so that it is available at emergency sites.

Citizen comments: Deputy Supervisor VanderWeele suggested a plaque be made for the siren.

OLD BUSINESS:

Deputy Treasurer's wages: A proposal was given to the Supervisor from the Deputy Treasurer, pertaining to her pay. It was suggested we check into this a bit more. Legalities and such. Tabled till next meeting, Clerk checking into things

Museum: Trustee Scheffers check with 3 Realtors, first 2 were not interested. Callandar Commercial Realty came out. They suggested a price. They gave a contract if we want to sign it. Treasurer Stoneburner made a motion to sign the sales agreement, Trustee Scheffers supported. We had a Roll Call Vote. Trustee Scott, Yes, Treasurer Stoneburner, Yes, Supervisor VanderWeele, Yes, Trustee Scheffers, Yes, and Clerk Venema, Yes.

Motion passed.

Trustee Scheffers stated that we need to get things out of museum and clean up.

Bell: Trustee Scheffers suggested we put it on castors and put in new doors on the front of Township Hall, and roll it around indoors, or out at times. Worried about vandalism.

NEW BUSINESS:

Citizen comments:

Leah Goodman, gave a brief report on the Sparks Grant. She did leave surveys for the citizens of Alamo to fill out. They have listed things on different facebook pages about the survey. They have had approximately 20 responses.

Deputy Supervisor mentioned that he and Supervisor VanderWeele had a meeting with Spectrum Charter. Spectrum is hoping to receive a grant to be able to offer internet.

Board Comments;

Trustee Scott asked about the 4-H group using the Township Hall for meetings.

Clerk Venema stated that she is keeping super busy with Cemeteries, etc.

Treasurer Stoneburner mentioned she is working with the bank to set up the Special Fire Assessment Fund.

Supervisor VanderWeele stated that her, Clerk and Treasurer will be out of the office next week for the MTA Conference.

Adjournment

Treasurer Stoneburner made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Scheffers supported the motion. Motion passed.
Adjournment @ 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema,