

December 12, 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 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Three residents, plus Fire Chief were in attendance. In addition, our newly elected County Commissioner.

Supervisor VanderWeele asked if any citizens had any comments.

Dale Deleeuw introduced himself, he will be our new County Commissioner for Alamo Township. He will be sworn in at the beginning of 2023. He will stop in again and bring his new business cards. He gave out his phone #, which is 269-720-6885.

Board Members Present:

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

Consent Agreement

A. Minutes

A motion by Trustee Scheffers to approve the minutes, with Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Passed.

B. Approval of Liabilities

A motion by Trustee Scheffers to approve the liabilities, with Trustee Scott supported. Passed.

Received Reports:

Clerks Report: Death Report: 1 death in October, 3 deaths in November

Continuing to file and organize all paper work and notices from the November Election. A recount is in progress, which started this morning, and continues tomorrow at the Expo Center, to recount November proposals 2022-2 and 2022-3. Audits will happen after the recount is done in the state. Continuing to work on the cemeteries, myself and my deputy, pulled all the veteran flags, and trying to clean up summer flowers. Also, continuing to learn more about FOIA processes. Studying my manuals and continuing to learn more about my job. Covid Relief checks were given to our Firefighters this past week.

Treasurers' Report:

Insured Cash Sweep: \$ 365,389.25
Current tax: \$ 44,354.05
Trust & Agency: \$ 22.63
General Account: \$ 497,304.16 including ARPA Funds
Fire Withholding: \$

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$238,308.95 As of October 31, 2022

Supervisor VanderWeele will be contacting Kalamazoo Foundation to find out where the money is for the Mulder's Excavating bill.

Building Department Report: August 2022

Building Permits	4	\$1,233.00
Electrical Permits	7	\$ 605.00
Mechanical Permits	6	\$625.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	0	\$.00
Totals	15	\$2,463.00

Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission did not meet in December.

Fire Department Report

Given by Fire Chief Kizer

For the month of November, 2022, Alamo Fire Department responded to 52 Incidents. The nature of these calls are as follows:

Incidents:

20 EMS calls

19 PI Accidents

5 Misc.

3 Fire, 2 structures, 1 misc.

4 Fire Alarms

1 Assist Cooper Fire

Year to Date calls: 438

Training:

11/07 Search and Rescue (park)

11/21 Scene Size Up

Operations:

No Operations to report.

Personnel:

I would like approval to hire Eric Jensen.

Public Relations/Fire Prevention:

Nothing to report.

Fire Chief Kizer asked for permission to hire Eric Jensen. Trustee Scott made a motion to hire him with Treasurer Stoneburner supporting. Motion passed.

Chief Kizer also reminded us that the wreath was hung at the Fire Station. The idea is to keep it green. A red bulb is added every time a fire occurs. Keeps us aware of how often it happens. The board members were given copies of the diagrams for the new fire truck. There will be no officers meeting in December.

OLD BUSINESS:

Noise ordinance. Supervisor VanderWeele tabled the discussion on the Noise Ordinance until January or February, as our Attorney R. Seeber is still working on some documents.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Review: They will be meeting on Tuesday, December 13, at 8:00 am.

Martin Landes/Aggregate: It was stated that Aggregate doesn't care where they send the payment of monies, to Kalamazoo Foundation or to Alamo Township. Discussion on whether the annual payment can be made to the Township. Deputy Supervisor spoke about C Ave property, Lappin Pit, and Bennett Pit.

Clerk Venema read "Release of Restrictions on "C" Ave property". Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to accept the "Release of Restrictions on C Ave property". Trustee Scheffers supported. We did a roll call vote. Trustee Scheffers, YES, Treasurer Stoneburner, YES, Supervisor Vander Weele, YES, Trustee Scott, YES and Clerk Venema, YES. Motion passed with all YES vote.

Trustee Scheffers made a motion to have Supervisor VanderWeele reach out to have Aggregate Industries make the annual payment to the Township. Treasurer Stoneburner supported the motion. We took a roll call vote. Trustee Scheffers, YES, Supervisor VanderWeele, YES, Treasurer Stoneburner, YES, Trustee Scott, YES, and Clerk Venema, YES. Passed with all YES vote.

Supervisor VanderWeele asked if there were any questions on the YEARLY COMPLIANCE REPORT. Trustee Scott brought up about hauling times that are stated, but not accurate. They will continue to haul, more than likely in to the winter season. Also, Trustee Scott mentioned that the Bond Reclamation is higher, due to more land.

Road Grant/Adobe Road: Deputy Supervisor VanderWeele stated that he had obtained a grant for roads. It should now be in the hands of office staff to continue with it. He also wanted to say that a drug free policy needs to be enacted. Clerk Venema stated that the policy is already back from our Township Attorney.

Deputy Supervisor VanderWeele said that Adobe Road was not completed this fall because of weather. It will be finished is 2023.

Server for our Computers: A new bid from VC3/IT Right was presented by Clerk Venema, for a server to be installed in the office. All the details had been presented at a Board Workshop in November. Clerk Venema made a motion to accept, Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Because it will be ARPA Funds used, we took roll call vote. Trustee Scheffers, YES, Supervisor VanderWeele, YES, Treasurer Stoneburner, YES, Trustee Scott, YES, and Clerk Venema, YES. Passed, with all YES vote.

New Website: Clerk Venema presented the proposal for a new website by Shumaker Technology Group,(STG). Information was discussed, also in November at the Board Workshop Meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Scott to hire STG for our Website, letting Clerk Venema pick which package would be best for the township. Will inform the Board Members of which package the Clerk picks. Could even pick the Platinum package, if wanted. Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Passed.

Schedule for Meeting Dates/Payroll Schedule for 2023: Trustee Scheffers made a motion to approve the Meeting schedule, and Payroll Schedule. Trustee Scott supported. Approved.

Bid for Bell Removal from Museum: Trustee Scheffers brought a bid from Hoeksema Builders for removing the bell from the museum. Trustee Scott made a motion to hire Hoeksema Builders to remove the

bell. Treasurer Stoneburner supported. It will be from ARPA funds, so Roll Call Vote, was taken. Trustee Scheffers, YES, Supervisor VanderWeele, YES, Treasurer Stoneburner, YES, Trustee Scott, YES, and Clerk Venema, YES. All YES vote, passed. Trustee Scheffers would handle the scheduling for removal with Hoeksema Builders.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Fire Chief Kizer would like phone number of H and H Painting, to schedule the painting of the bay at the Fire Station, for spring.

Also, a suggestion, that fire permits be put on the new website. Wednesday night, fire fighters were meeting with Apollo Tools, to finalize, extrication tool.

Mike VW showed a picture of carpet that was dumped at the 5th St Park. He suggested “maybe a no dumping sign”.

Board Comments;

Treasurer Stoneburner stated that the Winter Taxes are currently coming in.

Adjournment

Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Scheffers supported the motion. Motion passed. Adjournment @ 8:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema,