

January 9, 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.

The Township Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor VanderWeele at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Six residents, plus Fire Chief were in attendance. Two additional citizens slipped in late.

Supervisor VanderWeele asked if any citizens had any comments. There were none.

Board Members Present:

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

Consent Agreement

A. Minutes

One mistake: that the wrong month was stated under the Planning Commission. Minutes to be approved with the correction, a motion by Trustee Scheffers, with Trustee Scott supported. Passed.

**Special Meeting Minutes, from Dec 19, 2022, 2 corrections, name of Assistant Fire Chief, and a missing word. Corrections to be made, Treasurer Stoneburner made a motion to approve, and Supervisor VanderWeele supported. Passed.

B. Approval of Liabilities

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

Received Reports:

Clerks Report: Death Report: Did not receive report, yet.

Working on daily duties, bills, cemetery, projects with loose ends. Have contacted people with their related project, Website, phone system, server. I took part in the recount of ballots for the proposals 2 and 3, at the Expo Center. Election Audits haven't taken place as of yet. Working on W-2's and of the year bookwork.

Treasurers' Report:

Insured Cash Sweep:	\$ 365,497.87
Current tax:	\$ 502,441.68
Trust & Agency:	\$ 22.63
General Account:	\$ 458,889.14 including ARPA Funds
Fire Withholding:	\$

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$247,421.28 As of November 3, 2022

Building Department Report: December 2022

Building Permits	4	\$558.00
Electrical Permits	4	\$ 500.00
Mechanical Permits	4	\$290.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	0	\$.00
Totals	12	\$1,348.00

Annual Report for 2022

Building Permits	56	\$10,019.00
Electrical Permits	64	\$ 6,750.00
Mechanical Permits	80	\$6,635.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	3	\$75.00
Totals	203	\$23,479.00

4 new single-family dwellings in 2022

Total permit valuation for 2022 = \$3,074,559

Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission did not meet in January.

Fire Department Report

Given by Fire Chief Kizer

For the month of December, 2022, Alamo Fire Department responded to 50 Incidents. The nature of these calls are as follows:

Incidents:

- 21 EMS calls
- 21 PI Accidents
- 1 Misc.
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 4 Assists – (2) Cooper
(2) Oshtemo

Final call count for 2022: 488

- 149 Fire Related
- 222 Medicals related
- 117 Auto Accident related

Training:

- 12/05 Drivers Training

12/19 Department Trivia

Operations:

161 is out of Service. Transfer case damage. Waiting for parts availability and pricing.

Personnel:

I would like approval to hire Josh Clark.

Public Relations/Fire Prevention:

Nothing to report.

Fire Chief Kizer asked for permission to hire Josh Clark. Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to hire him, Trustee Scott supported. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Kizer stated that the two newest hires, will attend Academy next year, after spending a year on the job. A question was brought up about if the Township pays for Academy. Fire Chief Kizer suggests it be brought up at the meeting with Fire Chief, Asst. Chief and Supervisor, to finish details on that.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARPA Spending Update: The old list we first established was reviewed. Many items that were on the list have already been accomplished. Only a few things are on hold, painting at Fire Station, possible carpet in office. The Server, and Website are in process. Removal of the bell at the museum will be removed soon. Fire department has received all but a couple things from the latest order of tools. Rector Community Park is still being looked at for ongoing additions or updates. A possible grant is being worked on. Mike Lampen, from the Little League gave us an update on the possible grant.

Noise ordinance. Supervisor VanderWeele, with the assistance of Deputy Supervisor VanderWeele started to present a possible updated ordinance. We were presented with a copy of our current noise ordinance at the meeting. They started to point out what was changed. We came to a halt, a motion was made to table this till the March meeting, so that everyone had a chance to review what is different. We will look at progress at the February meeting. Trustee Scott made the motion, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Health & Community Hazardous Waste Contract: Our contract is up for renewal. We gave three quotes of what the amount of money we put forth for our township. A motion was made by Treasurer Stoneburner to go with the total of \$4,750. Supported by Supervisor VanderWeele. Motion passed.

Personal Property Policy: Submitted by our Assessor C. Razmus. Clerk Venema read the policy. Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to accept, Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Motion passed. Will be signed and forwarded to Assessor Razmus, tomorrow.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Deputy Supervisor asked if we had received any of the grant money yet for the roads.

A brief discussion on the Rector Community Park, possible grant, what things we would like done at the park. Possibly hiring a consultant to help with obtaining a grant.

Another citizen was appreciative of extra parking at Rector Community Park.

Citizen wondered why we weren't using the C Ave land and develop into a park.

Thom Brennan from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission gave a brief update and how to get a service request on the website. He answered some questions from the Board and citizens.

NEW BUSINESS:

Drug Free Policy: Clerk Venema presented the Board with a Drug Free Policy we need if we are to receive the ARPA Funds for fixing the roads. As we started to discuss, Fire Chief Kizer said that they have a policy and we should look at that before going any farther. Discussion tabled. Chief Kizer forwarded the policy to the Clerk's email.

Board Comments;

Adjournment

Trustee Scheffers made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Scott supported the motion. Motion passed.
Adjournment @ 8:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema,