

June 13, 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 6:59 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

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

Citizen Comments:

B. B. Hamm gave information on the background of neighbor dispute over noise, etc. An additional neighbor W. Klooster also spoke in defense of Ms. Hamm's nephew, G. DeKilder. G. DeKilder also spoke about the issue, questioning our noise ordinance, for which he received citations. He wanted to know what neighboring townships noise ordinances look like. Supervisor VanderWeele asked if anyone else wanted to speak about this, or anything else. She addressed this as a neighbor problem and not a township problem. G. DeKilder is hoping for the Ordinance Officer will back off. R. Mattison our Ordinance Enforcement officer spoke of what he had seen and heard. He spoke with a son of Mr. DeKilder, who had been driving a noisy truck. Discussion went back and forth about this subject.

Emily a resident on D Ave., spoke of snowmobiles on KalHaven Trail at 2 am in the winter. Also shooting noises. Supervisor VanderWeele stated that she would look at our noise ordinance. Maybe need to set up a time frame (pm to am times) when loud noises are not to be allowed.

A. Minutes

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

B. Approval of Liabilities

Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to approve the liabilities, for both April and May. Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Passed

Received Reports:

Clerks Report: Death Report: 6 in April, 6 in May. I appointed a deputy clerk, A. Venema. My Deputy Clerk and I went through all three cemeteries and are charting all veteran's. If anyone knows of a family member that is not recognized as a veteran, please let the clerk know. The faucet at Alamo Center Cemetery was fixed. I attended a Clerk's meeting in Richland. I am working on the August 2, 2022 Election. Our yearly audit was performed. Free Tire Recycling information is available.

Treasurers' Report:

Insured Cash Sweep: \$365224.38
Current tax: \$ 3,999.96

Trust & Agency: \$ 199.60
 General Account: \$354,703.39
 Fire Withholding: \$

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$244,152.32 As of March 31 , 2022

Building Department Report: May 2022

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| Building Permits | 1 | \$195.00 |
| Electrical Permits | 6 | \$ 525.00 |
| Mechanical Permits | 7 | \$470.00 |
| Zoning/Compliance Permits | 0 | \$00.00 |
| Totals | 14 | \$1,190.00 |

Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission met on June 7, 2022, at 7pm. Subject was Section 8.4, Signs of the Zoning Ordinance. Chairperson Studabaker read his report and updated the board on their meeting, and presented an updated Zoning Ordinance on Signs. Trustee Scheffers made a motion to accept the new changes, Supervisor VanderWeele supported. A Roll call was taken. Trustee Scott=NO, Trustee Scheffers: YES, Treasurer Stoneburner=NO, Supervisor VanderWeele: YES, Clerk Venema: YES. Motion Passed. Treasurer Stoneburner said she did not receive a copy of the ordinance.

Fire Department Report:

Given by Fire Chief Kizer

For the month of May, 2022, Alamo Fire Department responded to 44 Incidents. The nature of these calls are as follows:

Incidents:

- 19 EMS calls
- 9 PI Accidents
- 2 Initial Aids. 1-Cooper, 1 Oshtemo
- 7 Misc.
- 4 Fires -1 vehicle, 1-brush, 2-Misc.
- 3 Dispatched/cancelled

Year to Date calls: 189

Training:

- 5/02 Hose Advancement
- 5/16 Hose Advancement(practical). Combined training with the Kalamazoo County Fire Academy.

Operations: None

Personnel:

John Pintarelli has officially resigned as of June 1, 2022.

Public Relations/Fire Prevention:

Our team has begun working on a 75th year celebration at the Fire Department on September 11, 2022 1 pm to 4 pm. (Official)

We revisited the changing wages to be the same pay across the board for the firepersons, the Board heard some more on this from Chief Kizer. We were given more details. Supervisor VanderWeele asked if anyone would entertain a motion to change the wages across the board instead of different scales, Trustee Scott made a motion, Supervisor VanderWeele supported. Roll call was taken, Trustee Scheffers, yes, Trustee Scott, yes, Treasurer Stoneburner, yes, Supervisor VanderWeele, yes, and Clerk Venema, yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Aggregate Industries: Rob came and gave an update. Superior Street Sweeping is now employed to clean up the mud tracking out on road, 2 to 3 times a week as needed on G Ave. They will travel on a longer concrete pad before entering the road. A wheel wash is not yet complete. Will implement possible pond or physical wash them off. Everything is not possible till 2023, because not in budget currently. Marty Landis stated that things are going in the right direction. In September, he will give a report /engineering plan. He will be here to present it.

ARPA Funds:

Trustee Scheffers received 3 bids for a generator. Steensma offered 7 yr warranty and free hook up. Treasurer Stoneburner made a motion to accept the bid from Steensma's, removing tax from the bid submitted. Trustee Scott supported. Motion passed. Clerk will call Steensmas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Citizens Comments:

Citizen Swietzer: Comment for information: Planning Commission did not recite the Pledge of Allegiance at their last meeting. Chairperson apparently stated that it was their prerogative not to do it.

Citizen VanderWeele: Green Bower cemetery is need of some tree trimming on the north property line and the repairing fence. Trustee Scheffers stated he had some volunteers that would be willing to do that.

Fire Chief Kizer stated that American Campground needs to still get the back road entrance cleaned and ready for fire works, for fire trucks to be able to enter. Also, that Chief Kizer would not be at the July meeting due to a vacation he had planned.

Board Comments;

None

Adjournment

Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Scott supported the motion. Motion passed.
Adjournment @ 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema,