

## May 9, 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 7:03 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 8 citizens in attendance, plus 2 representatives from the Kalamazoo Road Commission, and 2 reps from Aggregate Industries.

**Citizen Comments:** None at this time.

### Board Members Present:

Supervisor: Gail VanderWeele

Treasurer: Mary Stoneburner

Clerk: Barb Venema

Trustee: Russell Scott

Trustee: Jason Scheffers

### A. Minutes

Trustee Scott mentioned a correction to be made, his title be corrected from Treasurer to Trustee with the liabilities heading. Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Trustee Scott supported. Passed.

### B. Approval of Liabilities

Copy was not in our files, printed wrong. Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to delay the liabilities, until next month's Board Meeting. Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Passed

### Received Reports:

**Clerks Report:** Death Report: 2 additional for February, 2 additional for March, 2 in April. Election was completed on Tues, May 3. 456 Absentee Voters, and a total of 95 voting in person in Precincts 1 & 2. It was a quieter election, but great to train 8 new election workers. It was successful, and I had very nice compliments from the Election Specialist at the County level. I continue to learn more about Elections every day. I was able to attend the MTA Conference with Supervisor VanderWeele, in Lansing, very educational for our jobs.

### Treasurer Report:

#### First National Bank:

Insured Cash Sweep: \$365,211.98

Current tax: \$172,262.32

Trust & Agency: \$ 127.24

General Account: \$132,721.17

Fire Withholding: \$ 0 = 7263 Ravine Road Check is being mailed out.

**Kalamazoo Community Foundation:** \$259,160.39 As of March 31, 2022

Dan Scheffers has catalog for equipment, con Children's Play area at the Rector Park. Gail plans to meet with him, concerning this.

**Building Department Report: April 2022**

Building Permits	6	\$1,544.00
Electrical Permits	5	\$ 400.00
Mechanical Permits	8	\$615.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	1	\$25.00
<b>Totals</b>	20	\$2,584.00

**Planning Commission Meeting**

Planning Commission did not meet on April 1. The Board did receive a written copy stating there would be a public hearing at their regular scheduled meeting, on June 7, 2022, at 7pm. Subject will be Section 8.4, Signs of the Zoning Ordinance.

**Fire Department Report:**

Given by Fire Chief Kizer

For the month of April, 2022, Alamo Fire Department responded to 34 incidents. The nature of these calls are as follows:

Incidents:

- 16 EMS calls
- 6 PI Accidents
- 2 Initial Aids. 2-Cooper
- 2 Misc.
- 3 Fires -1 vehicle, 1-brush, 1- structure
- 5 Dispatched/cancelled

Year to Date calls: 145

Training:

- 4/04 Search and Rescue Classroom
- 4/18 Search and Rescue Practical (Museum)

Operation:

New Door openers, sensors and timers are installed on all overhead doors.

**Personnel:**

John Pintarelli has tentatively resigned.

**Public Relations/Fire Prevention:**

Our team has begun working on a 75<sup>th</sup> year celebration at the Fire Department on September 11, 2022 tentatively 1 pm to 4 pm. Hope to have a State Representative present. Picture of FirePersons, present and past in possible picture. Post in our Townships Newsletter, this summer.

A report was given to the board, to examine changing wages to be the same pay across the board for the firepersons, according to their grade and level. Supervisor VanderWeele will call our Auditor about this matter. Fire Chief Kizer was reminded that we had just implemented the new budget on April 1, 2022. We are tabling this matter till next month. Clerk Venema made a motion to table, Trustee Scheffers supported. Passed.

Fire Chief would like to put in a formal request for blueprints of companies, to be installed in their computer systems/ipads for preparation in case of fire. Example: Loves Truck Stop. Supervisor VanderWeele to pass on the request for blueprints, Building Official Cardiff.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ARPA Funds:**

Treasurer Stoneburner read her suggestions for some of the funds. Back porch needs gutters over the back entrance. Need to paint would on front of Township Hall building, and a generator for the Township Hall and offices. Trustee Scheffers stated he would get bids.

Deputy Supervisor VanderWeele: He has formed a committee or people to give suggestions for spending the funds from ARPA. Treasurer Stoneburner, John Kennedy, Dick Bennett, Mike VanderWeele make up the Committee. His suggestions are as follows: roads, generator, remodel office, cemetery maintenance, expansion of Alamo Center Cemetery, parks and facilities, fire department equipment, ventilation system for the Hall.

Citizens asked about why we need a generator. Power out more frequent, and during an election. Fire Chief stated that they had to take a Fire Truck out of service, to be a generator for the Election. If it is to be an expenditure of over \$10,000, 3 bids are needed in that situation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

J. Johnson from the Road Commission addressed the Board and citizens concerning the Adobe Road repairs that are needed. She gave some stats about Kalamazoo County. Stated that Adobe road was constructed as an All Season Road in 2001. She gave a report on a couple ways to go with repairing the road. Gave a 24 hr report as to how many vehicles travel on that road. 4,422 vehicles, 1,800 were trucks, with only 10 going into Quality Precast.

Trustee Scott made a motion to accept Resolution PA 246 , and start the proceedings to fix Adobe Road. Trustee Scheffers supported the motion. Roll call was taken: Trustee Scott, Yes, Trustee Scheffers, Yes, Treasurer Stoneburner, Yes, Supervisor VanderWeele, Yes and Clerk Venema, Yes.

Clerk Venema filled out the Resolution and signed it. Clerk Venema read aloud the Resolution.

J. Johnson will bring the signed Resolution to their Board at the Road Commission. They will let us know when they need to use the Hall for a meeting with business owners on Adobe Road.

Fire Chief Kizer stated that we maybe need to do a temporary fix of some sort, so that an accident does not occur on Adobe Road, while waiting for the process of everything to play out.

**Aggregate Industries:** Representing Aggregate, was Bob Hayes and Daniel. They have requested to haul on Saturday mornings, immediately until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November. Specifically for the I-94 project, Sprinkle to Lovers Lane.

Citizen: Wanted to know about why wheel washers weren't being used.

Aggregate stated EGLE: Won't allow them.

Deputy Supervisor VanderWeele: Stated he took complaints, took pictures of the road, watched a truck travel ½ mile in a plume of dust. Referred back to agreements that were made in the 2007.

**Questions. Many of these from Citizens:** Can we check your log, to see when the road is being cleaned? Would you please restore and plant back the trees that were there? If the dirt on road builds up, will it be a hazard when it rains and becomes slippery? How many trucks travel out in a day?

**Other Statements from Citizens:** A few people will have inconvenience, in trade for many who travel I-94. Restore the trees and berms. Would like Aggregate to hold up to their end of the original agreement. Give them a month and if they haven't changed anything, check into it.

**Aggregate did state that they have added berms to one side.**

Trustee Scheffers made a motion to let them haul from now till the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November, 8 am to 1 pm, instead of 7 am, with the Boards ability to shut that down, if standards are not kept up or start to see some improvement. A report from Marty Landes was suggested, as he is our liason from Landes Consulting, LLC. Aggregate should be bringing a report to our next board meeting, also, in June, with a Plan. Cleaning needs to be done as per our original agreement. Trustee Scott supported. Roll call was taken: Trustee Scott, Yes, Trustee Scheffers, Yes, Treasurer Stoneburner, Yes, Supervisor VanderWeele, NO, and Clerk Venema, Yes. Motion passed 4 to 1.

**Kalamazoo Speedway Fireworks:** Request for fireworks on May 28, to be done by Tony Roberts, and fireworks to be done at the Speedway, also on June 25, and Sept 17, 2022. Trustee Scheffers made a motion to approve these, Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Motion passed.

#### **Citizens Comments:**

Citizen Swietzer: Why is board running around chasing down insurance information for fireworks. Let the companies do their own work.

Deputy Supervisor VanderWeele: If they want fireworks, get busy and submit their own paperwork to us – not us getting and tracking it down. Make them send it to their own insurance companies.

Citizen Lobretto: How much money is in the ARPA funds? And what can we spend it on? Suggestion to pay essential workers a bonus for working during covid, to boost morale.

#### **Board Comments;**

None

#### **Adjournment**

Trustee Scott made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Stoneburner supported the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment @ 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema,