

## November 14, 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.

Five residents, plus Fire Chief and Ordinance Enforcer were in attendance.

### Board Members Present:

Supervisor: Gail VanderWeele

Treasurer: Mary Stoneburner

Clerk: Barb Venema

Trustee: Russell Scott

Trustee: Jason Scheffers

### Consent Agreement

A. Minutes

B. Approval of Liabilities

Trustee Scott made a motion to approve the Minutes and Liabilities. Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Motion passed.

### Received Reports:

#### Clerks Report: Death Report: 3 deaths for October

The Election happened last week. It was super busy, record breaking, election. 901 absentee ballots were processed, and 1257 residents voted in person. It was a very busy day. Election workers did a great job. Everything balanced and all went well down at the Kalamazoo County. I am busy filing and wrapping up everything from the election, and doing reports for the State. I completed a Workmen's Comp Audit on Thursday. I will be helping residents buy plots/lots in our cemeteries soon. I am continuing to learn other aspects of my job.

### Treasurers' Report:

Insured Cash Sweep:	\$ 365,323.40
Current tax:	\$ 126,016.16
Trust & Agency:	\$ 239.35
General Account:	\$ 506,768.19 including ARPA Funds
Fire Withholding:	\$

**Kalamazoo Community Foundation:** \$225,955.22 As of September 30, 2022

## Building Department Report: August 2022

Building Permits	4	\$1,122.00
Electrical Permits	5	\$ 535.00
Mechanical Permits	6	\$500.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	0	\$ .00
<b>Totals</b>	15	\$2,157.00

### Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission did not meet in October.

### Fire Department Report

Given by Fire Chief Kizer

For the month of October, 2022, Alamo Fire Department responded to 35 Incidents. The nature of these calls are as follows:

Incidents:

- 19 EMS calls
- 4 PI Accidents
- 2 Misc.
- 3 Fire, 2 vehicles, 1 brush fire
- 2 Dispatched/cancelled
- 1 Fire 1-brush fire
- 4 Fire Alarms
- 3 Assists (2)Cooper Fire (1) Oshtemo

Year to Date calls: 386

Training:

- 10/3 1410 Evolutions
- 10/17 1410 Evolutions

Operations:

No Operations to report.

Personnel:

No personnel situations to report.

Public Relations/Fire Prevention:

Halloween Night was very slow compared to past years with only 22 kids and 20 adults.

Echo policy is finished yet. Fire truck will be in the starting stages of being built. They had to pick some details for the truck. It will be 5 ft longer and 2 ft taller. They are still working on getting together their requests for equipment that is needed, to be paid from ARPA funds.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Noise ordinance.** Attorney R. Seeber is writing up additions for the noise ordinance. Supervisor VanderWeele would like us to delay this until next meeting. Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion, Treasurer Stoneburner, supported. Motion passed.

Trustee Scheffers asked for an update on the situation at F Ave and 8<sup>th</sup> St. Our Ordinance Enforcer, Rich Mattison, addressed that question, with a brief update. A citation was given in June, that ticket was resolved. Recently the problem is motor bikes. 3 different neighbors are complaining. First of November another citation was issued.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Zoning Board of Appeals.** Due to health reasons, Al Sweitzer is unable to serve on the board. John Kennedy is willing to serve temporarily. Trustee Scheffers made a motion to appoint J. Kennedy to serve temporarily. Trustee Scott, supported. The motion was passed.

**Museum:** Discussion was had on whether to accept the bid of \$950 to appraise the Museum. At this point, it is a rather costly amount. We are still trying to figure out how to get the bell out. Citizen T. Lobretto suggested using tree trimmers from our township. Trustee Scheffers is supposed to be receiving a bid from someone to remove the bell. Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to not have it appraised at this time. Trustee Scheffers supported, motion passed. Trustee Scheffers also made a motion that Supervisor VanderWeele call Consumers and have gas and electric shut off at the Museum. Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Motion passed.

**Martin Landes/Aggregate:** His compliance report will be a bit delayed, due to new equipment placing and air permit requirements. Trustee Scott made a statement that he would like that compliance report to be finished by our next meeting in December. M. Landes also stated in his email, that Aggregate Industries, are going release the requirements on the gifted land on C Ave. We as a township will be able to do whatever we want with that land. R. Seeber, our attorney is working a deed for the land. We could possibly sell, make a solar Park, etc. Trustee Scott mentioned that we could possibly sell the land and put the money toward the new fire truck or an additional truck.

**Road Grant:** Deputy Supervisor VanderWeele presented us with information about a grant that he and Deputy Treasurer Gibson had submitted. We will be receiving \$850,000 toward the fixing of our roads. We will need to have it allocated to what roads we spend it on by Dec. 2024, and spent by Dec 2026.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Citizen P. Lobretto wanted to know if the checks were paid to the Firepersons, for their service during covid.

## **Board Comments;**

Trustee Scott wanted to thank Clerk Venema for her work on the Election.

Clerk Venema wanted to thank everyone for their support during the Elections.

Treasurer Stoneburner stated that the Winter Taxes will be going out Dec 1, 2022.

Trustee Scheffers commented that Mike Lampen is possibly working on a grant for the park.

## **Adjournment**

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

Adjournment @ 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema,