

October 10, 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.

Four residents were in attendance.

Board Members Present:

Supervisor: Gail VanderWeele

Treasurer: Mary Stoneburner

Clerk: Barb Venema

Trustee: Russell Scott

Trustee: Jason Scheffers

Supervisor VanderWeele invited Julie Jensen, who is on the ballot, in November, for the office of 9th Circuit Court Judge, to speak briefly to the board and residents in attendance.

Supervisor VanderWeele asked if there were any citizen comments at this time. No Response.

Chad Razmus, Assessor for Alamo Township, introduced himself. He is also a Realtor/Broker, and is helping the Township with possible purchase of additional land in Alamo for cemetery. He presented us with pictures on our screen/computer. He had 3 bids from surveyors, \$1,800, \$2,845, and one for \$4,800. He explained how much land would be involved in the possible purchase. 3.52 -3.3 acreage. We would be voting later during this board meeting on hiring Chad Razmus as our Realtor/Broker, and on the bids for survey.

Consent Agreement

A. Minutes

Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to approve the minutes, Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Passed.

B. Approval of Liabilities

Treasurer Stoneburner made a motion to approve the liabilities, for September. Trustee Scott supported. Passed

Trustee Scheffers inquired about whether we compare our insurance companies. Clerk Venema has names and companies in mind to check with before our next budget year.

Received Reports:

Clerks Report: Death Report: 2 deaths for September

Election is the main focus. More residents stopping in, calling. I am continuing to do cemetery work. Had a zoom meeting for possibly updating our website.

Treasurers' Report:

Insured Cash Sweep: \$ 365,301.69
Current tax: \$ 1,023,582.73
Trust & Agency: \$ 932.11
General Account: \$ 552,781.48 including ARPA Funds
Fire Withholding: \$

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$245,571.01 As of August 31 , 202

Building Department Report: August 2022

Building Permits	4	\$470.00
Electrical Permits	4	\$ 680.00
Mechanical Permits	8	\$715.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	1	\$25.00
Totals	17	\$1,890.00

Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission did not meet in September.

Fire Department Report

Given by Fire Chief Kizer

For the month of September, 2022, Alamo Fire Department responded to 29 Incidents. The nature of these calls are as follows:

Incidents:

- 16 EMS calls
- 3 PI Accidents
- 1 Misc.
- 3 Fire, 2 vehicles, 1 brush fire
- 2 Dispatched/cancelled
- 2 Fire Alarms
- 2 Assists with Cooper Fire

Year to Date calls: 351

Training:

- 9/12 Hunter in distress
- 9/19 Live fire training (Gobles)

Operations:

We have a new Echo call system in Kalamazoo County. Chief Kizer explained to the Board of Trustees how this works in the County.

Personnel:

No personnel situations to report.

Public Relations/Fire Prevention:

Still finalizing details on candy check for Halloween.

Clerk will work with Chief Kizer on getting a new computer for the Fire Station. Chief Kizer mentioned that they were in need of one.

There will be a delay in the arrival of the Township's new fire truck. Florida being hit by the hurricane is playing havoc, with scheduling.

Fire Department will be checking on pricing for new defib machines for the township.

Treasurer Stoneburner also stated that we will have the fire persons checks put into their mail slots at the Fire Station, rather than mailing them. (Due to high theft from mailboxes in Alamo Township)

Old BUSINESS:

A. ARPA Funds

We reviewed our list of things that are already accomplished, or to be done yet. We went through each Board Member's list.

*Chairs for hall, will be checked out by Clerk Venema and Supervisor VanderWeele.

*Township Hall front has been painted. *Water Softener and Water heater both installed at hall. *New phones have arrived, need to be installed. *Website host is still being worked on. * Internet Server quote is being worked on. *Refrigerator for hall has been installed. *Carpet and office changing is not until winter.

*Land purchase for cemetery is being pursued. Signs for 3 cemeteries has been ordered. Trees/tree stumps will be taken care of this winter. *Alamo Center Cemetery under power lines has been brush hogged.

*Essential pay for the firefighters has been approved.

*Area has been cleared at Rector Park for additional parking. Possible adding playground equipment, other sports courts etc., are being discussed.

* Removal of bell from Museum was discussed again, even though the Board has already voted to remove and retain the bell for the township. The means of whom and how have not been decided. A suggestion was made to shut off gas and electric. Discussion is happening on selling the building and property.

Clerk Venema made a motion to accept the bid of \$14,335 from H & H Painting, to paint inside the bay at the Fire Station. Trustee Russell supported. Passed. Clerk Venema to call H & H Painting Co. We would like to accept their bid for painting the Fire Station Bay. Need to check to secure amount of bid and when it could possibly be completed.

B. Adobe Road: There will be another meeting at the Kalamazoo County Road Commission tomorrow concerning the bids for fixing Adobe Road. They took 3 road surveys to get accurate read on how many vehicles are coming and going down Adobe Road.

- C. Noise ordinance: A very brief discussion was had. A comment was made to use kid gloves if your going to try tackle anything dealing with the noise ordinance Trustee Scheffers asked that we postpone any discussion until next month, due to the fact that he hadn't had time to study and read. A motion was made to postpone by Supervisor VanderWeele, with Treasurer Stoneburner supporting. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Chad Razmus/realtor/broker. Treasurer Stoneburner made a motion that we hire Chad Razmus to be our representative during the process of possibly buying land, for Alamo Center Cemetery. His fee would be \$2,000. Clerk Venema supported. Also, that would include that C. Razmus could employ the surveyor for \$1,800. Some monetary numbers were discussed, but nothing was decided. C. Razmus would be given room to negotiate per acre. Roll call vote was taken. Trustee Scheffers, Yes, Treasurer Stoneburner, Yes, Supervisor VanderWeele, Yes, Trustee Scott, Yes, and Clerk Venema, Yes. Motion Passed.
- B. **Custodial Job:** Supervisor VanderWeele had brought up the possibility of giving the custodial job to a new person. Current custodian would like to retain the position.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Deputy Supervisor VanderWeele gave a brief synopsis of recycling/junk day, that took place on Sat. Oct 8, at the Township Hall parking lot. 75 cars/trucks with trailers came through. Good participation. Great Volunteers, with even more names for volunteers for next year. Only one issue, though, confusion on where it was and what time it was. It is on our website, but we will make sure it is the newsletter, and possibly a banner or advertisement ahead of time. We do need to be consistent in our location.

Board Comments;

Trustee Scheffers wants us to discuss our Website next month.

Supervisor VanderWeele stated that her and deputy supervisor VanderWeele would be attending the meeting at Kalamazoo County Road Commission, tomorrow.

Adjournment

Trustee Scheffers made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Scott supported the motion. Motion passed.
Adjournment @ 9:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema,