

## April 12, 2021 - 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.

### Board Members Present:

Supervisor: Gail VanderWeele

Treasurer: Mary Stoneburner

Clerk: Cindy Snyder

Trustee: Russell Scott

Trustee: Jason Scheffers

The Township Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor VanderWeele at 7:05 pm via Zoom.

Road Commission – Joanna Johnson from Kal County Road Commission along with 4 other Road Commissioners shared the Road Comm. is here for us.

Adobe Road Concerns – Mdot is straying electric for new traffic signal on D Avenue. There will be a fair amount of activity this summer on D Avenue from Mdot.

Right of Way for Adobe Drive is on the Kal Co. Road Commission Board Agenda. Love's has been good to work with Dept. of Transportation.

Mark from Kal Road Comm. Explained PAR Funds - Kal County Road has set aside 2 Million for County Roads. Townships match up to the amount that Kal Co. Road Comm. distributed out to Townships / it is based on miles and population. Townships - raise money for roads a few different ways:

- Have done special road assessment for each parcel.

- Millages are another way townships raise money.

- A millage (up to 3 mills) that is board approved, can also be done to raise money for roads.

- Township Special Assessment and Bonding Company are also a way to accelerate the road construction.

Chip Seal/Crack Seal Preventative Maint. has given great treatment and return on investment. Kal County Road develops a 5-year plan for Townships.

### Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes – March 8 & 23  
March 8 - Change to 2021/22 Budget (instead of 2021) and change to Trustee Scott. (instead of Russell) 4<sup>th</sup> page Retention of Services – List out the Services. Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to approve March 8 and Treasurer Stoneburner Supported. Motion Passed.  
March 23, 2021 Meeting. Due to not receiving bid for cemeteries, motion was made to allow Board Of Trustee Office Holder to vote to Retain Cemetery Services for Mowing. Present: Clerk Snyder, Treasurer Stoneburner & Supervisor VanderWeele. Treasurer Stoneburner made a motion to accept Revolution Lawn Care for all 3 cemeteries and Clerk Snyder supported. Passed with all 1 votes.  
Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to approve March 21, 2021 and Trustee Scheffers Supported. Motion passed.
- B. Approval of Liabilities  
Clerk Snyder made a motion to approve Liabilities/Expenditures. Supervisor VanderWeele supported - motion passed.

**Received Reports:**

**Clerks Report:**

- Started Working on Web Redesign.

**Treasurer Report:**

**First National Bank:**

Insured Cash Sweep: \$100,377.17  
 CD: \$264,583.30  
 Current tax: \$ 34,692.97  
 Trust & Agency: \$ 1,604.05  
 General Account: \$257,306.01  
 Fire Withholding: \$13,058

**Kalamazoo Community Foundation:** \$255,025.93 As of February 2021.

**Township paid \$410,391.63 for the Roads #2 Special for 2020.**

**The Roads #2 special Assessment is complete. (7 Yr. Period)**

**Building Department Report:**

Building Permits	1	\$195
Electrical Permits	7	\$650
Mechanical Permits	6	\$450
Zoning/Compliance Permits	0	\$ 0
<b>Totals</b>	14	\$1295

**Planning Commission Meeting –**

- Request for Liquor License – Loves Travel Stops & Country Stores, 7900 Adobe Rd. There is an open license & tabled for next meeting.
- Proposed amendments to Article 8, Section 8.8. Zoning Ordinance  
 Due to nonconforming multi-family residential properties, zoned Commercial; if it were to burn down, or any other type of destruction, it could not be rebuilt, as it was. The language change would allow the owner to rebuild what they had (same footprint). By the Board of Trustees approval, the new zoning ordinance will protect the non-conforming, multi-family residential properties.  
 Trustee Scott makes a motion to Approve the Nonconforming Use Zoning Ordinance and Trustee Scheffers supported.  
 Roll Call:  
 Supervisor VanderWeele- Yes  
 Treasurer Stoneburner – Yes  
 Clerk Snyder – Yes  
 Trustee Scott – Yes  
 Trustee Scheffers – Yes  
 Motion Passed.

- Site Plan Review for 7686 Hart Drive (2.56 Acres)– Splitting Parcel – Want to Zone (barn)Storage Facility to keep Commercial. Treasurer Stoneburner made a motion to table this until there is further discussion. Trustee Scott Supported – Motion passed.

**Fire Department Report:** (Chief Kizer reported):

For the month of March 2021, Alamo Fire Department responded to 33 Incidents. The nature of these calls are as follows:

**Incidents:**

- 14 EMS calls
- 4 PI Accidents
- 5 Move Up or Assist
- 6 Fires
- 4 Misc.

YEAR TO DATE: 107

**Training:**

- 3/1 Ice Water Rescue Practical Training
- 3/15 CPR Recertification

**Operations:**

- No Operational items to report.

**Personnel:**

- No personnel items to report.

**Public Relations / Fire Prevention:**

- No public relations to report.

Meetings for New Fire Truck have been going well. Have had 2 Representatives from Pierce and Spencer Attend. We are developing a Spec List for the New Truck out right now.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Museum - All the Keys have been turned in from the Museum Volunteers. Supervisor has been in touch with our Lawyer to execute the proper way of closing. Lawyer suggested that we try to get the donated items back to the families with a deadline date of August 31. Whatever is left in the museum will be considered "Deemed Abandoned", the remaining items will be given to Other Museums. (Kal, Otsego, Oshtemo Museums have expressed interest).
- Clerk Snyder made a motion concerning whether we have a Park Board or Advisory Board– Supervisor VanderWeele suggested an Advisory Board that can help with the Park. After discussion, it has been agreed to have Steve Tolliver and Mike Lampen contact the Board for needs & expenditures. Trustee Scheffers Supported – motion passed.
- Mike Lampen gave report for Little League in which they had their first Practice April 12<sup>th</sup>. Teams are following Covid Guidelines (masks & distance). Opening Day May 1<sup>st</sup> Alamo Little League. – whether they should have large crowds opening day or not? They will be discussing.

- Overnight Parking in the Rector Park. Resident helping a couple that are hiking across Michigan to raise diabetes awareness. They will park a conversion van 1 night, July 2 and need access to water and bathroom. Trustee Scheffers made a motion to use the park for 1 night, give access to water and bathroom and Treasurer Stoneburner supported – motion passed.
- Informational Sign in front of Township Office. Something to consider – Tabled until next month.
- Resolution for Water - Kalamazoo Regional Water & Wastewater Commission (from 12<sup>th</sup> st to Underneath 131 Bridges for water to commercial locations on D Ave.)  
Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion & Trustee Scheffers supported to have the Planning Commission investigate & bring back info to BOT on Water into Alamo - Costs, advantages for businesses etc. Motion Passed.

### **BOARD Of Trustees Comments**

### **Adjournment**

Clerk Snyder made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Trustee Scheffers supported.