

## May 10, 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 7:00 pm via Zoom.

### Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes – Make amendment to show May 20 to May 10 Agenda. Motion Passed.
- B. Make Amendment to add Fire Dept Pavement, (5) and change (6) to In Attendance Meetings
- C. Approval of Liabilities  
Clerk Snyder made a motion to approve Liabilities/Expenditures. Supervisor VanderWeele supported - motion passed.

### Received Reports:

#### Clerks Report:

- Working on Web Redesign & a start to Loading past Board Minutes. Forms & applications will be next.
- Lost our IT Support, Due to Township IT Support finding another job and I am recommending that we Contract IT Right for Township & Fire Dept Computer Support. IT Right handles 700 Municipalities in Michigan. They will bundle our current security Backup to Township computers and the yearly rate will be less than what we currently pay now. IT Right & BS & A go hand-in-hand.

#### Treasurer Report:

##### First National Bank:

Insured Cash Sweep: \$365,066.06  
CD: \$ 0 - Redeemed  
Current tax: \$ 34,846.93  
Trust & Agency: \$ 475.63  
General Account: \$211,633.88  
Fire Withholding: \$13,058

**Kalamazoo Community Foundation:** \$273,176.94 As of March 31, 2021

**Building Department Report:**

Building Permits	11	\$3939
Electrical Permits	8	\$ 955
Mechanical Permits	4	\$ 290
Zoning/Compliance Permits	1	\$ 25
<b>Totals</b>	24	\$5,209

**Planning Commission Meeting –**

- Article 8, Section 8.8. Zoning Ordinance – Clarification – Rezone to allow rebuild on original footprint if building burned down.
- Loves – Beer & Wine Liquor License – State Of Michigan currently does not have Liquor License available for our Township - discussion was ended.
- Discussion on bringing water over across the highway into Alamo Township. Planning Commission will take another month to review.
- Potential buyer where Old Slide Away was. Potential Buyer is seeking on Approval for short term truck parking. Planning Commission requested more details from buyer.
- Hart Drive Property – more discussion on the Commercial property and split house off of barn. House can be in a C2 zone. There are 5 areas of improvement steps that are required in order to have Barn as a Storage Unit.
  - a. Install driveway & parking lot with turn around area.
  - b. Provide copy of driveway permit from Kalamazoo County Road Commission.
  - c. Provide & install Knox Box for Fire Dept.
  - d. Use for limited storage only – may not be occupied for any other use.
  - e. All structural changes made to the building must be presented to the township for approval prior to commencing work. All necessary permits must be obtained prior to work being done as well.

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

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

**Incidents:**

- 18 EMS calls
- 5 PI Accidents
- 1 Move Up / Assist
- 3 Fires
- 4 Misc.
- 2 Dispatched & Cancelled

YEAR TO DATE: 140

**Training:**

- 4/05 Search and Rescue Training
- 4/19 Ladder Training

**Operations:**

- Truck Committee is making good headway on the specifications for a new truck. We concluded the list of items needed & wanted on the truck and are reviewing the specifications to send out to vendors at this time. Supervisor VanderWeele asked what vendors would be quoting? Chief Kizer stated: Spartan - Grayling, HME – Pierce – Kalamazoo.

**Personnel:**

- No personnel items to report.

**Public Relations / Fire Prevention:**

- No public relations to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:****NEW BUSINESS:**

- Resident Concerns about target and/or bow practice. Tom Brennan (Kal County Road Comm) stated The Law states: No one should shoot a firearm within 500 feet toward a building. Resident can call the County Sheriff. Supervisor VanderWeele stated she will contact Lt. Baker & the DNR – Plainwell MI.
- Park Bridge – Township had Prein & Newhoff Engineer inspect & costs will be \$900 to have Engineering drawings for the Eagle Walking Bridge. Dan Scheffers would provide labor at no charge. Township would have to supply the building materials. Monies will come out of Parks. Trustee Scheffers made a motion to approve the \$900 for the Engineering Work and Trustee Scott supported. Motion passed.
- The Water test passed and the Food Inspection Passed for the Concession Stand in the Park.
- Concession Stand Remodel – Quote of \$21,600 + 5% (this quote was last yr). Labor is being donated. The township will pursue contacting Kalamazoo Foundation for money to use. Mike Lampen shared if under \$25,000, can request money and they will issue.
- C Avenue Property: The property on C Avenue that was mined by Aggregate Industries is now available for Alamo Township to develop a park. Once mining is done on G Avenue, and after it's mothballed, Alamo Township could end up with 3 parks. Do we need the parks? The consensus was NO. However, no vote was taken. Supervisor VanderWeele stated, the township could consider it to be a practice, training compound or does the Township sell it?  
Trustee Scheffers told the board, Newt Covault, resident on Hart Drive, in Alamo Township, owns the property right next to the property of Alamo Township. Scheffers stated there is an easement between the two pieces of property that would suffice. No decision or vote was taken; Supervisor VanderWeele said she would call our Attorney, to get information as to how to handle this and she will report back to the Board.

- Paving – Fire Station (in front of meeting Room for vehicle parking) – Received 2 bids and Lovett is under \$1,460. There is a difference on thickness between JAllen and Lovett. Chief Kizer is fine with Lovett’s bid of less thickness as fire trucks would not be on this pavement. Clerk Snyder made a motion to use Lovett to pave Fire Station Parking Area to the South West and Treasurer Stoneburner supported

Roll Call: Treasurer Stoneburner -Yes

Clerk Snyder - Yes

Trustee Scheffers - Yes

Trustee Scott - Yes

Supervisor VanderWeele - Yes

Motion Passed.

- Clerk Snyder presented the County State of Emergency related to Covid that we are covered to hold Virtual Meetings until December 2021 under the Open Meetings Act.
- Road Commission (Tom Brennan) presented there will be Hybrid Meeting May 13 on Road Funding 101 for Townships if Board would like to attend.

**BOARD Of Trustees Comments**

None

**Citizens Comments**

None

**Adjournment**

Trustee Scott made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Clerk Snyder supported. Motion passed.