

June 14, 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 7:07 pm via Zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consent Agenda:

New Business – Will move 2 a. under new business move to beginning of meeting. Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to move 2a. to beginning of meeting and Trustee Scheffers supported.

Dan Schaafsma Engineer for Site Plan explained that 2 ½ yrs ago Art from Moulder Landscaping developed a recycling center, (for construction demolition waste) Transfer Station, therefore, will Not go to Landfills. The Recycling Center (on Nichols Rd) needed to be built into the Kal County Solid Waste Management Plan. Took 2 yrs to get approved & also for Kal Township approval. The Kal County Approved the Plan. Now the Amendment needs to go thru municipalities within Kalamazoo County to approve because it impacts the County Plan. The Recycling Facility will be up & running in 2022. The Township will not be impacted financially. The residents will be able to use this Recycling Center (construction demolition waste). It will include a Small Household Recycle Area for drop offs.

Trustee Scheffers made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Approval of Amendment 1 – Waste Not C & D Recycling Center. Trustee Scott Supported.

Roll Call:

Supervisor VanderWeele – Yes

Treasurer Stoneburner – Yes

Clerk Snyder - Yes

Trustee Scheffers– Yes

Trustee Scott- Yes

Motion Passed.

A. Minutes –

B. Approval of Liabilities

Clerk Snyder made a motion to approve Minutes and Liabilities/Expenditures. Trustee Scheffers supported - motion passed.

Received Reports:

Clerks Report:

- Per discussion in May Board Meeting of losing onsite computer support, onboarded all Township Computers with IT Right. (Loaded Remote Support on each computer) They will support Remotely and dispatch on-site if

needed. Township will save money as paying a Yearly Fee instead of Hourly Fee. (Estimated savings of \$4,300/Year)

- Thank you to Boy Scouts for putting flags out on all three cemeteries May 25. We ran out of flags; therefore, I obtained more flags and June 7th we completed putting veteran flags on graves at all 3 Cemeteries.
- Continue to load Minutes, Forms, etc. on the New Website that is being worked on.
- Explained why (security) Township needs the Firewall on their Computers. IT Right to install Firewall - \$1,688 for Township Office Computers. Clerk Snyder made a motion to install a Firewall for Township Office Computers. Trustee Scott Supported. Motion Passed.

Treasurer Report:

First National Bank:

Insured Cash Sweep: \$365,078.46
 CD: \$ 0 - Redeemed
 Current tax: \$ 34,846.93
 Trust & Agency: \$ 36.13
 General Account: \$216,748.65
 Fire Withholding: \$13,058

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$286,764.09 As of April 30, 2021 Increase \$13,587.15

Building Department Report:

Building Permits	6	\$1,246
Electrical Permits	6	\$480
Mechanical Permits	3	\$240
Zoning/Compliance Permits	0	\$0
Totals	15	\$1,966

Planning Commission Meeting –

- a. – Meeting Cancelled. – *June*

Fire Department Report: (Chief Kizer reported):

For the month of May 2021, Alamo Fire Department responded to 37 Incidents. The nature of these calls are as follows:

Incidents:

- 17 EMS calls
- 2 PI Accidents
- 3 Move Up / Assist (2 Otsego – 1 Cooper)
- 4 Fires
- 4 Misc.
- 7 Dispatched & Cancelled

YEAR TO DATE: 177

Training:

- 5/3 Pump/Drafting (decommissioning dry hydrant at Rupert Lake – vandalized)
- 5/17 District Knowledge (Kalamazoo Speedway Walk Around)

Operations:

- We should finish up the New Truck Specifications this month and get them sent out. (4 Vendors)

Personnel:

- Chief Kizer became a Hazmat Technician Level.

Public Relations / Fire Prevention:

- No public relations to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Target Practice Ordinance – The State of MI stated 500 feet near a house for firearms is only during Hunting Season. The Township Board said that residents who are complaining about the target practice and/or shooting in their area should call the police if they feel they are unsafe. Supervisor VanderWeele stated she will not submit a request to the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal to Board to Hire 2 People @ \$15/Hour to Assist with Phone Calls, Contacting People that donated, meeting them at the Museum to pick up their items. Planning on completing project with people getting their items - Aug 31. Supervisor VanderWeele made a Motion to hire Nancy Wagner and Barb Venema to Work on getting Museum Items to people that have donated or loaned. Clerk Snyder Supported. Motion Passed.

BOARD Of Trustees Comments

June 22 Supervisor VanderWeele and Supervisor Sorensen will be meeting with Kalamazoo Township – Getting water into the Township on D Avenue underneath the Highway.

The Board feels that Alamo Township should contact the Lawyer to work on getting the Township money from the Kalamazoo Foundation. We will also contact the Kalamazoo Foundation to inquire about what forms needed to get money out.

Citizens Comments

- Mike Lampen – was inquiring on approving the Projects for the Parks. May be able to start on lower cost items. Mike stated that he doesn't have little lower cost items. We cannot start on the project until we can access the Kalamazoo Foundation Funds.

Adjournment

Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 PM. Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Motion passed.