

SPECIAL ALAMO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – October 26, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

**Board Members Present:**

Supervisor: Gail VanderWeele  
Treasurer: Mary Stoneburner  
Clerk: Cindy Snyder  
Trustee: Russell Scott  
Trustee: Jason Scheffers – Absent

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of 10/11/21 Minutes – Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to accept minutes and Clerk Snyder Supported. Treasurer Stoneburner Abstain as she was absent for Oct 11 meeting.

Old Business

Trustee Scott presented pictures of the old truck showing the frame is rusted through and would not pass DOT inspection. After many months of meeting and deciding specific placement, pumps, cab, etc. the Alamo Fire Dept Truck Committee, which consisted of the officers, roll call voted & passed unanimously on selecting the Pierce Truck.

Pat Wright from Pierce Corp. handed out information on Tax Exempt Lease to Purchase (at the end of the lease buy for \$1) Allows Tax-exempt interest. Generally lower legal & administrative cost than bond issue. No voter referendum required. Once/Year Payment, therefore build into budget. (\$0 Down) Down Payment does not change the interest rate. If Township paid Down Payment, shorten the years of loan.

Fire Chief stated: Need to consider that Fire Dept needs 2 trucks, so longer extending lease on new one, puts the Fire Dept further away from replacing 2nd 30 yr old fire truck. Trustee Scott suggested that the Township put a Down Payment on new truck and lease for 5 years at a lower interest rate. Trustee Scott suggested a Commercial Fire Tax as the township grows with businesses. Trustee Scott suggested that tax per payee and not parcels. Treasurer Stoneburner stated that this suggestion creates a mess for the Township to keep up with the changes of building on a vacant parcel in township.

Attorney stated: To consider: can the township afford the down payment and make the yearly payment on the new fire truck?

Attorney stated options:

**PA33 Special Assessment** – Township wide special assessment only available for police and fire. Once it is passed, it last forever. To setup send out notice to everyone and let them know special assessment (put in with tax bill) has to be set up by September and has to be collected in December. Revenue always comes in December. Petition to put to a vote against the assessment, will need 20% of the people. 2<sup>nd</sup> step is to send out 2<sup>nd</sup> notice for the Assessment. Township then holds a hearing (Board Meeting) and needs to be done before September.

**PA188 Normal Assessment** – Expires and can only go as long as improvement will last.

Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to Approve the Lease/Purchase Pierce Fire Truck for 5 year Lease 2.05% - Annual payment \$123,567.68. Clerk Snyder Supported.

Supervisor called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Treasurer Stoneburner – Yes

Supervisor VanderWeele– Yes

Trustee Scott– Yes

Clerk Snyder – Yes

Motion Passed

Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to establish township wide PA33 of 1951 Special Assessment and authorize Attorney to prepare first notice to be included in December 1, 2021 tax bills. Treasurer Stoneburner supported.

Supervisor called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Treasurer Stoneburner – Yes

Supervisor VanderWeele – Yes

Trustee Scott – Yes

Clerk Snyder – Yes

Motion Passed.

Supervisor entertained a break to look at Pierce truck; Pat Wright drove to Alamo. Resume Meeting from Break at 11:47.

New Business

Eagle Bridge (Rector Community Park)

Park Mike Lampen Requested to order materials to fix the Eagle Bridge not to exceed \$7,600. (Labor donated)

To Lift the bridge returning it to its original alignment. Shorten the bridge span by placing two concrete piers and wood posts on the south bank. Strengthen the existing truss bottom chord wood beams by wood elements or steel channel bolted through the beams. Replace cross bracing under the bridge deck. Strengthen existing outriggers and connections that brace the truss top chord. Provide bracing between the truss top chords above the walking surface.

\$900 for Sketches from Prein & Newhoff.

Treasurer Stoneburner stated that we need to watch bills close and make sure Park doesn't go over.

Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to complete the Eagle Bridge and draw the money from Park Improvement Funds and not to exceed \$10,000. Trustee Scott Supported.

Citizens Comments

Resident questioned PA133 and New Board down the road reviewing the Budget, questioning control of Budget.

Resident requested to research & please consider of what properties that will benefit fire protection.

Board of Trustee Comments

NONE

The Board Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 PM.