

## December 13, 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: Barb Venema

Trustee: Russell Scott

Trustee: Jason Scheffers

The Township Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor VanderWeele at 7:00 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resignation of former Clerk Snyder was read and accepted.

Barb Venema was sworn in as the new Clerk. Deputy Supervisor M. VanderWeele administered the oath.

### Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes

B. Approval of Liabilities

Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to approve minutes and liabilities. Treasurer Stoneburner and Clerk Venema abstained from voting, since neither were in attendance in November. Motion Passed.

### Received Reports:

**Clerks Report:** None, due to the recent resignation of Clerk Snyder.

### Treasurer Report:

#### First National Bank:

Insured Cash Sweep: \$365,151.61

Current tax: \$49,556.08

Trust & Agency: \$ 540

General Account: \$409,413.48

Fire Withholding: \$ 13,058 = 7263 Ravine Road still holding

**Kalamazoo Community Foundation:** \$264,440.76 As of October , 2021

Trustee Scheffers would like to know the available amount for the Parks.

A brief discussion was had concerning Covid Relief funds. We have already the received the money from the Federal Government. All expenditures must be reported back to the Government on how it is spent.

**Building Department Report:**

Building Permits	8	\$ 1300.00
Electrical Permits	10	\$ 1070.00
Mechanical Permits	3	\$ 290.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	1	25.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>\$2,685.00</b>

**Planning Commission Meeting**

Trustee Scheffers gave the report. It was noted that the inquiries of putting in a facility on 12<sup>th</sup> St for using and gleaning extra produce and food for countries in need, would not work due to the zoning of the property.

**Fire Department Report:**

Fire Department Report was not received prior to the board meeting. Terry Kizer was in attendance and provided copies to the board and were received as information only.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Road Commission:** Discussion was continued on the roads from last month. Supervisor VanderWeele had spoken with Mark Worden from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission prior to the board meeting. Deputy Mike VanderWeele, presented the 2022 roads to the Board. Through Mark Worden’s suggestions and needs of the roads, the discussion was to have the less costly roads completed, with the monies between the Township and PAR funds through the Road Commission.

The main area of secondary roads are in the Northwest area of the township. The project being 8<sup>th</sup> Street, will have to revisit next year. (2022)

Supervisor VanderWeele stated, since we are going to put a large sum of money into a down payment, for the new Fire Truck; we can spend less on the roads, for next year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Robin Rowe’s term on Otsego Library Board of Trustees is complete. Treasurer Stoneburner made a motion to appoint her again. Trustee Scott supported. Motion passed. Supervisor VanderWeele would inform the library.
2. Gate was damaged to Rector Park. Will be covered by insurance and other monies. Trustee gave update from Parks Advisors. Thank you being sent by Supervisor VanderWeele to Sacketts Flooring for putting in new floor in Concession Stand.
3. Marty Landes from Landes Consulting gave a Compliance Inspection report concerning Aggregate Industries. The board and residents were able to get questions answered.

4. Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to approved State's guidelines for Poverty. Trustee Russell supported. Motion passed.
5. Gypsy Moths in Alamo Township. Christopher Imer, from Mich State University gave a presentation on the Cycles, destruction, and treatment for the moths. 7 Alamo residents attended and gave pictures, first hand reports of damage to their properties. They are seeking assistance in contacting our County and State to help defray costs and be able to treat this problem. Supervisor VanderWeele will reach out to Townships already possibly interested. (Oshtemo, Pine Grove, Almena)

**BOARD Of Trustees Comment:**

Treasurer Stoneburner wanted to Thank Deputy Treasurer Gibson, Deputy Supervisor M. VanderWeele, and Supervisor Vander Weele for all their assistance and help, while she's been absent.

**Citizens Comments**

Resident commented that it would be nice if Aggregate Industries would replant trees on G Ave for sound and sight buffer. Many of the trees have died. Supervisor VanderWeele will reach out to Marty Landes.

Resident mentioned that it was his first time attending the board meeting, and appreciated everything that the board was doing.

**Adjournment**

Supervisor VanderWeele made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM. Trustee Scott supported. Motion passed.