

September 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: Cindy Snyder
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.

Fire Dept Recognition of two firefighters graduating from Fire Academy, MFR & National Registry (Emma Hoffman, Chuck Jacquay) Each firefighter was recognized personally with their name & years of service.

Tom Brennan – Kal Co Road Commission Chair introduced himself – Shared He Appreciated Alamo Getting the roads improved.

Lt Jeff Baker introduced himself to the Township. Lt. Baker is Alamo Township Liaison for the Sheriff Dept.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes
- B. Approval of Liabilities

Clerk Snyder made a motion to approve minutes and Trustee Scott supported.

Received Reports:

Clerks Report:

- Continue to Work on Website
- Mailed over 1300 Absentee Applications for the Nov 2 Election (Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority Millage Renewal)
- I registered the Township and Received our Sam's Number from the Federal Govt.
- Greenbauer Cemetery had a large tree fall down. The Insurance Company paid Alamo Township \$1,600. Alamo received 3 Tree Removal Bids. Trustee Scheffers made a motion to use 4 Season Tree Service - \$2100 and Treasurer Stoneburner supported.
 - Roll Call:
 - Trustee Scheffers – Yes
 - Treasurer Stoneburner – Yes
 - Supervisor Vander – Yes
 - Trustee Scott – Yes
 - Clerk Snyder - Yes

Treasurer Report:

First National Bank:

Insured Cash Sweep: \$365,115.24
Current tax: \$295,500.71
Trust & Agency: \$ 148.80
General Account: \$240,111.94
Fire Withholding: \$ 13,058 = 7263 Ravine Road still holding (6911 Country View Complete)

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$256,443.22 As of July 31, 2021

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$292,531.86 AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

8-10-21 Received \$37,500 for Park Improvements (First Draw Township - Received)

Building Department Report:

Building Permits	5	\$1,203
Electrical Permits	6	\$715
Mechanical Permits	9	\$870
Zoning/Compliance Permits	0	0
Totals	20	\$2,788

Planning Commission Meeting

There was no meeting due to No Power at the Township Hall.

Fire Department Report: (Chief Kizer reported):

For the month of August 2021, Alamo Fire Department responded to 32 Incidents. The nature of these calls are as follows:

Incidents:

- 16 EMS calls
- 1 PI Accidents
- 9 Misc.
- 4 Dispatched & Cancelled
- 2 Fires

YEAR TO DATE: 282

Training:

- 8/02 Water Rescue
- 8/16 Drivers Training

Operations:

- Fire Truck specifications are out to five companies. Had questions from three of them so far. They are due back to us on September 20, 2021.

Personnel:

- Firefighters Bommersheim and Hoffman completed Fire Academy.

Public Relations / Fire Prevention:

- Planning on Pancake Breakfast 2021 at the Race Track in September 25 & 26.
- Planning on Halloween Candy Check 2021 October.

OLD BUSINESS:

American Rescue Plan (Govt Relief Monies) – Clerk Snyder reviewed the 4 Allowances the Federal Govt will allow which applies to large Municipalities.

Federal Govt is still making their way thru approx. 1,700 municipality information submitted.

Still no final rule from Feds on example and expenditures & updated guidance.

Federal Govt - to identify if municipality is an economically disadvantage community.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roads – Just ended the 7 year the Township Assessment. Alamo Township has repaired and miles of road covered more than the larger townships with the last assessment.

AB Avenue needs improvement. EF Avenue (will have another chip seal on it)

Assessment vs. Millage (Chapter 7 – MTA Red Book)

Fire Truck – Discussed Assessment or Loan thru Truck Mfg.

Resident spoke agreeing with road and fire assessment.

Resident spoke requesting a millage for vote.

Trustee will be voting on direction of assessment vs millage.

Trustee Scheffers made a motion to table till next month on discussion of direction to finance roads and fire truck. Supported by Trustee Scott. Motion passed.

BOARD Of Trustees Comments

Treasurer Stoneburner shared Sept 14 is last day to pay summer taxes.

Citizens Comments

- Suggested to look for more property for Alamo Cemetery.
- Asked when Park Improvements begin?

Adjournment

Clerk Snyder made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 PM. Treasurer Stoneburner supported. Motion passed.