

December 11, 2023- 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: Russell Scott
Treasurer: Mary Stoneburner
Clerk: Barb Venema
Trustee: Andrea Venema
Trustee: Jason Scheffers

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

12 people in attendance.

Supervisor Scott made a motion to amend the agenda to have Lt. Jeff Baker speak. Supported by Trustee Scheffers. Passed.

Citizens Comments: None

Lt. Jeff Baker, spoke about the accreditation process going on at the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Dept. He left information for the public to make comments during the process this week.

Consent Agreement

A. Minutes from November, and liabilities from October and November, Supervisor Scott made a motion to approve, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Passed.

B. Received Reports:

Clerks Report:

My deputy and I attended a 4 hr. meeting for prep for the 9 day voting, with County Clerk and Kalamazoo County Clerks.

Have online training to do with our State Election Website.

Continuing to work with Cemetery duties. Cremains and full burials, and foundation orders.

Treasurers' Report:

Insured Cash Sweep:	\$ 372,306.88
Current tax:	\$ 27,792.13
Trust & Agency:	\$ 147.31
General Account:	\$ 197,503.20
ARPA Account:	\$ 193,911.80

Special Fire Protection: \$150,700.96

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$252,622.48 as of 10/30/23:

Building Department Report: November, 2023

Building Permits	3	\$959.00
Electrical Permits	6	\$525.00
Mechanical Permits	3	\$210.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	0	\$ 0.00
Totals	21	\$1,694.00

Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission had a meeting on December 5, 2023. Corrected minutes from the November 7, 2023 meeting were presented. Trustee Scheffers gave a quick synopsis of the December meeting.

Fire Department Report

Given by Chief Kizer.

For the month of November, 2023 Alamo Fire Department responded to 52 Incidents. The total calls for the year is at 415.

The new fire truck will be pushed into service on December 18, 2023 at 6pm. The public is welcome.

The Board briefly talked about replacing the rescue truck. Fire Chief Kizer had provided a bid to the Board. It will be discussed more, after reviewing financials. Trustee Scheffers made a motion to table the discussion, supported by Supervisor Scott. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Museum: The Environmental test was done on the Museum, by Wonder Makers.

Trustee Scheffers made a motion that he obtain bids from companies to remove the asbestos. Supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Passed.

Trees in Rector Community Park: Steve Tolliver was not in attendance tonight. Lee Stoneburner gave a couple suggestions. It was tabled again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Otsego Board Trustee: A motion to was made to appoint Cathi Deschaine as a trustee for the Library Board, Trustee Scheffers, supported by Supervisor Scott. Passed. Thank you to Cathi for filling in this passed year.

Household Hazardous Waste Contract: A motion was made to leave our contribution the same, by Trustee Scheffers and supported by Supervisor Scott. Passed.

Policy on obtaining bids: A motion was made to reduced the obtaining of bids from 3 to 2 as of today, December 11, 2023, by Clerk Venema, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner, Passed.

Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals: A motion was made by Trustee Scheffers to appoint Emily Gilroy, Planning Commission Member to Zoning Board of Appeals.

John Kennedy Jr. will be the alternate on Zoning Board of Appeals.

Citizens Comments: Resident commented about how our cemeteries have not been cleared of leaves yet. Clerk will make phone call to find out why not.

A resident expressed his willingness to serve on the Planning Commission, and to be an alternative on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Board Comments:

Treasurer Stoneburner: Taxes are coming in.

Clerk Venema: Many things to do in December, Election training etc.

Supervisor Scott: He continues to learn about the job.

Adjournment

Trustee Scheffers made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Stoneburner supported the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment @ 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema.