

January 8, 2024- 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 7:01 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

8 people in attendance.

Citizens Comments:

John Spencer, District Manager for Republican Leader Matt Hall, spoke and updated us on things happening in Lansing.

Consent Agreement

A. Minutes and liabilities for December 2023 Trustee Scheffers made a motion to approve, supported by Supervisor Scott. Passed.

B. Received Reports:

Supervisor Scott made a motion to have Fire Chief Kizer have his report first, due to being needed at the Fire persons class happening at the Fire Station at the same time. Clerk Venema supported. Passed.

Fire Department Report

Given by Chief Kizer.

For the month of December, 2023 Alamo Fire Department responded to 42 Incidents. The total calls for the year was at 457.

New Truck was put into service on 12-21-23.

Chief Kizer made a recommendation for a new hire at the Fire Department. Ashton Dean-Fabijancic. Trustee Scheffers made a motion to approve permission to hire him, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Passed.

A brief discussion on the next step for the 1991 McCoy Miller Truck that is being decommissioned. Auction or to scrap it. Our Resolution from the attorney states that it should not be used as an active fire truck. Motion was made by Trustee Scheffers and supported by Treasurer Stoneburner to bring it to KMR and scrap it, Chief Kizer will proceed with that.

A brief discussion took place on whether it is possible to purchase a new Ford Crew Cab Rescue Truck. Treasurer will gather amounts and numbers on the Special Fire Assessment Fund.

Clerks Report:

- We are already started with the February 27, 2024 Election for Presidential Primary. All absentee voters, including permanent ballot receivers, will need to fill out a form, declaring a party. A new official voting ballot box has been installed in front of the Township Hall. It can be used for all things Elections.
- Cemetery work continues. Many clerical things going on in the office.
- ARPA contract with Kalamazoo County is in motion at the Administrative Office. We were given a stamp of approval.

Treasurers' Report:

Insured Cash Sweep: \$ 373,098.19
 Current tax: \$ 347,494.59
 Trust & Agency: \$ 147.31
 General Account: \$ 151,644.13
 ARPA Account: \$ 193,911.80
 Special Fire Protection:\$150,700.96

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$269,502.22 as of 11/30/23:

Building Department Report: December, 2023 (Report Not Received Yet)

Building Permits		\$0.00
Electrical Permits		\$0.00
Mechanical Permits		\$0.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits		\$ 0.00
Totals		\$0.00

Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission had a meeting on January 2, 2024. minutes were presented. Trustee Scheffers gave a quick synopsis of the January meeting.

- Applicants for the Planning Commission will be taken till January 31, 2024.
- The cost and contract from Prein and Newhof, working with Julie Johnston, for maps for the Land Use Plan was presented. A motion by Trustee Scheffers was made to accept this contract, and pay for it with ARPA Fund, it was supported by Supervisor Scott. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Museum: The Board was given 2 bids for Asbestos removal. A motion was made to accept the bid from Martin and Associates Environmental, LLC., by Trustee Scheffers, supported by Supervisor Scott. To be taken from the ARPA Fund, also. Passed.

Land Pride Scraper/Grader bids: Mike Lampen was in attendance to give us a report on the bids that he obtained. The Board in the past already approved a purchase. A motion was made to purchase one from Wolf in Mattawan, by Clerk Venema, supported by Supervisor Scott, contingent upon whether a used one that had been brought up, would work or not. The funds for this would come from the Kalamazoo Foundation which is designated for the park. Passed.

-Discussion was briefly held again on whether we can receive the payments from Aggregate, rather than it be sent directly to the Kalamazoo Foundation. That would provide us with \$10,000 a year to use for the park.

-Supervisor Scott will call Marty Landes, about these donations made to the Kalamazoo Foundation.

-An email was brought to the Board from Michigan DNR, stating a deadline for new grants being accepted for Parks, etc. At this point we will not resubmit. We would look for other grants for the Rector Community Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hearing Date for property at 7557 W D Ave: Supervisor Scott made a motion to set a Hazardous Building Hearing at our February 12, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting, for the property mentioned. Trustee Scheffers Supported the motion. Passed.

Prein and Newhof 2024 Engineering Contract: Board was given the proposed contract for the current year. Trustee Scheffers made a motion to accept, Trustee Venema supported, passed.

Payroll and Meeting Schedules: Received

Possible part time Ordinance Enforcement: Supervisor Scott was given a name of a possible Ordinance Officer. Supervisor Scott will contact him and set up a time to meet.

Citizens Comments: None

Board Comments:

Clerk Venema let the Board know that she was informed of a possible dead oak tree in Alamo Center Cemetery. We will be receiving a quote from JD Treeworks, it will be after trees start to bud in spring. We will be obtaining a second quote on this, also.

Adjournment

Trustee Scheffers made a motion to adjourn. Clerk Venema supported the motion. Motion passed.
Adjournment @ 8:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema.

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