

February 12, 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 7:00 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

13 people in attendance.

Citizens Comments: None

Consent Agreement

A. Minutes and liabilities for January, 2024, plus minutes from special meetings held on January 25 and February 8 were also included. Trustee Scheffers made a motion to approve, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Passed.

B. Guests:

1. Art Mulder spoke to us about his new recycling and dump center on Ravine and Nichols Rd. We are looking into whether this would work for dump/recycling instead of at our Township Property. We continue to look into this.
2. Chris Mihelich was here to answer questions from Board and citizens. He comes highly recommended for Ordinance Enforcement. A motion was made by Supervisor Scott, supported by Trustee Venema to hire Chris as a part time employee. Passed
3. Mark Worden from Kalamazoo County Road Commission came and gave a presentation on roads that need to be fixed and what the amount of our PAR Funds would be to match our funds. We need to finalize roads by March 15, 2024.
4. Kevin Cardiff represented the Dangerous Buildings for the hearing on 7557 West D Ave. The resident came to the podium to present his case. Many different things were stated. Board saw current pictures. A motion was made by Trustee Scheffers to adjourn on this and delay until we all get proper details. Clerk Venema Supported. Passed. Treasurer Stoneburner abstained from voting.

C. Received Reports:

Clerks Report:

Election will be Tuesday, February 27, 2024, receiving applications and sending out ballots everyday to our Absentee Voters. My deputy clerk and I attended a training class for Early Voting in our County. Election workers are lined up for this Election. We will be having an Election in May for the Plainwell Schools.

Cemeteries are continuing to stay fairly busy.

Treasurers' Report:

Insured Cash Sweep: \$ 373,891.19
Current tax: \$ 778,456.20
Trust & Agency: \$ 696.31
General Account: \$ 131,115.87
ARPA Account: \$ 187,521.80
Special Fire Protection: \$96,951.77

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$282,994.77 as of 2/07/24, available balance \$21,133.91

Building Department Report: January, 2024

Building Permits	2	\$245.00
Electrical Permits	3	\$420.00
Mechanical Permits	7	\$575.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	0	\$ 0.00
Totals	12	\$1,240.00

Building Department Report: 2023 Totals

Building Permits	67	\$10,979.00
Electrical Permits	59	\$5,865.00
Mechanical Permits	64	\$5,560.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	2	\$ 50.00
Totals	192	\$22,454.00

Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission had a meeting on February 6, 2024. minutes were presented. Trustee Scheffers gave a quick synopsis of the February meeting.

-Ron Feniger had applied for the opening on the Planning Commission. They made a motion to approve. It was brought to the Board of Trustees for final approval, Trustee Scheffers made a motion to accept, and Supervisor Scott supported. Passed

Clerk Venema had Ron Feniger swear in at the end of the meeting.

Fire Department Report:

Given by Fire Chief Kizer.

For the month of January, 2024, Alamo Fire Department responded to 65 incidents. The total calls for the year is 65.

Progress on the reframing of the 2003 Pierce Saber, is slow. About 25% complete.

OLD BUSINESS:

Museum: A motion was made by Supervisor Scott to have the furnace at museum be returned to the Alamo Foundation, supported by Trustee Venema. Passed.

Three bids were given to the Board, for demolition of the museum. Trustee Scheffers made a motion to accept the bid from Mulder's Landscape Supplies. Supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Passed. Demolition will take place as soon as gas and electric lines are disconnected from the building.

Fire Station/Painting of Bay: Supervisor Scott made a motion to delay discussion of the painting, till we receive another bid. May be more to discuss on this matter. Supported by Trustee Scheffers. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Back Door of Township Hall: Bids were given to the Board for the replacement of rear door. A motion was made to accept the Bid from Bommersheim Window and Door LLC to replace the door by Treasurer Stoneburner. Supported by Supervisor Scott. Passed.

Appraisals Plus Group Contract Renewal: Assessors for our Township. A motion was made to renew the contract for 2 years, by Trustee Scheffers, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner. Passed.

Citizens Comments:

Park Ranger Steve T. brought up about disposing of dead trees in the park and trails.

Board Comments:

Treasurer Stoneburner said she would be handling taxes until March 1, 2024

Supervisor Scott mentioned that he will continue to work on trying to set up a recycling/dump program.

Adjournment

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

Adjournment @ 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema.