

## March 11, 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.

14 people in attendance.

**Citizens Comments:** County Commissioner D. DeLeeuw spoke briefly about the new County Opioid Task Force that has been formed.

Supervisor Scott made a motion to amend the agenda, to add a Park Report to our Reports, and add museum discussion under new business tonight, Trustee Scheffers supported. Motion passed.

### Consent Agreement

**A.** Minutes and liabilities for February 12, 2024, Trustee Scheffers made a motion to approve, supported by Trustee Venema. Passed.

### B. Guests:

1. Lt Jeff Baker updated us on the Sheriff's department's accreditation was completed, and it will be a continual process.
2. Art Mulder spoke to us about his recycling and dump center on Ravine and Nichols Rd. We set a date with him, Saturday, April 27, 8:00 am to noon, Alamo Township residents will be able to bring recycling and junk. More details will be coming. Watch the website. This will be a trial run, ID's will be checked. Supervisor Scott made a motion, supported by Treasurer Stoneburner, motion passed.
3. Museum-a resident is interested in maybe obtaining some floor boards and trim. Art Mulder says he prefers that they come before the building is demolished.

### C. Received Reports:

#### Clerks Report:

Presidential Primary Election was completed on February 27, 2024, We had 561 Absentee Voters, plus 490 voters combined from Precinct 1 and 2.

We are preparing for the election on May 7, 2024, Plainwell Schools. Only Precinct 2 will be open.

A lot of clerical work has been happening at the office.

Cemetery work keeps going,

**Treasurers' Report:**

Insured Cash Sweep: \$ 374,634.55  
Current tax: \$ 468,699.83  
Trust & Agency: \$ 174.63  
General Account: \$ 162,889.25  
ARPA Account: \$ 181,975.80  
Fire Protection: \$ 50,033.77

**Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$281,253.67 as of 3/06/24, available balance \$21,133.91**

**Building Department Report: February, 2024**

Building Permits	2	\$640.00
Electrical Permits	2	\$205.00
Mechanical Permits	3	\$210.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	0	\$ 0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$1,055.00</b>

**Planning Commission Meeting**

Planning Commission had a meeting on March 5, 2024. minutes were presented. Trustee Scheffers gave a quick synopsis of the March meeting. For the new Land Use Plan, there will be upcoming open houses, surveys and meetings for the residents to attend.

**Fire Department Report:**

Given by Fire Chief Kizer.

For the month of February, 2024, Alamo Fire Department responded to 26 incidents. The total calls for the year is 91.

Progress on the reframing of the 2003 Pierce Saber, is moving quickly now. It should be complete by March 18, 2024. Should be back in Kalamazoo the 1<sup>st</sup> part of April. Hoping it will be in service by June. The new Rescue truck will be on site maybe by March 14, 2024. Chief Kizer's recommendation for selling Truck 121, is to put it up for auction. Supervisor Scott will get advice from our attorney.

**Park Report:**

Supervisor Russell read the report. Water to be turned on, inspections, and removal of trees. Gave prices on woodchipper rentals. This will be given to our attorney for inspection. Also S. Tolliver presented information pertaining a Flag retirement ceremony, again we will consult our attorney on this matter. A resident suggested trading rental of chipper for an advertising banner at the little league.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Marty Landes**, a letter was given as information to the Board which stated that donations that formerly were given to the Kalamazoo Foundation, from Holcim Aggregate Industries would now be sent directly to the township. The money can only be used for improvements (new/old), at the Eugene Rector Park, and for future parks.

**Reclamation Bond:** the Board was given a copy, this was updated recently, pertaining to the gravel pits with Holcim Aggregate Industries.

**RCKC:** Supervisor Scott presented the roads, and a culvert project that need to be done in our township. Country view, AB Ave and culvert replacement. Supervisor made a motion to accept these road bids for a total of \$91,021.90. It will be taken from our ARPA Funds. Supported by Trustee Scheffers. Motion passed.

Residents had brief discussion on semis/trucks traveling 6<sup>th</sup> St. It is a county road. Residents are concerned the trucks are coming down the hill by Owen, way too fast, and could endanger residents. Supervisor Scott will reach out to Holcim Aggregate Industries, to possibly ask the truckers to slow down. It is difficult to have heavy loaded trucks slow down as they come down a hill.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bloomingtondale Communications Contracts:** Supervisor Scott made a motion that we sign Bloomingtondale Communications Contracts, and as our attorney advised, we can charge them a 5% fee, as stated in contracts. Trustee Scheffers supported. Motion passed.

**RCKC** will be holding an informational meeting on May 2, 2024, 6 to 7:30 pm, at Alamo Township Hall. It will be pertaining to the work to be done on D Ave between Ravine Rd and 6<sup>th</sup> St. Public Welcome.

**RCKC** will be having an open house for their new facility, on 26<sup>th</sup> St, on Thursday, March 21.

**Cemetery Bids:** We received 4 bids this year. The Board examined and had a brief time of discussion and studying bids. Clerk Venema made a motion to accept the bid from New Life Property Care. It was supported by Trustee Scheffers. Treasurer Stoneburner opposed. Motion passed.

**Budget Workshop and Finalization Meeting:** Workshop will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 7pm, and the next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @ 7pm. Workshop meeting will be held at the Fire Station.

**Service Retention Contract:** Supervisor Scott read the list of companies and individuals that we will retain for their services for the 2024-2025 year. Motion was made by Trustee Scheffers, supported by Trustee Venema. A roll call vote was taken, Trustee Scheffers, YES, Trustee Venema, YES, Treasurer Stoneburner, NO, Supervisor Scott, YES, Clerk Venema, YES Motion passed.

**Citizens Comments:**

A resident was asking for an update on property on B Ave.

A resident was complaining about a culvert that was put in on DE Ave, that it is too high, and the water is pooling not moving.

A resident was wondering about ARPA funds for fixing 8<sup>th</sup> St. It is in process, and will be bid out, with hopes of fixing the road this summer.

**Board Comments:**

Treasurer Stoneburner said she is settling with County for taxes. All figures looked good.  
Clerk Venema said security cameras are being installed tomorrow, outside of building, protection for the state mandated ballot box.  
Supervisor Scott thanked Board members for all the work being done.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Scheffers made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Stoneburner supported the motion. Motion passed.  
Adjournment @ 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema.

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