

October 14, 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:

Treasurer: Denise Wilcox
Clerk: Barb Venema
Trustee: Andrea Venema
Trustee: Jason Scheffers
Supervisor Russell Scott

The Township Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Scott at 7:01 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

11 people in attendance.

Citizens Comments:

Dale DeLeeuw, county commissioner, spoke about the veteran's program in the County. He took part in our junk day last Saturday, as an Alamo Resident.
A resident has some questions about Kalamazoo County being a sanctuary county. Dale DeLeeuw would talk to her after the meeting.

Consent Agreement

A. Minutes for September 9, 2024, plus minutes from Special Meeting on Oct 2, and Liabilities, Supervisor Scott made a motion to accept. Trustee Venema supported. Passed.

Clerk Report:

Have been very busy with things for the General Election in November.
1031 absentee ballots have been sent/or given out. Plus 2 were sent overseas to 2 civilians. 261 have been returned as of Thursday, Oct 10. Residents have been calling or stopping with many questions.

We have been busy with cemetery things, also. Full burials, cremains burials, monuments and foundations are all happening. Lots of calls pertaining to the cemeteries.

Supervisor Scott also mentioned the gravel that we had delivered to our cemeteries, to help our driveways.

Treasurer's Report:

Current tax:	\$ 16,718.77
Trust & Agency:	\$ 1,026.50
Fire Protection:	\$ 101,447.71
General Account:	\$ 738,257.38
ARPA Account:	\$ 43,226.73
Money Market:	\$ 665,286.12

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: \$311,870.42 as of 10/13/24. Amount available is \$18,160.57

Building Department Report: September , 2024

Building Permits	8	\$1,987.00
Electrical Permits	5	\$490.00
Mechanical Permits	7	\$710.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	1	\$ 25.00
Totals	21	\$3,212.00

Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2024. Trustee Scheffers gave a brief synopsis.

Fire Dept Report:

For the month of September, the amount of incidents was 50. Year to date total is 436.

Fire Chief Kizer recommended to the Board to hire Igor Lapa. He would be a dual team member working both for Cooper and Alamo Township. Supervisor Scott made a motion to hire Igor Lapa, Trustee Venema supported. Passed. He still has to complete his training at Alamo.

Old Truck 121 was sold at an auction for \$3,200.

Ordinance Report: We received a report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer, for September 2024. Supervisor Scott mentioned that C. Mihelich is down to about 1 day a week, now.

OLD BUSINESS:

Museum: Ordinance 24-02 was presented to the Board, to change the zoning of the museum property to residential instead of commercial. Supervisor Scott made a motion, and supported by Trustee Scheffers We did a roll call vote, Trustee Scheffers, Yes, Trustee Venema, YES, Treasurer Wilcox, YES, Supervisor Scott, Yes and Clerk Venema, YES. Supervisor Scott declared it passed.

Recycling/Junk Day: Supervisor Scott gave a brief report, 66-77 cars came through last Saturday, at Waste Not Recycling.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution for collecting of tax payments, over up to \$5.00/or under. Supervisor Scott read part of this Resolution. **Resolution for electronic payments of public funds,** was also read. Supervisor Scott made a motion to accept, Treasurer Wilcox supported. Roll Call Vote was taken. Trustee Scheffers, YES, Trustee Venema, YES, Treasurer Wilcox, YES, Supervisor Scott, Yes, Clerk Venema, YES, Passed.

Policy for ACH(automated clearing house) payments was also read. Supervisor Scott made a motion to accept, Trustee Scheffers supported. A roll call vote was taken, Trustee Scheffers, Trustee Venema, YES, Treasurer Wilcox, YES, Supervisor Scott, Yes, Clerk Venema, YES, Passed.

Citizen Comments: NONE

Board Comments:

Clerk Venema stated that it has been very busy with the election.

Treasurer Wilcox wanted to know if we need to contact our attorney about our county being a sanctuary county.

Trustee Scheffers said he would still take a look at the bridge on trails at the park.

A thank you was given to our volunteers that have been cleaning up things at our cemetery.

Supervisor Scott said he is getting quotes on stone dust for the ball fields.

Adjournment

Clerk Venema made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Wilcox supported the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment @ 7:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema.

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