

April 14, 2025- 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:

Trustee: Priscilla Lobretto
Treasurer: Denise Wilcox
Clerk: Barb Venema
Trustee: Andrea Venema
Supervisor Russell Scott

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

11 people in attendance.

Citizens Comments: Commissioner DeLeeuw shared that there would be a tire recycling this summer. Please see our website for the details.

Minutes for March 10, 2025, Special Meeting at 6:15 pm, and 7pm meeting and Liabilities, Trustee Venema made a motion to accept. Trustee Lobretto supported. Passed.

Clerk's Report:

Supervisor Scott read the report.

We had 3 full burials in March. Alamo Township has an election on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Otsego Schools Millage and an operating Millage for the Township.

Treasurer's Report:

Tax Fund:	\$ 759,124.82
Trust & Agency:	\$ 17,108.66
Fire Protection:	\$ 127,551.68
General Account:	\$ 61,428.37

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: as of 4/2025. Amount available is \$23,543.22

Building Department Report: March, 2025

Building Permits	7	\$2,507.00
Electrical Permits	1	\$170.00
Mechanical Permits	6	\$665.00
Zoning/Compliance Permits	0	\$ 0.00
Totals	14	\$3,342.00

Planning Commission Meeting

The April 1, 2025 meeting minutes were included. Trustee Lobretto gave us a report of the meeting. Next month's meeting will be moved to Wednesday, May 7, at 7pm, due to conflict with the Election. A Resolution was recommended by the PC, a moratorium to be till March 31, 2026, concerning Solar, Wind and Battery Storage. Trustee Lobretto made a motion to accept the Resolution. Supervisor Scott supported. Passed.

Fire Dept Report:

Fire Chief Kizer gave the fire report. The Fire Department responded to 46 calls in March. Total for the year Fire calls: 152.

Ordinance Report: We received a report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer, for March, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appraisals for C Avenue Property, and the former Museum property were given to the Board. A suggestion was made that maybe we might keep the museum property, using the building for storage. We will be looking for suggestions. It is tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS:

IT SERVICES, a motion was made to employ Mihelich and Associates for our IT needs at Alamo Township, by Clerk Venema, supported by Treasurer Wilcox. Passed. Mihelich and Associates will be added to our Retention List for the year. A motion was also made to pay Mihelich and Associates for work he had been doing prior to this agreement, by Trustee Venema, supported by Trustee Lobretto. 4 to 1 vote, Treasurer Wilcox opposed.

CertaSite: A motion was made to put CertaSite on our business Retention List for the year. They are a company that checks and updates our fire extinguishers for Township, Fire Department, and the Rector Community Park. Motion made by Supervisor Scott and supported by Treasurer Wilcox and Trustee Lobretto. Passed.

Hall Rental Policy: Clerk Venema would like input and/or suggestions on our policy for rentals, if someone were to reserve and then cancel. Do we keep deposit or part of it? We will table this for now.

Alamo Little League Clean Up Day at Rector Community Park on Saturday, April 19, 8 am to 1 pm. Opening Day will be April 26, 2025, 10 am parade and games following.

Junk/Recycling Day will be Saturday, April 26, 8 to noon, at Waste Not Recycling.

Letter of Understanding between Alamo Township and Aggregate Industries. The Township Board will agree to amendments for Aggregate Industries, in exchange for a deed restriction to be removed on the property on C Avenue. The operating hours of hauling will be 7am to 6pm. Trucks will be allowed to go west on G to 6th Street, and D Ave or to M43. Motion was made by Trustee Venema, supported by Treasurer Wilcox. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Lobretto, YES, Trustee Venema, YES, Treasurer Wilcox, YES, Supervisor Scott, YES, and Clerk Venema, YES. Passed.

Supervisor Scott will check into the trucks not using their engine brakes.

BS & A, recently informed Townships they will be not storing our necessary information. They will be switching to the cloud of some sort. They say 2 to 3 years will be the time frame. It will not be a cheap venture. We need to keep planning out our budget for this.

Discussion only, change Board Meeting night??

Mass texts or emails to use to contact Alamo Residents. We have a copy of what our own Website Owner can offer. Treasurer Wilcox will be putting together more information on this subject.

A request to grow and sell marijuana, No vote was taken, the Board had a copy of the ordinance in their packets. The township doesn't allow it at this time.

Park and Ride, Supervisor Scott stated that he and our Ordinance Officer cleaned up garbage at the Park and Ride, because residents have complained. The Park and Ride is not the Township's responsibility, but we still took care of it. Garbage barrels are not placed there, because people bring their household garbage out there.

Treasurer Wilcox brought up a subject for discussion. The agenda was not amended to include this topic, and it was not on the agenda. She wants her deputy treasurer to be paid for attending the MTA Conference we recently attended. The Township has never paid anyone to attend the conference. It was pushed until a motion was made by Trustee Lobretto to pay the deputy treasurer this one time for the 15 hours. Supported by Treasurer Wilcox. Passed.

Citizen Comments: Resident had questions about the upcoming millage.

Board Comments:

Trustee Lobretto appreciated the MTA Conference, it was very helpful.

Trustee Venema said cleanup in the cemeteries would begin at the end of this week.

Clerk Venema we are busy with the election, and trying to work on new system for credit card bills.

Supervisor Scott thanked Les, Lee, Steve and kids that have been helping at the park. They have working on the flagpole, etc. Also, thank you to everyone that has been working at the Rector Community Park.

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

Adjournment @ 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Clerk Barb Venema.

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