

May 11, 2026- 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.

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

4 people in attendance.

Board Members Roll Call:

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

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda, with moving a couple things around under “new business”, adding General Fund Policy, by Trustee LoBretto, supported by Trustee Venema. Passed. The agenda was also amended later in the evening to add renewal of solar moratorium. Motion made by Supervisor Scott and supported by Trustee LoBretto. Passed.

Guests:

Minutes and Liabilities: A motion was made by Trustee Venema to approve the minutes and liabilities from the April 13, 2026, Supported by Trustee LoBretto. Passed. Will correct the year on the minutes. (Trustee LoBretto did have a question about the insufficient funds problem.)

Clerk’s Report:

Cemetery: We’ve had 2 cremains burials. Our mowing company has done spring clean up and is mowing regularly. Many gravesites have had topsoil and seed added. Veteran Flags are being placed in the cemeteries before Memorial Day. My Deputy and I are working on cemetery details in our computer system. Correcting and adding details that have not been properly done in the past.

We continue to have rentals at the Township Hall and Park Pavilion. Dates are available.

Next Election we are already preparing for will be on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

Treasurer’s Report:

Bank

General Account:	\$	270,659.80
Fire Protection:	\$	201,360.71
Trust & Agency:	\$	19,961.17
Tax Fund:	\$	58,625.29

Investments:

IMCU	\$	255,239.73
Michigan Class -General	\$	231,640.54.
Fire	\$	80,734.94
Interest	\$	18,114.49

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: . Balance in KZF fund is \$366,981.96 The amount available for grants is \$28,523.83

Building Official: Garrett Reitenour gave the report for April. 11 Building permit, 7 Electrical, and 6 Mechanical Inspections. He is working with C. Mihelich on the computer program. Working out the bugs in the system.

Planning Commission Meeting

Trustee LoBretto gave a brief synopsis of the May 5, 2026, meeting. alerted us to the letter from Oshtemo Township that they're updating their Master Land Use Plan.

Fire Dept Report:

Fire Chief Kizer gave the fire report. The Fire Department responded to 41 calls in April. Total fire calls for the year is 217. Fire Chief Kizer requested approval to submit for grant for new radios. A motion was made by Supervisor Scott, supported by Treasurer Wilcox. Passed.

Ordinance Report: We were provided with reports in the Board packets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Esper Electric quote: A motion was made by Supervisor Scott to have Esper Electric install an eye for our front outdoor lights at the Hall, and install lighting in 2 offices at the Hall, also. Supported by Treasurer Wilcox. Passed

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **State Code Ordinance:** Treasurer Wilcox had a couple of questions. A motion was made by Trustee LoBretto to approve a new State Code Ordinance; the old one was outdated. Supported by Trustee Venema. A roll call vote was taken. Trustee Venema, Trustee LoBretto, Treasurer Wilcox, Supervisor Scott and Clerk Venema, all voted Aye. Passed.
- B. **Discussion was had about how much to keep in bank accounts.** This was tabled.
- C.
- D. **Outdoor Adventures/Kalamazoo Resort Fireworks Permit:** Supervisor Scott made a motion to approve fireworks permit for July 4, 2026. Supported by Treasurer Wilcox. Passed.
- E. **Kalamazoo Speedway Fireworks and Road Closure Permits:** A motion was made to approve the permit and road closure for the Speedway Fireworks and Road Closure for June 6, 2026, by Trustee LoBretto , supported by Treasurer Wilcox. Passed. We will approve permits one by one this year.
- F. **Budget and 303 Budget:** Not ready yet.
- G. **Solar Moratorium:** A motion was made to check with our attorney and renew the moratorium for Solar and Wind that we had approved before. Motion made by Tresurer Wilcox and supported by Trustee Venema. Roll call vote was taken. All 5 Board members all voted Aye. Passed. Supervisor Scott would check with our attorney.
- H. **General Fund Policy:** Discussion was had. Tabled until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dale DeLeeuw, our County Commissioner, stated that there will be a Kalamazoo County Child Care Millage will be on the August ballots for the election.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee LoBretto: Lots of events to attend.

Treasurer Wilcox: Taxes will be coming again, soon.

Trustee Venema: Flags will be placed in the cemeteries.

Supervisor Scott: Our fire department brought trucks to Little League Opening Day. 427 kids are enrolled in the Alamo program. Shingles are being donated for all the buildings at Rector Community Park, that have shingles. Will be donated by Southwest Roofing and installed by VanDam & Krusinga. Thank you to these businesses!

AB Ave has been pulverized and needs to set for 2 months.

Supervisor Scott mentioned a fiber optic wire hanging low at 6th and G Ave.

ADJOURNMENT: Treasurer Wilcox made a motion to adjourn. Trustee LoBretto supported the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by Clerk Barb Venema