

Almira Township

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2025

I. Supervisor Roper called the meeting to order at 6 pm at the Almira Township Hall 19639 Maple Street, Lake Ann

II. Pledge to the Flag Recited

III. Roll Call

Present: Tammy Clous, Mandy Gray Rineer, Mark Roper, Matt Therrien, Lori Florip

IV. **Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda:** Under Old Business add Item F. Cleaning Proposal

V. **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** *Motion by Therrien*, supported by Rineer, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. All ayes, no nays, motion passed.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Rineer, supported by Therrien, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion passed.

VII. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rineer provided a financial report for the end of December 2024. Winter tax payments are coming in.

IX. County Commissioners:

Commissioner Art Jeannot was at this meeting but he had provided a written report.

X. Dept. Heads:

Chief Drury reported that for the month of December the Department responded to a total of 28 incidents. He also reported on vehicle/equipment; budget; grants; training; and personnel.

Tom Vinnette, Chairperson of the Recreational Resources Committee stated that at the last meeting they set meeting dates and locations for 2025, they reviewed budget for 2025/2026, and are recommending a new member being appointed to the Committee.

XI. **Guests:** None

VIII. **Brief Public Input:** None

XII. Old Business:

- A. **ARPA Projects:** The revenue/expenditure report for the ARPA funds was presented. Contracts have been put in place; two picnic tables for the dog park have been ordered. Roper will keep this report updated.
- B. **Social Security:** This item can be removed from future agendas until more information can be obtained and budgeted for.
- C. **Recreational Plan:** This item can be removed from future agendas until it has been received back from being reviewed.
- D. **Ransom Lake Grant:** Roper reported that the Township had not gotten the grant applied for, so this project will be put in the next budget.
- E. **Committee Appointments:** *Motion by Rineer*, supported by Therrien, to appoint Todd Herzog to the Recreational Resources Committee for a regular two (2) year term. All

eyes, no nays, motion passed. *Motion by Rineer*, supported by Clous, to re-appoint Martha Redick to the Recreational Resources Committee. All eyes, no nays, motion passed. *Motion by Rineer*, supported by Clous, to re-appoint Melisa Martin to the Planning Commission. All eyes, no nays, motion passed.

- F. Cleaning Proposal:** Roper explained the situation with discussion taking place. Consensus is to go with the updated information as presented.

XIII. New Business

- A. Review Airboat Agreement:** Roper explained that this agreement with the Benzie County Sheriff's Office is to be reviewed on an annual basis. Discuss took place with obtaining a battery tender being mentioned. No other issues with this topic. Roper will let Sheriff Rosa know that the agreement has been reviewed.
- B. Budget Workshop Date:** Discussion took place and budget workshop meeting dates will be held on Wednesday, February 5th at noon and Friday, February 7th at 10 a.m.
- C. Bids for Clean-up Day/Scrap Metal:** Rineer stated that she did not know why this was even on the agenda as no bids were needed. She will contact GFL regarding them providing a trailer for the scrap metal along with getting a contract for clean-up day.
- D. Employee Handbook:** Discussion took place and updates are to be presented at next meeting.
- E. Fire and EMS Personnel:** *Motion by Therrien*, supported by Rineer, to approve Sam Kelly as a member of the Fire and EMS Department. All eyes, no nays, motion passed.
- F. Fire and EMS Inground Propane Tanks:** Chief Drury explained the situation with additional information from Roper. Discussion took place. *Motion by Therrien*, supported by Rineer, to purchase the two (2) 1,000-gallon inground propane tanks from AmeriGas in the amount of \$3,000.00. Roll call vote was as follows: Clous, aye; Rineer, aye; Therrien, aye; Florip, aye; Roper, aye; all eyes, no nays, motion passed.

XIV. Extended Public Input: Ben Deemer asked Chief Drury questions regarding the airboat. Don Shirer presented a list of topics regarding the new bridge and trail at Ransom Lake Natural Area along with a picture of a bridge installed at the Cedar Run Creek Natural Area that was done by the Youth Work organization.

XV. Board Comments: Therrien stated that Music in the Park work has been started. Rineer stated that the estate of Billy and Erika Morse had donated funds to the Fire and EMS Department and to the park. Roper stated "go Lions".

XVI. Adjourn: Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.