

Almira Township

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026

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, Matt Therrien, Mark Roper. Lori Florip was excused.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda: Under New Business add: B. Committee Appointments

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

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda: *Motion by Rineer, supported by Therrien, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes, no nays, Florip excused, motion passed.*

VII. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rineer provided a financial report for the end of January 2026. She stated that taxes are due Tuesday, February 17th by 5:00 p.m.

IX. County Commissioners: Commissioner Art Jeannot was not in attendance but had provided a written report that reviewed the County accomplishments and actions taken during 2025. Any questions should be directed to Art.

X. Dept. Heads: Chief Drury reported on number of calls in January, vehicles, equipment, training, personnel, and community outreach.

XI. Guests: None

VIII. Brief Public Input: None

Supervisor declared the regular meeting be recessed at 6:07 p.m.

Supervisor declared that the Public Hearing regarding Truth in Taxation and Salary Resolutions be opened at 6:07 p.m.

Roper read the Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, and the amounts of revenue and expenses requested for each cost center.

Roper read Salary Resolution 2-2026 #1. *Motion by Clous, supported by Rineer, to adopt Salary Resolution 2-2026 #1 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Rineer, aye; Clous, aye; Therrien, aye; Roper, aye; all ayes, no nays, Florip excused, motion passed. Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.*

Roper read Salary Resolution 2-2026 #2. *Motion by Therrien, supported by Clous, to adopt Salary Resolution 2-2026 #2 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Therrien, aye; Clous, aye; Roper, aye; Rineer, abstained; Florip excused; three (3) ayes, no nays, one abstained, motion passed. Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.*

Roper read Salary Resolution 2-2026 #3. *Motion by Rineer, supported by Therrien, to adopt Salary Resolution 2-2026 #3 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Rineer, aye; Therrien,*

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aye; Roper, aye; Clous, abstained; Florip excused; three (3) ayes, no nays, one abstained, motion passed. Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Roper read Salary Resolution 2-2026 #4. *Motion by Rineer*, supported by Therrien, to adopt Salary Resolution 2-2026 #4 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Therrien, aye; Rineer, aye; Clous, aye; Roper abstained; Florip excused; three (3) ayes, no nays, one abstained, motion passed. Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

There were no public comments made at this hearing.

Supervisor declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

Supervisor declared regular meeting reconvened at 6:16 p.m.

XII. Old Business:

- A. Cedar Run Road Intersections:** Roper stated that tree cutting and power pole placements would be starting soon at the Reynolds Road/Cedar Run Road intersection per the Benzie County Road Commission Manager. No update yet regarding the traffic study results for the Lake Ann Road/Cedar Run Road intersection from the engineering firm.
- B. Review Airboat Storage Agreement:** Roper stated that Benzie County Sheriff Kyle Rosa sent a letter informing Almira Township that the previous letter of understanding was now terminated. The airboat will now be housed at the Benzonia Township Fire Dept.
- C. Policy and Procedures:** Clous presented the updated policy with discussion taking place. *Motion by Rineer*, supported by Clous, to adopt the Almira Township Flag Policy as amended. All ayes, no nays, Florip excused, motion passed.
- D. 2026 Office Holiday Schedule:** Rineer explained with discussion taking place. *Motion by Rineer*, supported by Clous, to adopt the 2026 Office Holiday Schedule to observe: Christmas Eve Day on Tuesday, 12-22-2026; Christmas Day on Wednesday, 12-23-2026; New Year's Eve Day on Tuesday, 12-29-2026; New Year's Day on Wednesday, 12-30-2026. All ayes, no nays, Florip excused, motion passed.
- E. Fire & EMS Personnel:** Resignation letter from Matthew Johnson was discussed. *Motion by Rineer*, supported by Clous, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Matt Johnson from the Fire & EMS Department. All ayes, no nays, Florip excused, motion passed.

XIII. New Business:

- A. Intercept Agreement:** Discussion took place and this item will be put on the March meeting agenda.
- B. Committee Appointments:** *Motion by Clous*, supported by Rineer, to re-appoint Florip to the Planning Commission; to re-appoint Rineer, to the Recreational Resources Committee; Veterans Memorial Committee, and Alternate to the Land Division Committee; to re-appoint Roper to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All ayes, no nays, Florip excused, motion passed.

XIV. Extended Public Input: None

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XV. Board Comments: Rineer stated that long time resident and Veteran's Memorial Committee member Dan Giddis had passed away. Roper stated the he has been kept busy with his granddaughter's basketball games.

XVI. Adjourn: Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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