Supervisor Mark Roper called the meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Almira Township Fire & EMS Facility.

Supervisor led the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor called for roll call. Members present were: Mark Roper, Mandy Gray Rineer, Tammy Clous, Matt Therrien, and Ann Beaujean.

**Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda by Board and Citizens:** None

**Approval of Meeting Agenda:** *Motion by* Therrien, and supported by Rineer, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. All ayes, motion passed.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Motion by* Rineer and supported by Beaujean, to approve the consent agenda:

1. Approve regular Board meeting minutes dated April 8, 2013.
2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF April 2013: None

1. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #’s 34371 – 34467. SEE CHECK REGISTERS INCLUDED IN PACKET. BILLS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION UPON REQUEST.
2. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

BENZIE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Included in Packet

ASSESSOR: No Report

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: No Report

RECREATIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE: No Report

FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT: No Report

PLANNING COMMISSION: No Report

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: No Report

1. MISCELLANEOUS: None
2. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE:

Lake Ann Village Council Draft Meeting Minutes No Report

Benzie County Road Commission meeting minutes Included in Packet

Almira Township Letter from Assistant Fire Chief Included in Packet

Risk Management Update from Bill Honer Included in Packet

**Treasurer’s Report:** Rineer presented the treasurers report. Report was received and filed.

**Brief Public Input:** Rasa Baker asked that we consider moving the recycling for the summer to a different location away from the Veterans Memorial to help maintain the peaceful quiet setting it has when the bins are not there and the traffic into them is not disruptive to people at the memorial. She also stated that there is a house on red Oak drive that has been deemed abandoned and is not being kept up. She would like someone to contact the mortgage company in regards to cleaning the home up.

Berta Meserve stated that the Recreational Resources committee would like to have individuals seeking appointment to their committee come to a committee meeting first to see if they are a good fit and then be brought to the board with a recommendation from them before the Township Board appoints anyone to their committee. She also stated that a donor sheet that was brought to the Township for printing had been changed from the original that she brought in without her knowledge and she would like to be contacted before any changes are made to their documents.

**County Commissioners:** Commissioner Tucker advised the board that there will be a special commissioners meeting held this Thursday at 9:00 am to go over the Maples finances with them. The Maples is currently behind in their repayment of the funds owed to the county. She also stated that the county is currently having issues with people placing CHF bulbs into the recycling container which is not how these types of bulbs are supposed to be disposed of. She asked that we try to keep a look out for anyone that may be doing this.

**Department Heads:**

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1. **Library:** Librarian Ransom thanked Mark Perry and Ann Beaujean for the donation of several children’s books to the Library and stated that the Computers and printer are working well and have no major recent issues.

**Guests:**  Brandon Morse presented the board with a plan for his Eagle Scout Project. He would like to do his project in conjunction with Joe Baker for an improvement project at the Veterans Memorial. He presented a drawing of the proposed project and a brief description of the project. The project would be removal and installation of new stone and weed barrier around the Veterans Memorial Pavilion. *Motion* by Therrien, supported by Beaujean to support Brandon Morse for his Eagle Scout Project at the Veterans Memorial. All: Ayes motion passed. *Motion* by Therrien, supported by Beaujean to allow the Veterans Memorial Committee to spend up to $1000.00 on stone surround of the Veterans Memorial Pavilion if needed. Upon roll call vote Therrien: Aye; Clous: Aye; Roper: Aye; Rineer: Aye; Beaujean: Aye motion passed.

**Old Business:**

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1. **Committee Appointments:** *Motion* by Rineer, and supported by Beaujean to appoint Lori Florip to the Recreational Resources Committee for a two year term. All: Ayes. Motion passed. The Township Board will also be attending the next Recreational Resources Committee meeting to be held on May 20, 2013.
2. **Clean-Up Day:** Clean-up day went well, attendance was down from previous years however the donations were up some. Discussion took place on if we wanted to continue with the clean-up day the way it is or do we want to make some change, it was suggested that it may be more beneficial to do a hazardous materials collection in conjunction with or instead of the current clean-up day we provide.

**New Business:**

1. **Road Brining:** *Motion* by Beaujean, supported by Therrien to approve the brining of the townships dirt roads with two passes of brine. All: Ayes motion passed.
2. **Dunesville:** *Motion* by Roper, supported by Rineer to allow Brandon Wittig to continue with the planning of Dunesville and get us the application fee and proof of liability insurance before June 3, 2013. All; Ayes motion passed.
3. **MTA Dues:** *Motion* by Therrien, supported by Beaujean to approve $20.00 for Benzie Count y MTA dues for two years. Upon roll call vote Therrien: Aye; Clous: Aye; Roper: Aye; Rineer: Aye; Beaujean: Aye motion passed.
4. **Committee Resignation:** *Motion* by Rineer, supported by Beaujean to accept Janette Grice’s resignation from the recreational Resources Committee with regrets and to write a thank you letter for her service on this committee. All; Ayes motion passed.
5. **Cherryland Quotes:** *Motion* by Therrien, supported by Beaujean to accept the lighting project from Glen Lake Electric using Building fund for Fire Department lighting costs.
6. **Fire & EMS Position:** the board wishes to keep looking over the information given to them in regards to this position and we will be having a special board meeting on May 22, 2013 at 7:00 pm to go over the job description.
7. **Fire & EMS Manager Position:** *Motion* by Therrien, supported by Rineer to allow Steve Puchovan to continue as Fire & EMS Manager until the June Regular Board Meeting. All: Ayes motion passed.
8. **Lake Ann Youth Baseball/Softball:** *Motion* by Beaujean, supported by Rineer to requires youth sports to sign a waiver of liability releasing the Township from liability and to not require additional insurance coverage. All: Ayes motion passed.

**Extended Public Input:** Dale Flaherty let us know when hazardous waste clean-up dates are for the remainder of the year. He also asked us to make sure that Glen Lake Electric disposed of the bulbs that they replace for us properly. Rasa baker stated that the roads in the Hardwood Acres subdivision are in need of repair and would like to see what can be done. Mike Willsey stated that there has been a loss of State funding possibly due to a multiplier that was left off from figuring the gas road tax amount that was to be dispersed. Craig Johnson asked that coverage for non duty crew hours be put on our May 22 special board meeting agenda. Mark Ryan asked if a tree in our Greenbriar Cemetery could be removed as its roots are starting to surface and disturb headstones.

**Board Comments:** Roper said that a representative from the county road commission was going to be doing a ride through our township with Mark on Thursday to look at the condition of our roads. He also stated that the road commission may be looking at doing a local millage for road repair. He also stated that we are in the middle of beach excavation and that the plants will be here June 3rd and anyone interested in volunteering to help plant them is welcome. Rineer has met with the Veterans Memorial Committee three times this year and that they are getting started on their spring projects.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:53p.m.

Tammy Clous

Almira Township Clerk