Supervisor Mark Roper called the meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 7:01 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* Rineer, and supported by Therrien, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. All ayes, motion passed.

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

1. Approve Regular meeting minutes dated May 12.
2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF May 2014: None

1. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #’s 35281 – 35338. 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

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

Benzie County Road Commission Minutes and Notice: Included in Packet

Letter from Young, Graham, Elsenheimer & Wendling P.C.: Included in Packet

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

**Brief Public Input:** Mark Ryan spoke about a tree at the Greenbriar Cemetery that appears to be dying.

**County Commissioners:** Commissioner Bates stated that Tim McGuire from MAC said that there has been legislative action that will fund revenue sharing 100% for the county. The ORV ordinance is moving forward. The Commission on Aging took a financial hit this year and the Veterans have made a one-time donation of $10,000.00 to them to help offset some of the increased expenses in snow removal and yard maintenance. Benzie EMS has hired a new full time individual for the 9-9 shift. Benzie EMS has filed for Union Representation. The Animal Control work has been completed. He also said that there may be a county wide Veterans Memorial in Benzonia located behind the Watson Benzie Dealership. The county has applied for a grant for more security at the County Building; new signage has been put in place. The county hazardous waste collection went well.

**Department Heads:**

1. **Fire and EMS Department:** There were 19 calls in May; 17 medical-6 transports the rest were assists to Benzie County; there were 2 fire calls and no calls were missed. The XPS has been installed on the cot; all the Firefighters have had their physicals. The Department held a CPR class at the Lake Ann Camp for its workers with 35 more individuals being certified. Members of area departments participated in the Platte River Elementary Field day and will be participating in the Lake Ann Elementary Field day.
2. **Library:** Mike Buchanan has called and is working on issues of copyright problems. There have been 6-7 new patrons using the library.
3. **Planning Commission:** The planning commission has been discussing permanent structures and changes to the lighting section of the zoning ordinance. Almira 2033 is moving forward. There will be a Public Hearing on June 16th for a special use at Mistwoods Golf.

**Guests: Bill Kennis-**Spoke on things that are going on at Benzie Transportation. They are looking into several different options including an express route through the county to Munson/Traverse City. They are asking for any input from residents on their feeling on this option. John Nuske spoke in support of the Benzie Trans. and hopes that we can come up with ideas to help serve the community.

**Old Business:**

1. **Local Road Policy:** Updated where we are with gathering information on this policy. Still waiting for the Road Commission to be able to meet. The basic structure of the policy looks good and is a good place to start.

**New Business:**

1. **Planning Commission:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer, to accept Joni Keskey’s resignation from the Planning Commission with regrets. All ayes motion passed.
2. **Library Issues**: The Board was brought up to speed on the copyright infringement problems that we are having at the Library. Mike Buchanan has been working to solve this problem
3. **Beach:** Discussion took place on individuals launching their kayaks from the beach. It was decided to start with more signage before placing letters/fliers on vehicles when the issue occurs. The dock that was placed along the swim buoy area was discussed. It was felt that the attorney should be contacted to see if this could cause us any potential issues or problems with liability.

**Extended Public Input:** George Saylor is running for 19th Circuit Court Judge. He grew up and has practiced Law in the Manistee area for 30 years. He also gave his background of experience. Judge Batzer the current judge is retiring.

**Board Comments:** Clous gave election information. Therrien reminded everyone that Homecoming is July 5th from 9-3. Rineer stated that the newsletter needs to be to the county by Friday so if you have anything to put in it get it to her soon. Roper stated that we have the liability insurance for Dunesville and that Chief Adams will be doing a site inspection prior to the event. Music in the Park planning has begun.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Tammy Clous

Almira Township Clerk