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:** Add to Guests Laura Marshall and remove from New Business Maintenance Person Exit Interview.

**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 Therrien, to approve the consent agenda:

1. Approve regular and special Board meeting minutes dated October 14, 2103 and October 23, 2013.
2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF October 2013: None

1. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #’s 34835 – 34899. 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:

Recreational Resources Committee Minutes

Letter from Mr. Figura

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

**Brief Public Input:** None

**County Commissioners:** Commissioner Bates stated that the board met with the County Administrator Candidate Carl Sparks to come up with a final contract to approve on November 19, 2013. He should start the first week of December. The Maples continues to make their payments on time. He also stated that all the Union Contracts have been ratified.

**Department Heads:**

1. **Planning Commission:** Diana stated that they had received quite a few requests regarding a fireworks ordinance, they hope to have a draft copy of the ordinance by the next planning commission meeting to send to the attorney for review and be able to schedule a public hearing.
2. **Library:** Shirley says that the library is running along just fine. The Lions clubs also donated $500.00 for library books.
3. **Fire and EMS Department:** Chief Adams stated for the month on October we responded to 16 calls, 14 were medical calls and 2 were fire calls. Nick Grzesik our new Firefighter EMT started today and went through orientation of the equipment. The Chief would like to recommend that we add Dayton Pfost to our department. It was also stated that Jason Pierce will be starting Fire Academy in January. Motion by Rineer and supported by Therrien to bring Dayton Pfost on as a member of the Fire and EMS Department pending a background check. All ayes motion passed.

**Guests:**

**Laura Marshall:** Presented benefits that Colonial Life has to offer us and our employees**.**

**Old Business:**

1. **Snowplowing:** Motion by Beaujean and supported by Therrien, to snowplow the Ransom Lake Natural Area parking lot at Bellows Lake Road. All ayes motion passed. Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to snowplow the asphalt half of the Lakefront Park parking lot as a second priority. All ayes motion passed. Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean to snow blow the flat eastern portion of the walking path by the basketball courts. All ayes motion passed. All other snowplowing will stay the same.
2. **Maintenance Position:** Therrien, Roper and Gary Perkins interviewed 5 (five) individuals of the 29 applicants that applied for the Maintenance Position. All of the applicants were capable of doing this job. Roper discussed the process of interviewing and how the interview committee came to the decision. The committee recommends Erickson Alpers to the Township Board. Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean to offer Erickson Alpers the Maintenance Person Position. Upon roll call vote: Therrien: aye; Beaujean: aye; Roper: aye; Rineer: aye and Clous: aye. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

Item Deleted

**Extended Public Input:** Jared Roeske and Tylor Kistler attended our meeting for a Civics Class requirement.

**Board Comments:** Therrien says good luck to all the deer hunters. Clous Said that the election went well and that we had about a 20% voter turnout. Rineer said that the newsletter in now in the Counties hands and that the gathering that was held at the Veterans Memorial tonight for Veterans Day was nice. Roper thanked Therrien for all his help in the maintenance position decision process.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Tammy Clous

Almira Township Clerk