

# Almira Township

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2024

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. Florip excused*

### IV. Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda: None

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

### VI. Approval of Consent Agenda:

*Motion by Rineer*, supported by Clous, 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 October 2024. Winter taxes will be mailed early December.

### IX. County Commissioners:

Commissioner Art Jeannot had provided a written report and asked if any questions.

### X. Dept. Heads:

Tom Vinnette, Chairperson of the Recreational Resources Committee stated that the committee had a quorum for October and decided to turn the five-year recreation plan over to the Township Board to complete.

No report from the Fire & EMS Department.

### XI. Guests: None

### VIII. Brief Public Input: None

### XII. Old Business:

- A. **ARPA Projects:** Therrien stated that he and Rineer would be meeting at the townhall this week to discuss options. Roper stated that the townhall front steps and porch are done. He also stated that he is working with the plumber regarding fixtures and then the final electric can be finished at the two new park bathrooms. The doors have come in and Ryan is working on getting them installed. Tennis court/pickleball courts will be done in the spring now. Rineer stated that contracts for items for the dog park are being worked on.
- B. **Social Security and Pension:** Clous reported that the pension conversion has been completed and that employees need to log into their new account with Empower.
- C. **Recreational Plan:** Discussion took place. This plan needs to be updated to make it "grantable" per Tom Vinette. Find someone to professionally review the plan.

- D. Ransom Lake Grant:** Roper reported that previous score was 130 but with the additional information submitted the score now was 150. Will find out in December if grant was awarded.
- E. Review Purchase Policy:** Roper again requested that the Board members review the current purchasing policy and get ideas to the Clerk in the next two weeks to review at the December meeting.

### **XIII. New Business**

- A. ZA Request:** Discussion took place regarding the requests from the ZA. Consensus was to get additional information from the ZA, to have the Planning Commission review and discuss, and bring back to December meeting.
- B. Recreational Resources Resignation:** *Motion by Therrien*, supported by Clous, to accept the resignation of Chris Convissor from the Recreational Resources Committee. All ayes, no nays, Florip excused, motion passed. This now leaves two open positions on this committee.
- C. Fire and EMS Personnel:** Clous stated that Chief Drury asked about the status of a member of the Fire & EMS Department. Discussion took place. *Motion by Rineer*, supported by Clous, to remove Ryan Dumond from the Fire & EMS Dept. roster. Two ayes, two nays, Florip excused. Vote was tied, so motion did not pass. Roper would like a written request from the Chief or from the member before further action takes place.

**XIV. Extended Public Input:** Rick Drewyour stated that Clerk Clous does a great job of running elections.

**XV. Board Comments:** Clous stated that the election is done, she thanked all the election workers, thanked Rineer and Roper for holding down the office while she was busy with election items. Clous also stated that voter turnout was about 78% for Almira Township. Therrien stated that he had not gotten/heard any complaints about the election workers. He also stated that Clous does a great job on elections. Rineer stated that Clous and Dort, along with the election workers do a great job. She also stated that the Parks/Rec face book page should make a post that the committee needs two new members. She also thanked Veterans. Roper thanked Clous for all the election work she does and stated that she does a great job running all aspects of election. He also stated that he was pleased with the voter turn out for the 9 days of early in person voting.

**XVI. Adjourn:** Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.