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:** Under Old Business: B. Fire & EMS Manager

**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* Therrien and supported by Beaujean, to approve the consent agenda:

1. Approve regular Board meeting minutes dated February 11, 2013, Special Meeting February 21, 2013.
2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF February 2013: None

1. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #’s 34209 – 34272. 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

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

**Brief Public Input:** None

**County Commissioners:** Commissioner Vance Bates said that some appointments had been made as well as adjustments in the EMS personnel pays to even them out better. He also stated that there had been discussion on how to use the extra fund balance funds. He also advised the board that Platte Township would be holding their annual meeting on Saturday March 16, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Don Kempa asked the commissioner questions pertaining to the Maples and the commissioner answered those questions to the best of his knowledge.

**Department Heads:**

1. **Fire Chief:** Steve Puchovan represented the chief at this meeting.
2. *Motion by* Therrien and supported by Rineer, to reappoint Steve Adams as the Assistant Chief of the Fire & EMS Department for 2 years. All: Ayes. Motion passed.
3. *Motion by* Beaujean and supported by Clous to sign contract with County Emergency services to use our facilities in Emergency situations, All: Ayes Motion passed.
4. Puchovan presented a resignation letter of Anthony Wolff. *Motion by* Therrien and supported by Rineer, to accept the resignation of Anthony Wolff with regrets. All: Ayes motion passed.
5. **Library:** Discussed library computerization and the board would like to see the system in operation and we will try to set up a time to see this in the next couple of weeks.

**Guests:**  A. Bill Honer- He would like to explore what it would take to reduce his homeowner’s insurance premiums. He was seeking board permission to act on our behalf to gather information on what would need to be considered or improved to possibly lower the insurance premiums. The board told him that we would like to do more questioning of our sources and will readdress this issue at next month’s meeting.

**Old Business:**

1. **Committee Appointments:** *Motion* by Therrien, and supported by Rineer to reappoint Kirt Giddis, Jim Morse Jr. and Dan Giddis Sr. to the Veterans Memorial Committee. All ayes, motion passed. *Motion* by Therrien, and supported by Rineer to reappoint Kirt Giddis to the Zoning Board of Appeals.All Ayes, motion passed.
2. **EMS Manager:** *Motion by* Therrien supported by Rineer to keep Steve Puchovan as the EMS Manager till the May 2013 regular board meeting.

**New Business:**

1. **Regular Meeting Dates Resolution:** Supervisor Roper read Regular Board Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Resolution 3-13 #2. *Motion* by Roper, and supported by Rineer, to adopt the Regular Board Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Resolution 3-13 #2 as amended. Roll call vote was as follows: Roper, aye; Beaujean, aye; Rineer, aye; Therrien, aye; Clous, aye. All ayes, no nays, no one absent, motion passed. Supervisor declared resolution adopted.
2. **General Appropriations Act: :** Supervisor Roper read the amended General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Resolution 03-13 #1. *Motion by* Rineer, and supported by Beaujean, to adopt the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Resolution 03-13 #1 as amended. Roll call vote was as follows: Beaujean, aye; Rineer, aye; Roper, aye; Clous, aye; Therrien, aye. All ayes, no nays, no one absent, motion passed. Supervisor declared resolution adopted.
3. **Longevity:** Motion by Roper, supported by Rineer to eliminate longevity bonus for new hires. All :Ayes motion passed
4. **Clean- Up Day:** Clean- up Day to be held the first Saturday in May 2013. Fire Dept. showed interest in help with this event as well as possibly the Veteran Memorial Committee. Motion by Roper, supported by Rineer to charge $20.00 a truck load. All: Ayes Motion Passed.
5. **General Attorney:** Get more firms to look at for next month’s regular board meeting.
6. **Steve Adams Holiday Pay:** Motion by Therrien, supported by Rineer to pay Steve Adams his Holiday pay without precedence.
7. **Part Time Maint. Help:** We will be looking into what a seasonal employee and a little clarification on classifications. Aaron Hickey to be contacted on if he would like to accept the part-time/seasonal extra maintenance help position to start April 15, 2013. If he is not interested we will advertise for applicants.
8. **Bids on Beach Deck:** Motion by Therrien, supported by Beaujean to accept Skiver Construction’s bid for the beach deck construction of $2998.00. All: Ayes motion passed.
9. **Cherryland Electric:** Supervisor Roper brought the board and public up to speed on the fact that the meters between the library and the Advent Church had been switched on the bills. We were refunded the overpayments that we have made since this occurred. Steve Puchovan has also contacted Cherryland about redoing our lighting to high efficiency bulbs to help decrease our electricity costs.

**Extended Public Input:** The boulders have been delivered to the beach. Mr. Kempa asked what our Zoning Administrator decision was, Supervisor Roper stated that our Zoning Administrator Gary Florip would be working 4 hours a week and more if needed with some money set aside for enforcement costs.

**Board Comments:** Lions to possibly be willing to do a fund raiser to help buy new townhall chairs. Puchovan is helping Therrien gather information on the chairs.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:37p.m.

Tammy Clous

 Almira Township Clerk