

ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2010

Meeting called to order by Township Clerk Hoffner at 7:00 p.m. at 819 N. Main Street, Almont, Michigan. Members present were Clerk Hoffner, Treasurer Rayl, and Trustees Eschenburg, Moore, Stroup and Sweers. Absent was Supervisor Bowman. Also present were approximately 30 visitors. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MOVED BY ESCHENBURG AND SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO APPOINT CLERK HOFFNER AS CHAIR FOR THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda was accepted as presented.

Eschenburg questioned the amount of the invoice for the salting and snow removal for the Fire Hall. Fire Chief Wayco noted that the contractor had not completed all the repairs at the time of the billing. **MOVED BY ESCHENBURG AND SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO WITHHOLD PAYING THE BILL FROM SIRCO. SCAPE FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND SALTING OF THE FIRE HALL PARKING LOT AND DRIVES UNTIL ALL REPAIRS ARE MADE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY RAYL AND SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH CONSISTS OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2010, MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 92,157.37, NOTING THAT THE TOWNSHIP WOULD WITHHOLD THE AMOUNT BILLED BY SIRCO. SCAPE, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

MOVED BY STROUP AND SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR PENDING LITIGATION WHICH IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT SECTION 8e ROLL CALL VOTE: HOFFNER – YES, ESCHENBURG – YES, MOORE – YES, RAYL – YES, SWEERS – YES, STROUP – YES. MOTION CARRIED. Clerk Hoffner noted at 7:08 p.m. that the Board would be going into close session to consider a proposed agreement with the Behnkes.

MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:39 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY SWEERS, AND SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO EXECUTE THE CONSENT JUDGMENT AS AGREED UPON AND HAVE SUPERVISOR SIGN IT. ROLL CALL VOTE: HOFFNER – YES, ESCHENBURG – NO, MOORE – YES, RAYL – YES, SWEERS – YES, STROUP – YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports: Written reports were submitted by Fire Chief Wayco, Police Chief Nael, and Assessor Valentine. Trustee Sweers gave a verbal report on Planning Commission activities.

Questions & Comments: State Senate candidate, Pavlov, introduce himself to the Board and audience.

New Business: **MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPROVE THE OEO JOB DESCRIPTION AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY ESCHENBURG AND SUPPORTED BY RAYL TO APPOINT JOE ISRAEL AS INTERIM OEO UNTIL PERMANENT OEO IS APPOINTED. MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY ESCHENBURG AND SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPROVE ROAD PROJECTS 504-001-013001, 504-001-013002, AND 504-001-013003 AS PRESENTED FOR A TOTAL OF \$4,905.50. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY SWEERS, AND SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM DOUG NEMECEK FOR \$530.00 FOR THE 1981 FORD PICKUP. MOTION CARRIED.

Salary Commission Ordinance - Trustee Sweers questioned the process on how and who is appointed and would like to see that the minutes from any meetings be made available to the public.

MOVED BY STROUP AND SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF SCOTT GARNER TO LIEUTENANT AS PER THE REQUEST OF THE FIRE CHIEF. MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY STROUP AND SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF DON SMITH TO INTERIM CAPTAIN AS PER THE REQUEST OF FIRE CHIEF. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY STROUP AND SUPPORTED BY RAYL TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF ADAM HOFFA AS A PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER AFTER SUCCESSFULLY PASSING HIS PHYSICAL. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY STROUP AND SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO MOVE JOHN SLUKA FROM PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER TO REGULAR FIREFIGHTER PER THE REQUEST OF FIRE CHIEF. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPROVED THE BID OF \$2,875 FROM BENNETT PAVING TO REPAIR THE DRIVES AND PARKING LOTS AT THE FIRE HALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence:

Board Discussion: Kidder Rd – Village Limits to Drakeshire. Trustee Stroup explained that pursuant to the LCRC, Kidder and Hough Road have a 20 Ton limit which they are currently enforcing. Discussion followed. **MOVED BY ESCHENBURG AND SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO SEND A REQUEST TO THE LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION THAT THE WEIGHT LIMIT SIGNS ON HOUGH AND KIDDER BE REMOVED.**

Clerk Hoffner reminded the Board and audience that a Clean – UP Day is scheduled for May 8th.

MOVED BY STROUP AND SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Ida L. Lloyd,
Acting Recording Secretary

