

ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2009

Meeting called to order by Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. at 819 N. Main St., Almont, MI. Members present were Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hoffner, Treasurer Rayl, and Trustees Sweers, Stroup, and Eschenburg. Absent was Trustee Moore. Also present were 11 visitors. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Supervisor declared the agenda approved with the addition of one item under new business.

MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH CONSISTS OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2009, MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$186,150.30 AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT. CARRIED.

REPORTS: Fire, Dept, Police Dept., OEO, and Planning Commission reports were received. Trustee Moore arrived at 7:13 p.m. Fire Chief Wayco reported that there were 23 citizens at the Medical First Responders meeting. Training class will probably start in Aug. and finish in Nov.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Much discussion concerning the future of the Almont Township Building Dept. Sweers and Stroup stated they would like the department to stay in the township rather than going with an outside organization. Ida Lloyd said that under the plan purposed by her and Joe Israel, she would get paid from the permit admin fees, only. The inspectors would be paid from permit fees, only. **MOVED BY SWEERS, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO ACCEPT THE RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL FOR THE ALMONT TOWNSHIP BUILDING DEPARTMENT DATED MARCH 31, 2009 PRESENTED BY IDA LLOYD AND JOE ISRAEL, AND PURCHASE SOFTWARE NEEDED FOR THE BUILDING DEPT., THE COST WILL BE REIMBURSED TO THE GENERAL FUND WHEN THE BUILDING DEPT. IS HEALTHY. CONTINUING EDUCATION WILL BE PAID OUT OF THE BUILDING DEPT. BUDGET WHEN THERE IS A SURPLUS IN THE BUDGET, UNTIL THAT TIME, THE INSPECTORS WILL PAY FOR THEIR OWN CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. TO BE EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2009. ROLL CALL VOTE: SWEERS-YES, HOFFNER-YES, STROUP-YES, RAYL-YES, MOORE-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, BOWMAN-NO.**

Cost Recovery Ord. changes were discussed. Consensus of the board is to take the "resident" portion out of the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS: Assessor, Tom Valentine, offered to forego his 3% pay increase which is due him per our contract, for fiscal year 2009-2010. **MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY**

ESCHENBURG TO APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH TOM VALENTINE FOR ASSESSING SERVICES FOR JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010 FOR \$38,771.00

Fire hall lawn bids were presented. References for low bid were check by the Supervisor. Bids ranged from \$45 per cut to \$75 per cut, with 5 total bids presented. **MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM SIRCO.SCAPES AT \$45 PER CUT TO MAINTAIN LAWN AT THE FIRE HALL FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY THROUGH OCTOBER, 2009. CARRIED.**

MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF CROSS TUBE ON SHOEMAKER BETWEEN TUBSPRING AND GENERAL SQUIRE FOR \$2000, PROJECT#504-001-903004. CARRIED.

Several organizations have requested to plant a tree at the Fire Hall in memory of Paul Wilcox. **MOVED BY RAYL, SUPPORTED BY HOFFNER TO ACCEPT THE GIFT OF A TREE TO BE PLACED AT THE FIRE HALL FROM AMERICAN TREE IN MEMORY OF PAUL WILCOX. CARRIED. MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY RAYL TO ACCEPT THE GIFT OF A TREE TO BE PLACED AT THE FIRE HALL FROM THE ALMONT ARCHERY CLUB IN MEMORY OF PAUL WILCOX. CARRIED. MOVED BY RAYL, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO ACCEPT THE GIFT OF A TREE TO BE PLACED AT THE FIRE HALL FROM THE MICHIGAN ARSON PREVENTION COMMITTEE IN MEMORY OF PAUL WILCOX. CARRIED.** The board acknowledges that these are generous donations from American Tree, Almont Archery Club, and MI. Arson Prevention Committee.

Contract for township cemetery maintenance is in the last year of a three year contract with Scott's Lawn Maint. **MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY HOFFNER TO APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SCOTT'S LAWN MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2009 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2009. CARRIED.**

False Alarm Ord. was discussed. Police Chief Nael requested that the police be removed from this ordinance. Consensus of board was that this ord. will apply only to the Township Fire Department.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BOARD DISCUSSION:

MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY RAYL TO ADJOURN. CARRIED.
Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.



Carol Hoffner
Almont Township Clerk