

ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 8, 2008

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 Moore, Sweers, Eschenburg, and Stroup. Also present were approximately 30 visitors. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Supervisor declared agenda adopted as presented.

**MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH CONSISTS OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2008, MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF 49,611.31, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT. CARRIED.**

REPORTS: Fire Dept, Police Dept, OEO, and Assessor's report received. Trustee Sweers reported there will be no Planning Commission meeting in December.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Supervisor has reached an agreement with Mr. Tuggle on the balance owed to him by the township. **MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY HOFFNER TO APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT TO T&W CONSTRUCTION OF \$11,000 ON FIRE HALL CONTRACT MINUS \$2020 FOR UTILITY BILLS PAID BY THE TOWNSHIP. FUNDS TO COME FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND. ROLL CALL VOTE: HOFFNER-YES, MOORE-YES, STROUP-YES, RAYL-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, SWEERS-YES, BOWMAN-YES. CARRIED.**

Estimate for Snow Guards for the fire hall was presented. **MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 275 SNOBLOX ACE GUARDS WITH MAXISEAL SCREWS, SEALANT AND SHIPPING FOR \$1,331.55 PER QUOTE DATED 12-2-08 FROM ICEBLOX, INC. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS: ISD Representative, Chuck Madden, reported what needs to be done to complete the computer connections for the fire hall and connect the township office. **MOVED BY SWEERS, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPROVE COMPUTER CONNECTIONS BEING DONE PER ISD BID DATED 12-5-08, NOT TO EXCEED \$3550. ROLL CALL VOTE: HOFFNER-YES, RAYL-YES, MOORE-YES, SWEERS-YES, STROUP-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, BOWMAN-YES. CARRIED.** Mr. Madden also explained a proposal for new phones for the fire hall and township offices. **MOVED**

BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPROVE PHONE SYSTEM FROM D&S COMMUNICATONS FOR FIRE HALL AND TOWNSHIP OFFICES, ISD TO DO INSTALLATION, AND COMPUTER CONNECTION TO SERVER FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICES, COST NOT TO EXCEED \$9000. ROLL CALL VOTE: ESCHENBURG-YES, MOORE-YES, STROUP-YES, RAYL-YES, HOFFNER-YES, SWEERS-YES, BOWMAN-YES. CARRIED.

Ms. VonHiltmayer gave a positive report on Officer Wilson as the school liaison officer. She reported the school is very pleased with his performance.

MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO APPROVE THE OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

MOVED BY SWEERS, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #55 AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PENDING THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE DATE OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD'S ORIGINAL RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PLANNING COMMISSION. ROLL CALL VOTE: MOORE-YES, STROUP-YES, RAYL-YES, SWEERS-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, HOFFNER-YES, BOWMAN-YES. CARRIED.

Auditor contract was presented. MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY RAYL TO APPROVE THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH LEHN KING TO PROVIDE ANNUAL TOWNSHIP AUDIT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2009 FOR \$5,500, JUNE 30, 2010 FOR \$5,750, AND JUNE 30, 2011 FOR \$6,000. ROLL CALL VOTE: MOORE-YES, SWEERS-YES, STROUP-YES, RAYL-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, HOFFNER-YES, BOWMAN-YES. CARRIED.

Discussion concerning the Township Procedural Guidelines. Trustee Sweers asked that anyone requesting to be placed on the agenda give background information as to what it is they want. MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO ADOPT TOWNSHIP PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES WITH NOTED CHANGES. CARRIED.

Bids to snow plow the fire hall were presented by Supervisor. The bids were essentially the same. MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY BOWMAN TO AWARD BID FOR SNOW PLOWING FIRE HALL TO YARD SERVICES. ROLL CALL VOTE: SWEERS-NO, STROUP-YES, ESCHENBURG-NO, MOORE-NO, RAYL-NO, HOFFNER-NO, BOWMAN-YES. MOTION DEFEATED. MOVED BY RAYL, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO AWARD BID FOR SNOW PLOWING FIRE HALL TO WINTER WEATHER SERVICES. ROLL CALL VOTE: HOFFNER-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, MOORE-YES, RAYL-YES, STROUP-NO, SWEERS-YES, BOWMAN-NO. CARRIED.

MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY HOFFNER, TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PAUL BOWMAN FROM THE ZBA. CARRIED.

MOVED BY RAYL, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPOINT TOM SADLER TO A 2 YEAR TERM ON THE BOR. CARRIED. MOVED BY MOORE, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO APPOINT HERB LOWELL TO A 2 YEAR TERM ON THE BOR. CARRIED. MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPOINT RON SCHAPMAN TO A 2 YEAR TERM ON THE BOR. CARRIED.

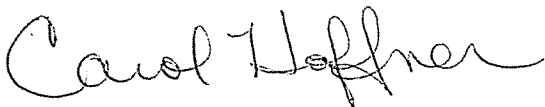
MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPOINT STEVE FRANCIS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2011. CARRIED. MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY RAYL TO APPOINT KIM STREETER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2011. CARRIED. MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPOINT DENNIS SWEERS AS THE TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2012. CARRIED.

MOVED BY RAYL, SUPPORTED BY HOFFNER TO APPOINT JERRY MOORE TO THE ZBA WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2011. CARRIED. MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO APPOINT DAVE SCHENBURN TO THE ZBA WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2011. CARRIED. MOVED BY RAYL, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPOINT CLAY STROUP TO THE ZBA TO FINISH OUT THE TERM OF PAUL BOWMAN WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2010. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Remonumentation maps are done and in the office if anyone wants to look at them. Letter from FEMA stating the township application has been approved.

BOARD DISCUSSION: Board asked Supervisor to get further information on recycling for the township.

MOVED BY MOORE, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO ADJOURN. CARRIED.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Carol Hoffner  
Almont Township Clerk