ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 7, 2008

Meeting called to order by supervisor Groesbeck at 7:02 P.M. at 819 N. Main Street, Almont, Michigan 48003. Members present were Supervisor Groesbeck, Trustees Eschenburg, Stroup, and Sweers. Treasurer Rayl arrived at 7:03 P.M. Trustee Moore arrived at 7:25 P.M. Clerk Hoffner was absent. Also present were 9 guests. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS: None

MOVED BY STROUP AND SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 10, 2007 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY ESCHENBURG AND SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's report was not available at time of meeting.

REPORTS: Presented by Fire chief Wilcox, Police Chief Nael, OEO, Assessor, and Planning Commission.

MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY RAYL TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR OPTION #4 FOR SNOW REMOVAL FROM WINTER WEATHER SERVICES UNTIL END OF SEASON. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO RECEIVE THE QUARTERLY CONTRACT REPORT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Consensus of Board members agreed to legally pursue the matter concerning Great Lakes Helicopter.

Supervisor Groesbeck noted that he will ask that all reports be submitted to all Board members no later then a week before the regular scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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NEW BUSINESS: MOVED BY MOORE AND SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO APPROVE THE REZONING OF PART OF PARCEL 44-011-004-038-00, 1.65 ACRES, FROM AG/RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: SWEERS – YES, ESCHENBURG – YES, RAYL – YES, MOORE – YES, GROESBECK – YES, STROUP – YES. HOFFNER – ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY ESCHENBURG AND SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND TRANSFER \$5,000.00 FROM CONTINGENCIES TO THE CEMETERY FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY ESCHENBURG AND SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2008 FORD EXPEDITION FOR \$26,470.00 WITH OFF ROAD PACKAGE WITH ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT TO BE ADDED AT A LATER DATE. ROLL CALL VOTE: MOORE – YES, STROUP – YES, SWEERS – YES, ESCHENBURG – YES, RAYL – YES, HOFFNER – ABSENT, GROESBECK – YES, MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

BOARD DISCUSSION: Status of New Fire Hall. The possibility of full-time Fire Chief was also discussed. Trustees <u>Sweers</u> and Stroup and Supervisor Groesbeck volunteered to be on committee. Fire Department will also ask for 2-3 volunteers from their department to be on committee.

MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 9:02 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Acting Recording secretary