

ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor at 819 N. Main St. Almont, MI. Members present were Supervisor Groesbeck, Clerk Hoffner, Treasurer Rayl, and Trustees Moore, Sweers, and Eschenburg. Absent was Trustee Stroup. Also present were approximately 15 visitors. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Purchase of server for the fire department and township was discussed. Total cost is \$8,726.65 including 16 hrs. of labor. **MOVED BY GROESBECK, SUPPORTED BY HOFFNER TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF SERVER FOR A COST OF \$8,726.65 WITH \$2,886.88 COMING OUT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY AND \$2,886.88 COMING OUT OF GENERAL FUND CAPITAL OUTLAY. BALANCE TO COME OUT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS. ROLL CALL VOTE: MOORE-YES, GROESBECK-YES, SWEERS-YES, RAYL-YES, HOFFNER-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

Budget Amendments were presented by Clerk Hoffner. **MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO TAKE \$21,000 FROM CONTINGENCIES AND PUT \$7500 INTO GOVERNING BODY, \$8500 INTO BUILDING AND GROUNDS, AND \$5000 INTO BUILDING DEPARTMENT. ROLL CALL VOTE: RAYL-YES, SWEERS-YES, MOORE-YES, GROESBECK-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, HOFFNER-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

New police contract with village was discussed. Trustee Eschenburg would like to stay with part time officers which is 17.2 hours per day. Police Chief Nael said the village can no longer pay for expenses the township incurs and anything over the 17.2 hours will require payment of overtime. He said between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. there are no state police cars on duty and county coverage is limited. Supervisor Groesbeck told residents the millage rate can actually be lowered resulting in a lower tax for the special assessment, and we could have full time coverage. Several residents said they were not in favor of full time coverage even if the millage rate was lowered.

Board will hold another special meeting on June 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall. **MOVED BY RAYL, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO ADJOURN. CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Carol Hoffner-Almont Township Clerk

