

ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 7:00 P.M. at 819 N. Main Street, Almont, Michigan. Members present were Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Rayl, and Trustees Eschenburg, Moore, Stroup, and Sweers. Absent was Clerk Hoffner. Also present were 6 visitors. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisor Bowman declared the agenda approved.

Budget Amendments: MOVED BY RAYL AND SUPPORTED BY MOORE, TO APPROVE TRANSFERRING \$25,000 FROM CONTINGENCIES TO GOVERNING BODY IN THE 2008/2009 GENERAL FUND BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda: MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH CONSISTS OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2009, MONTHLY BILLS AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports: Fire Department, Police Department, Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Assessor, written reports were received. Commissioner Sweers gave verbal report on Planning Commission activities. Supervisor Bowman presented a verbal report noting that work on Tubspring, Kidder and Hough Roads are being considered. The Building Committee will be meeting on June 16th.

Public Hearings:

Special Assessment Millage Hearing: Supervisor Bowman opened the hearing at 7:16 P.M. Discussion was held. Hearing was closed by Supervisor Bowman at 7:18 P.M. MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO SET THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MILLAGE FOR POLICE PROTECTION AT 1.3 MILLS FOR 2009. ROLL CALL VOTE: RAYL – YES, STROUP – YES, SWEERS – YES, ESCHENBURG – YES, MOORE – YES, BOWMAN – YES. HOFFNER - ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

General Fund, Fire Operational and Fire Capital Projects: Supervisor Bowman opened hearing at 7:20 P.M. Discussion was held. Supervisor Bowman closed public hearing at 7:38 P.M. MOVED BY STROUP AND SUPPORTED BY RAYL TO APPROVE THE TOWNSHIP GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF ALMONT TOWNSHIP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 FOR THE GENERAL FUND, FIRE OPERATIONAL FUND AND THE FIRE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ESCHENBURG – YES, RAYL YES, MOORE – YES, STROUP – YES, SWEERS – YES, BOWMAN – YES. HOFFNER – ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

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Questions & Comments: County Commissioner, Ian Kemp, stated that the County too is struggling with their budget and was considering bringing a Millage before the voters to cover certain programs.

Unfinished Business:

Cost Recovery Ordinance: Township Attorney has revised said ordinance. Item tabled until July meeting.

Governing Rules of Procedure: **MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO APPROVE ALMONT TOWNSHIP GOVERNING RULES OF PROCEDURE AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Alarm Ordinance: Township Attorney has made revisions; tabled until July meeting.

New Business:

Principles of Governance: **MOVED BY BOWMAN AND SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO ADOPT THE PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE. MOTION CARRIED.**

Fireworks Permit: **MOVED BY STROUP AND SUPPORTED BY RAYL TO APPROVE THE FIREWORKS PERMIT FOR WALLY MASLOWSKY FOR DISPLAY ON JULY 4, 2009. MOTION CARRIED.**

Hepatitis B Shots: **MOVED BY STROUP AND SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO APPROVE UP TO \$2,200 TO COVER THE COST OF THE HEPATITIS B SHOTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S CLASS OF FIRST RESPONDERS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Handgun Policy: Due to many questions item was tabled until July meeting.

Liaison Officer Contract: Lengthy discussion was held. **MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF ALMONT FOR THE SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR AT A COST OF \$46,106.75 AND PLACE A REQUEST TO HAVE A MILLAGE ON A 2010 BALLOT TO COVER THE COST OF THE LIAISON OFFICER. ROLL CALL VOTE: STROUP – YES, SWEERS – YES, RAYL – NO, MOORE – NO, ESCHENBURG – NO, BOWMAN YES. HOFFNER ABSENT. MOTION DEFEATED.**

Liaison Officer Contract Continued:

Supervisor Bowman asked what the Board would accept. Suggested was a reduction of 40 hours down to 24 hours for the Liaison Officer and cut the amount the Township would have to pay. Police Chief Nael was asked to bring a revised proposal to the July meeting.

Road Projects: MOVED BY RAYL AND SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPROVE PURCHASING 3,000 TON OF GRAVEL FROM FORREST AGGREGATE AT A COST OF \$21,000 AND APPROVE THE ROAD COMMISSION TO LEVEL AND BRINE AT A COST OF \$2,550. MOTION CARRIED.

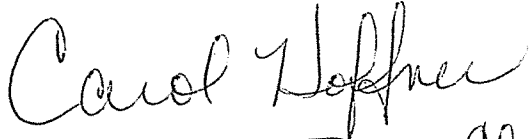
Correspondence: Was presented by Supervisor Bowman.

Board Discussion: Supervisor Bowman noted that the recycling was going well. The two fire trucks have been sold. Fire Chief Wayco noted that a proposed community wide ad for the First Responders class was presented to the Board. Corrections need to be made. Supervisor Bowman and Chief Wayco will work on the ad.

MOVED BY MOORE AND SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:10 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by:


Ida L. Lloyd,
Acting Recording Secretary


Carol Hoffman
Almont Twp. Clerk