

ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor at 7487 Tubspring Rd. Almont, MI. due to the fact that there was no power at the Township Hall. Members present were Supervisor Groesbeck, Clerk Hoffner, and Trustees Moore, Sweers, Eschenburg, and Stroup. Absent was Treasurer Rayl. Also present were approximately 20 visitors. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS: Fireworks display will be placed under new business.

MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY GROESBECK TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

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

Special Assessment Public Hearing was opened by Supervisor at 7:10 p.m. Comments were received from the public. Discussion as to whether or not the township needs full time police coverage. Supervisor closed hearing at 7:35 p.m. **MOVED BY SWEERS, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO SET POLICE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MILLAGE RATE FOR 2008-2009 AT 1.45 MILLS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ESCHENBURG-NO, HOFFNER-NO, SWEERS-YES, STROUP-YES, GROESBECK-YES, MOORE-NO. MOTION DEFEATED.** It was decided that a special meeting will be held to decide on the police millage rate.

Budget Hearing was opened by Supervisor at 7:38 p.m. Comments were received concerning the building department costing the township so much money. Supervisor closed hearing at 7:50 p.m. **MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO ADOPT THE ALMONT TOWNSHIP GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR 2008-2009 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ESCHENBURG-YES, SWEERS-YES, MOORE-YES, HOFFNER-YES, STROUP-YES, GROESBECK-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Discussion concerning the continuous blight at the home on Ross Rd. **MOVED BY GROESBECK, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO REQUEST THE POLICE MAKE DAILY CHECKS AT THE BEHNKE PROPERTY IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DAILY TOUR OF THE TOWNSHIP AND ISSUE A BLIGHT TICKET, IF**

NECESSARY, THEN SEND THE INFORMATION TO THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Bev Ulfig was present to discuss the possibility of starting a recycling program in the township. Supervisor will check on possible programs.

Assessor contract is up for renewal and the new contract price will be \$38,771.00 for 2008-2009. Supervisor called for a break at 8:22 p.m. meeting resumed at 8:27 p.m. **MOVED BY GROESBECK, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO APPROVE NEW CONTRACT FOR ASSESSOR AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ESCHENBURG-YES, STROUP-YES, GROESBECK-YES, SWEERS-YES, MOORE-YES, HOFFNER-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

New police contract was discussed. Township Board will have a special meeting on June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. to further discuss contract.

School Liaison officer was briefly discussed. This will also be on the agenda for June 23rd.

Township employee compensation was discussed. **MOVED BY GROESBECK, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO INCREASE, BY 2.3%, THE WAGES OF BONNIE PRESNELL, SANDRA BLETCH, HANK GUTENKUNST, IDA LLOYD, AND BRIAN FISHER. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY GROESBECK, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO USE THE LAW FIRM OF SEIBERT AND DLOSKI AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Road projects for township were discussed. **MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO PURCHASE LIMESTONE FOR TOWNSHIP UTILIZING THE ALLOCATION CREDIT OF \$19,130.50 RESULTING IN A TOTAL COST OF \$130,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.**

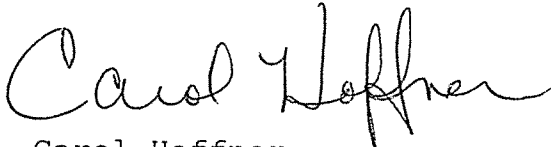
MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR NEW FIRE TRUCK AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Resident requested to have a fireworks display on Aug. 16th. **MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO GRANT APPROVAL TO MR. MASLOWSKY FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON AUG. 16, 2008. CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor read letter from Fire Chief Wilcox, that was received on May 30, 2008, stating his intention of starting the process of stepping down as Almont Township Fire Chief beginning on October 1, 2008.

Letter was received from Zoning Administrator concerning a possible dangerous building on parcel #44-001-009-031-00. The building department would like something done about it. Board feels that the barn is part of a working farm and therefore should be left alone. **MOVED BY MOORE, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO DO NOTHING ABOUT THE MENTIONED BARN AT THIS TIME. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO ADJOURN. CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Hoffner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Carol Hoffner
Almont Township Clerk