

ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 12, 2008

Meeting called to order by Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. at 819 N. Main St., Almont, MI. Members present were Supervisor Groesbeck, Clerk Hoffner, Treasurer Rayl, and Trustees Moore, Sweers, Eschenburg, and Stroup. Also present were approximately 40 visitors. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO TRANSFER \$300 FROM CONTINGENCIES TO THE BOR AND \$1000 FROM CONTINGENCIES TO THE ZBA. ROLL CALL VOTE: ESCHENBURG-YES, GROESBECK-YES, MOORE-YES, SWEERS-YES, STROUP-YES, HOFFNER-YES, RAYL-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

LATE AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

REPORTS: Presented by Fire Chief Wilcox, Police Chief Nael, Assessor, and Planning Commission. Supervisor Groesbeck read a letter received from Fire Chief Shotwell of Bruce Twp. thanking the Almont Firemen for their rapid response and professionalism in assisting with a grass fire.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Lt. Mark Opra, from The Thumb Narcotics Unit gave a brief presentation on their operation and requested the township donate funds so they can continue their work.

**MOVED BY GROESBECK, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO SEND \$1,000.00 TO THE THUMB NARCOTICS UNIT. MOTION CARRIED.**

Lawn cutting bids for the new fire hall were presented. Yard Services proposed \$80.00 per cut and Scott's Lawn Service was \$75.00 per cut. **MOVED BY GROESBECK, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO AWARD GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR THE NEW FIRE HALL TO SCOTT'S LAWN SERVICE. ROLL CALL VOTE: MOORE-YES, STROUP-YES, ESCHENBURE-ABSTAIN, GROESBECK-YES, SWEERS-YES, HOFFNER-YES, RAYL-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Walter Maslowsky requested a fire works permit for July. **MOVED BY GROESBECK, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO ISSUE FIRE WORKS PERMIT TO WALTER MASLOWSKY TO BE USED FOR JULY 4, 2008 AT 10:00 P.M. CARRIED.**

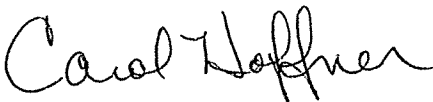
Re-zoning request for Parcel ID# 001-033-013-30 from AR to C-1. Township and County Planning Commissions both recommend denial of request. **MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO DENY RE-ZONING REQUEST FOR PARCEL #001-033-013-30 FROM AR TO C-1. ROLL CALL VOTE: RAYL-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, HOFFNER-YES, SWEERS-YES, STROUP-YES, GROESBECK-YES, MOORE-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion of Building Department Procedures Manual, which is required by the state. **MOVED BY GROESBECK, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO ADOPT BUILDING DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES MANUAL AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

BOARD DISCUSSION: Consensus of board is to use the firm of Seibert and Dloski as the township attorney's. Rayl and Hoffner questioned the need for the building department officials to put in so many hours. Supervisor Groesbeck, Clerk Hoffner, and Treasurer Rayl will sit down with the building officials to discuss the issue.

**MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Carol Hoffner  
Almont Township Clerk