

ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 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, Stroup, and Eschenburg. Also present were approximately 50 visitors. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

LATE AGENDA: None

MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH CORRECTION TO MINUTES. CARRIED.

REPORTS: Fire report given by Chief Wilcox and Police report given by John Morse. OEO report was received and Brian will follow through with having the grass cut at the property on Marr Rd. Assessor, Tom Valentine, was present and said he and the Supervisor had met with the County Equalization Director to discuss ag values. Trustee Sweers gave the planning commission report.

Public Hearing to establish the Country Smoke House as an Industrial Development District was opened at 7:12 p.m. Patricia Lucas of Lapeer County Development Corp. explained the process. Only the new processing plant will be affected, nothing else is eligible. Supervisor closed Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m. **MOVED BY MOORE, SUPPORTED BY HOFFNER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE COUNTRY SMOKE HOUSE AS AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. ROLL CALL VOTE: HOFFNER-YES, MOORE-YES, RAYL-YES, SWEERS-YES, STROUP-YES, GROESBECK-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES. RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO ADOPT ENGINEERING STANDARDS ORDINANCE #49.3. ROLL CALL VOTE: SWEERS-YES, HOFFNER-YES, MOORE-YES, GROESBECK-YES, STROUP-YES, RAYL-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Brad Standfest was present to request his church be allowed to put up a sign on the VRD property which would be a 2nd sign on the same property. **MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO ALLOW VINEYARD CHURCH TO PUT UP A SIGN ON THE PROPERTY AT VRD. CARRIED.**

Zoning Ordinance Amendments were approved by the Almont Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission.
MOVED BY SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO APPROVE ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Purchase of new fire truck was discussed. The cost of the new truck is about \$50,000 less than ordering a new one now. If purchase is approved Chief Wilcox would like to dispose of the 1975 truck. **MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK FOR \$332,500.00 AFTER CONTRACT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY ATTORNEY SEIBERT. ROLL CALL VOTE: HOFFNER-YES, RAYL-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, SWEERS-YES, GROESBECK-YES, STROUP-YES, MOORE-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

Fire Chief transition discussed. Trustee Sweers presented the timeline the committee had decided on. To appoint Paul Wayco as fire chief now and Paul Wilcox would be Operations Officer. Each would receive \$1,000 per month until transition was complete then Wilcox would step down as Operations Officer. Wilcox thought this was too soon and he would rather have the change take place in May of 2009. Firefighter, Brent Smith, said his idea of a transition is gradual not all of a sudden, even though he has no problem with either Wilcox or Wayco being Chief. It was decided that the Fire Department Board would meet with the Fire Department Officers and present a proposal to the Township Board at the November, 2008 meeting.

Road Projects. **MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO PURCHASE CULVERT ON BISHOP RD. BETWEEN TUBSPRING AND GENERAL SQUIER AT A COST OF \$3,500.00. CARRIED.**

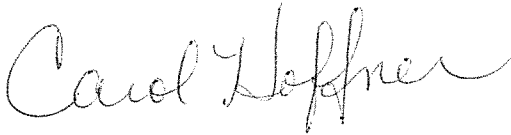
What to do with the old fire hall was discussed. Now that the fire department is no longer using it, the hall goes back to the village. **MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO RELINQUISH OLD FIRE HALL TO VILLAGE OF ALMONT. CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

BOARD DISCUSSION: Break at 8:55 p.m. Meeting resumed at 9:00 p.m. Supervisor explained an issue on Shoemaker Rd. with a resident diverting water onto his neighbor's property. Board decided that everything possible needs to be done to correct the problem. Township attorney will be contacted.

Residents from Scotch Settlement were present to discuss a water problem on their properties partially caused by no ditching. Road commission said it will cost approximately \$8,000 to do the ditching. Board felt the ditching issue should be the responsible of the road commission as they are the ones who approved the driveways and culverts. Several board members will look at the road to see what they think should be done.

MOVED BY MOORE, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO ADJOURN. CARRIED.
Meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.



Carol Hoffner
Almont Township Clerk