

ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 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 35 visitors. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS: None

**MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.**

REPORTS: Presented by Fire Chief Wilcox, Police Chief Nael, OEO, Assessor, and Planning Commission. **MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY RAYL TO ACCEPT QUARTERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.**

Trustee Eschenburg asked that Mr. Seibert review the Behnke file to see if anything else can be done to have the property cleaned up.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Assistant High School Principal, Kim VonHiltmayer gave a presentation concerning a school liaison officer. Chief Nael said 24 hrs. per week could be utilized for an officer until the end of the school year. If the board chose to continue in the fall, the cost would be \$39,143.23 for 40 hrs. per week. **MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPROVE \$7,058.69 BE SPENT ON A SCHOOL LIASION OFFICER FOR 24 HRS. PER WEEK FROM APRIL 21 UNTIL THE END OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR TO BE PAID OUT OF GENERAL FUND. ROLL CALL VOTE: MOORE-YES, SWEERS-YES, GROESBECK-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, HOFFNER-YES, STROUP-YES, RAYL-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Discussion concerning township building dept. Tim Israel asked the board to approve the procedures manual and purchase a computer and software for the building dept. Clerk Hoffner questioned the time being spent in the building dept. when there is very little building going on. Board was told by Mr. Israel that the permit renewal fee for the fire hall hasn't been paid yet. **MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS THAT BOARD PAY PERMIT RENEWAL FEE FOR THE FIRE HALL AND THE FUNDS WILL COME OUT OF THE FINAL SETTLEMENT WITH THE CONTRACTOR. CARRIED.**

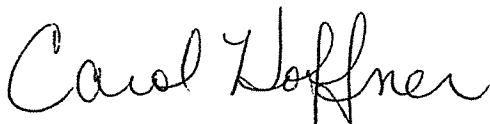
Chief Wilcox presented a list of supplies needed to get the fire hall up and running. **MOVED BY HOFFNER, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO ALLOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SPEND UP TO \$7,000 TO PURCHASE ITEMS NEEDED TO OPEN THE NEW FIRE HALL. CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY GROESBECK, SUPPORTED BY HOFFNER TO WAIVE ZBA FEE FOR MR. SAFKO. CARRIED.**

Road projects were presented. **MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO PURCHASE 2 ROAD BRININGS AT A COST OF \$26,757.86. CARRIED. MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO APPROVED SINGLE SWATH OF ROADSIDE MOWING FOR \$3,678.15. CARRIED. MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO AUTHORIZE \$5,000 BE SPENT TO CUT DEAD TREES AND GRIND STUMPS ALONG THE ROADSIDE. CARRIED. MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO PURCHASE 5000 TON OF GRAVEL TO BE USED AS SPOT GRAVEL NOT A GRAVEL HAUL. CARRIED. MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO REPLACE CULVERT AT SANDHILL AND GENERAL SQUIRE AT A COST OF \$5,000. CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from DDA to board stating their full support of the township board moving the fire department, in its entirety, to the new location in the township.

**MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY HOFFNER TO ADJOURN. CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.



Carol Hoffner  
Almont Township Clerk