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ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 7:00 p.m. at 819 N. Main Street, Almont, MI. Members present were Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Kudsin, and Trustees Streeter, Groesbeck, Dodge and Eschenburg. Clerk Hoffner was absent. Also present were approximately 4 visitors. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Agenda accepted as presented.

**MOVED BY STREETER, SUPPORTED BY KUDSIN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH CONSISTS OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2021, THE TOWNSHIP PAYROLL AND MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,924.11 AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. CARRIED.**

REPORTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW BUSINESS:

HEARD A PRESENTATION FROM ANDREA KRUSE FROM PRIORITY WASTE. PRIORITY WASTE IS INTERESTED IN REPLACING THE CURRENT RECYCLING BINS AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL. THEY ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN EXPANDING SERVICE TO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND PLAN TO START A CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM. THE BOARD AUTHORIZED SUPERVISOR BOWMAN TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH MS. KRUSE.

**MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY KUDSIN TO APPROVE ROAD PROJECT 504-001-213000 FOR 3 APPLICATIONS DUST CONTROL FOR \$51,062.40, PROJECT 504-001-213001 FOR ROADSIDE MOWING FOR \$6,700.00, PROJECT 504-001-213002 FOR BRUSH AXE AND TREE REMOVAL FOR \$5,000.00 AND PROJECT 504-001-213003 FOR DITCHING FOR \$5,000.00. CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY KUDSIN, SUPPORTED BY DODGE TO APPROVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A FEMA GRANT TO REPLACE THEIR AIR PACKS FOR APPROXIMATELY \$180,000.00. CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY KUDSIN, SUPPORTED BY STREETER TO APPROVE THE SOIL REMOVAL PERMIT NUMBER 20-0002 FOR VP CAPITAL, LLC AS PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY STREETER, SUPPORTED BY DODGE TO ADOPT THE 2021 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW LOCAL RESIDENTS TO PROTEST TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW IN WRITING AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: STREETER-YES, DODGE-YES, KUDSIN-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, GROESBECK-YES, BOWMAN-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

BOARD DISCUSSION: A committee has been established by the Village of Almont to discuss and explore the possible annexation of a parcel of land located in the Township. Supervisor Bowman, Trustee Streeter and Trustee Dodge have volunteered to join the committee to represent the Township.

Heard that DTE has a planned power outage set for February 16, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. It is expected to be a very short outage.

**MOVED BY STREETER, SUPPORTED BY DODGE TO ADJOURN. CARRIED.**  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Kimberly A Streeter  
Almont Township Trustee

## **2021 Resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest to Board of Review in Writing**

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.30(4) states that, when appealing to the Board of Review, "a nonresident taxpayer may file his or her appearance, protest, and papers in support of the protest by letter, and his or her personal appearance is not required"; and

WHEREAS, MCL 211.30(8) states that "The governing body of the township or city may authorize, by adoption of an ordinance or resolution, a resident taxpayer to file his or her protest before the board of review by letter without a personal appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. If that ordinance or resolution is adopted, the township or city shall include a statement notifying taxpayers of this option in each assessment notice under section 24c and on each notice or publication of the meeting of the board of review",

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to ease the burden on taxpayers, the assessor and the Board of Review, and to ensure that all taxpayers have an equal opportunity to be heard by the Board of Review, the Almont Township Board hereby resolves, according to provisions of MCL 211.30(8) of the General Property Tax Act, that the Board of Review shall receive letters of protest regarding assessments from resident taxpayers until March 11, 2021 when it adjourns from the public hearings for which it meets to hear such protests.

Letters from both residents and nonresidents may include those submitted by US mail, fax or email.

All notices of assessment change and all advertisements of board of review meetings must include a statement that the resident taxpayers may protest by letter to the board.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Streeter.

Second offered by Board Member Dodge.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Yes: Streeter, Dodge, Kudsin, Eschenburg, Groesbeck, Bowman

No: None

Absent: Hoffner

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Clerk

Date: February 8, 2021

