

**Almont Township Board**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**December 11, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bowman, at 819 N. Main Street, Almont, MI. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Henige, Treasurer Kudsin and Trustees Dodge, Eschenburg, Groesbeck, and Streeter.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Moved by Streeter and supported by Eschenburg to approve the consent agenda, which consists of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2023 and Township Payroll and Monthly Bills in the amount of \$122,414.86 and acknowledge the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried.**

**REPORTS:** Fire Department, Police Department, Assessor

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Noise Ordinance, Medical Waste Disposal, Record Meetings, Water Issue, Speed Limit on Kidder, Scotch Settlement trees, Assessors Office, Marijuana grow house.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Noise Ordinance Enforcement:**

**Moved by Eschenburg and supported by Streeter to not enforce Ordinance 63.2 for 90 days or until we rewrite the ordinance to represent the public's concerns. Also, I'd like the public to have 30 days to submit letters to the township office after our 12/11/23 meeting to address any overlooked items they feel need to be addressed on rewriting the ordinance. I would also like all township board members to receive copies of those letters. Board discussion followed. Eschenburg rescinded his motion.**

**Moved by Eschenburg and supported by Streeter to rescind Ordinance No. 63.1 and No. 63.2 effective today (December 11, 2023) Roll Call: Groesbeck – Aye, Dodge – Aye, Eschenburg – Aye, Henige – Aye, Streeter – Aye, Kudsin – Aye, Bowman – Aye. Motion Carried.**

**Supervisor Appointed a committee for the Noise Ordinance. The following were appointed to the committee: Henige, Streeter, Groesbeck.**

**Recess: Streeter requested a short recess at 8:14 p.m. meeting resumed at 8:24 p.m.**

#### **Early Voting Resolution:**

**Moved by Dodge and supported by Kudsin to approve the Resolution #2023-3 titled Early Voting Site Establishment and Location for Early Voting as presented. Roll Call: Kudsin – Aye, Streeter – Aye, Henige – Aye, Groesbeck – Aye, Dodge – Aye, Eschenburg – Aye, Bowman - Aye. Motion Carried.**

#### **Election Worker Pay:**

**Moved by Dodge and supported by Streeter to approve the recommendation of the Clerk to increase election workers pay to \$15.00 per hour, Chairperson and Co-Chairperson \$20.00 per hour and Election Workers for Saturday and Sunday \$20.00. Motion Carried.**

#### **2024 Open Meetings Resolution:**

**Moved by Streeter and supported by Dodge to approve Resolution #2023-004 titled 2024 Open Meetings Resolution as presented. Roll Call: Dodge – Aye, Eschenburg – Aye, Kudsin – Aye, Streeter – Aye, Henige – Aye, Groesbeck – Aye, Bowman - Aye. Motion Carried.**

#### **PC Appointments:**

**Moved by Kudsin and supported by Streeter to approve the appointment of Brian Blumline and Nick Giacalone effective January 1, 2024 to 3-year terms ending December 31, 2026 as the Planning Commission Board Members. Motion Carried.**

#### **ZBA Appointments:**

**Moved by Kudsin and supported by Dodge to approve the appointment of Jerry Moore and Paula Alfonsi, effective January 1, 2024, to 3-year terms ending December 31, 2026 as Zoning Board of Appeals Members. Motion Carried.**

#### **Soil Removal Permits:**

**Moved by Dodge and supported by Streeter to approve the renewal of Rodeo Homes Soil Removal Permit No. 05-001 & No. 2021-01 for 2024, expiration date December 31, 2024, contingent on items in the engineer's report are corrected within 30 days. Motion Carried.**

#### **AV Applications:**

**Moved by Streeter and supported by Dodge to approve Spectrum Printers to print and mail the AV Applications at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.**

#### **Probationary Firefighters:**

**Move by Streeter and supported by Henige to approve the Fire Chief's request to move Austin Amlotte, Steve Kamp, and Jeff Ragle to regular status as a firefighter.**

**Office will be closed December 25 & 26 for Christmas, and January 1 & 2 for New Year's.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Transparency – Recording township meetings.**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**BOARD DISCUSSION: Beautification of the Scotch Settlement Cemetery. Videoing township meetings**

**Motion by Dodge supported by Groesbeck to authorize the supervisor to negotiate with the Village to use their equipment to put township meetings on YouTube. Motion Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved by Streeter and supported by Eschenburg to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried.**

**Jenny Henige**

**Almont Township Clerk**