

Aloha Township
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2008

Board Members Present

Charles Maziasz
Barb Hall
Charles Veneros
Allen Barr
Marvin Shebel

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Supervisor Charles Maziasz. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Minutes of December 11, 2007 were read by the Clerk, Barb Hall at 7:02 PM. Financial report for the month was given by Treasurer Charles Veneros. Motion by Allen Barr, supported by Marvin Shebel, to approve the minutes and financial report. MOTION CARRIED at 7:05 PM. Checks approved General Fund 5529 thru 5546 and Cemetery Fund 996 thru 998.

Information Reports (7:06 PM)

Commissioner Leonard Page – Informed Board that State is reimbursing for election. Brought up to date on recycling. Ken's Market not enough room for parking for recycling is the hold up there. If Forest Township opts in maybe put in 3 bins in Tower area. Grant, Tuscarora and Koehler will all have on ballot because of petition. Petition is in the works for Benton Township. Other information on broadband, prescription cards, raising fees for Straits Regional Ride 20%. Government students present had questions for Commissioner Page.

Dawn Barr – Excused but informed Board that she rolled her truck in AM. She supposedly was not hurt.

Correspondence (7:15 PM)

Received and filed for the month.

Old Business (7:16 PM)

Recycling – Discussion on a number of items. How is Benton Doing? Not that much activity. Clerk handed out the survey results so far and it looks like 2 to 1 in favor of recycling. Will keep gathering data. Clerk to check how to get on ballot and time line for next meeting.

Roads – Discussion on plowing being bad this year. Also on Long Lake Road might be some grant money available if we can show a number of accidents on this road. Safety concern. Still looking at fixing Cheboygan Garage roof and side.

Tree – Bids for removal were reviewed. Discussion around bids. MOTION by Allen Barr supported by Charles Veneros to award bid to Brothers Tree Removal. Motion Carried

New Business (7:25 PM)

Poverty Exemption Eligibility – Resolution 08-001 –

Poverty Exemption Guidelines
Resolution for Adoption
Aloha Township Resolution 08-001

WHEREAS, The adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the township board; and

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994(MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994 Aloha Township, Cheboygan County adopts the following guidelines for the supervisor and board of review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.**
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.**
- 3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.**
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.**
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.**
- 6) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of board of review.**
- 7) The Township of Aloha has established the maximum total value of assets for the eligibility for township exemptions is not to exceed \$75,000 in True Cash Value. This maximum value may be adjusted by the Aloha Township Board of Review on a case to case basis if they feel necessary for the eligibility of Poverty Exemption.**
- 8) Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board;**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED That the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the board of review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board member Marvin Shebel AND SUPPORTED BY Board member Allen Barr.

**Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Marvin Shebel
Allen Barr
Charles Maziasz
Barb Hall
Charles Veneros
Nay: NONE**

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Put info on web site.

Budget Meeting to be scheduled next month.

Board of Review Members – Jack Pappas is off and Clayton Cannis will be put one. Need motion at next month's meeting.

Convention Report – Briefly given by Trustee Allan Barr. Materials handed to Clerk.

Notified by Supervisor no more attendance at meetings unless MTA and Road. Clear with him first.

Treasurer to look into having someone clean and check all duct work. Still problem with wasp.

Brief discussion on letter from Dr. McFall and steps to be taken. Put on agenda for next month.

Public Comment – NONE

Motion to adjourn by Allen Barr, supported by Marvin Shebel. Adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Barbara Hall, Clerk