

Aloha Township
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2007

Board Members Present

Charles Maziasz
Barb Hall
Charles Veneros
Allen Barr
Marvin Shebel

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Charles Maziasz. Minutes of June 11, 2007 were read by the Clerk, Barb Hall at 7:01 PM. Financial report for month was given by Treasurer, Charles Veneros. Allen Barr explained repayment from Cemetery Fund concerns burials. Motion by Allen Barr, supported by Marvin Shebel, to approve the minutes and financial report for the month of June. MOTION CARRIED at 7:03 PM. Checks approved General Fund 5433 thru 5449 and Cemetery Fund 967 thru 972.

Information Reports (7:05 PM)

Commissioner Leonard Page – Informed Board that a Public Hearing on the increase from 3 to 5 Road Commissioners will be on Aug 28th at 9:30 AM in the Commissioner's Room but if more than 40 people will look for another location. This will be decided at the Sept 11th meeting. They are requesting a legal opinion on if the County Board of Commissioners has the authority for redistricting. Three campgrounds in the County are being closed by the DNR. County Administration will be working closely with Representative from Lansing on this issue. Rumor that the Aloha State Park by the middle of August will be down to two people. Liability issue of keeping the smaller parks open. Commissioner Page said Region 9 Council on Aging was approved with enough budget to maintain senior services.

Discussion on why going to 5 Road Commissioners. Township Boards feels would be better representation. Supervisor asked if there would have been this discussion if the current Road Commission supported the increase? Commissioner Page said it would have been easier. Stated if isn't broke don't fix it. HE sees no problem with the increase as the dollar figure(\$50,000) is less than .6% of their budget(\$8,000,000). His concern is on redistricting and the County Board is seeking a legal opinion on who can do this.
Dawn Barr – Absent

Correspondence (7:20 PM)

Received and filed for the month.

Old Business (7:21 PM)

Blight Issues – Nothing new.
Constable – Nothing new.

Road Issues – Received from the Road Commission three estimates for road projects. Hiawatha Drive – Discussion on. Allen Barr feels that the fog seal will take care of the road but not eliminate dust on the sides of the road. Cost estimate is \$7,647.78 for this job. MOTION by Allen Barr, supported by Marvin Shebel, to do fog seal on Hiawatha drive with stipulation only doing this for dust problems. MOTION CARRIED

Reviewed two more road estimates. Pallister Road clearing and drainage improvements for estimate of \$40,754.68. No action on this one.

Long Lake Road centerline and edgeline paint for \$1,653.40. MOTION by Charles Veneros, supported by Charles Maziasz, to go ahead with this. MOTION CARRIED

Charles Veneros to see if we can use our matched and unmatched funds for these.

Allen Barr questioned Commissioner Page on Twin Lakes Roads and Black River Road. Commissioner Page stated that the grant for Twin Lakes Road was around for a couple of years. Concerns paving curves and black topping past the Chateau. On Black River Road the money is there to grind and reuse from Mann road to the UAW.

New Business (7:35 PM)

Donald Smith Application to DEQ – In packets and no one seemed to have objection to. Have 45 days from date on paper to send in comments to the DEQ.

Investing Resolution/Policy – Per Treasurer were have one and he will get the Clerk a copy.

Recycling – Discussion on this issue. Allen Barr stated wants to make sure that everything that goes to recycle actually goes there and not to landfill. Commissioner Page stated that if this was to happen and the public found out it would kill the program. Larry Charboneau asked if Emmet would do refrigerators and the answer was yes but need to have no Freon or arrange for a technician to do. Charles Veneros says he is getting numerous calls against recycling, some state 50 cents a week is nothing, cleaner environment, Seniors concerned on how to get stuff to the recycle bins, suggested do survey on winter tax bill, do newsletter for more information. He estimates by household 24,000 and by parcel would be around 30,000. Supervisor Charles Maziasz feels it is a bad or substandard plan. He is sick of substandard and wants good plan. The recycle committee presented same plan or plans but with updated dollar figures. Question asked why Townships with transfer stations on Committee and not ones like Aloha without transfer stations. Commissioner Page said they did try to balance who was on the committee. Page stated dollars are adequate as need to pay for containers in the first year.

MOTION by Charles Maziasz, supported by Allen Barr, to opt out of the County plan and send letter stating why. Maziasz – YES, Barr – YES, Shebel-YES, Hall-YES, Veneros-NO MOTION CARRIED

Weed Problem in Aloha Village –With weeds about 4 feet high. This is not a blight and there is no other ordinance.

MEMAC – Change contact people to reflect three Supervisors.

Reclassification – Concerns Alverno Fire. MOTION by Allen Barr, supported by Charles Veneros, that if completed application package is not submitted to the State by August 15th, we will ask for the resignation of the current Fire Chief.

Shebel-Yes, Veneros-Yes, Barr-Yes, Maziasz-Yes, Hall-Yes MOTION CARRIED

Clerk to send copies to Grant, Benton and Fire Chief.

Public Comment – Tom Slunick brought information about the VHS disease for fish. Discussion on and what direction could be taken. Tabled until later.

Motion to adjourn by Charles Veneros, supported by Allen Barr. Adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Barbara Hall, Clerk