

**Aloha Township
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2019**

Board members Present Charles Maziasz
Barb Hall
Charles Veneros
Steve Crusoe
Scott Eno

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Charles Maziasz. Pledge was recited by all.

Additions/Deletions to agenda – Addition to Information: Ordinance – Recreational Marihuana and New Business – Budget Meeting. Motion by Steve Crusoe, seconded by Charles Veneros, to approve additions to January 2019 agenda. Motion carried.

Discussion on Grant Siding Road:

Township Attorney Tim MacArthur addressed the residents present. He discussed some items such as road ended 500 feet from state land, owner could do barricade there, in Michigan public/private roads. If road is not maintained by Road Commission it is not a public road. He mentioned that there are different easements. One is easement in title or deed and there are 1) implied easement, 2) easement by necessity and 3) prescriptive easement (15 years or more). The last three have to go to Circuit Court to get these.

At this point County Road Commissioner Ken Paquet said some of property is fenced already. He also stated County Road did not abandon road and neither did the Township.

Some questions or remarks from residents: Sue Eno stated used all her life and people do not abuse. Doug Carter-questioned relationship of Road Commissioner and owner. Bill Hurtz – why road meetings not posted and they should have maintained road. Sue Eno questioned if it was a right of way. Attorney stated that private people can obtain private right of way.

Steve Crusoe and Chuck Maziasz both explained our reversal of abandonment of part of the road. Chuck also stated that a private citizen could take to court and settle. Chuck also mentioned talking to owner and seeing if compromise could be reached. Get a committee and try and settle.

Sue Eno mentioned that maybe County road and Township could approach DNR and see if could open that part of trail for motorized such as side by side to Tower. No interest from either. She mentioned no documented easements so state land is basically landlocked.

Discussion ended and 5 minute break in meeting was called by Supervisor.

Meeting called back in order.

Information Reports

Attorney Tim MacArthur – Marihuana – Medical had to opt in but with recreational Marihuana have to opt out. Local Township ordinance would override County. Gave us a

example ordinance to consider. On agenda for February.

Roberta Matelski – County Commissioner – Two new commissioners, Jail kitchen is up and running, Trustee Crusoe thanked her for the continued support of the K9 unit.

Mary Crusoe – Elevator had to have mother board replaced. Now up and running.

Gary Williams – Alverno Fire Chief – Not present but Supervisor notified Board that the truck was pulled for repairs and a tanker was moved in.

Action Items

Fire Hall – No action on lighting waiting for warm weather. Per Supervisor, same with Brandt on door.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Scott Eno, seconded by Steve Crusoe, to approve minutes for December meeting and special January Meeting, Financial report for December and all correspondence. **Motion Carried.**

Meetings Attended – Roads, Planning, MTA and Rails to Trails

Old Business

Website – Close to being done.

Aloha Historical Society- Lois Ballard – Handed out report to the Board. Need members and has lots of artifacts.

New Business

MTA Meeting – January 31st at Grant Township at 7:00 PM.

FYI- Mileage reimbursement IRS standard 2019 is \$.58

Pure Michigan-Great Up North – No more GUN now is with the Cheboygan Area Visitors Bureau. Need to decide if Township will still give yearly amount. Will be on the February Agenda.

County Road Loan Program – Discussion on by the Board to use to finish asphalt on Long Lake Road. Treasurer to dig into this and get back to us for next month. Rory Reinke from Long Lake Road was there in support of this and spoke on behalf of others that live on that road.

Board of Review – Board will consist of Joe Barr, Chair, and members Ruth Bell, Clayton Cannis, Jim Ecker, and Larry Dolbee. Supervisor is secretary with Clayton McGovern being the assessor.

Parking for Trail – Problems with people parking on Mann Road for the trail. Charles Veneros brought up idea of obtaining property for a small parking lot. We can lease if need too. Charles will look into and bring back for next month.

Public Comment – Gary Stranley commented that Long Lake road is awful, potholes bad at this time. Also have Lance McKay not plow snow up by flagpole as when on Mann Road cannot see to the right on M-33.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting by Steve Crusoe, seconded by Scott Eno.

Adjourned at 8:26 PM Barb Hall, Clerk