

**Aloha Township
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2018**

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 new: Medical/recreational Marijuana ordinances. Motion by Steve Crusoe, seconded by Scott Eno, to approve addition to November 2018 agenda. Motion carried.

Information Reports

Roberta Matelski – County Commissioner – Security doors at the County Building will now have a guard present. There have been too many issues with the doors and hopefully this will solve issues. New equipment for IT – they are out of storage space for files.

Mary Crusoe – Excused

Gary Williams – Alverno Fire Chief – **Absent**

Action Items

Fire Hall – Lighting and door update. Per Steve motion detectors will be on fire hall as well as main hall door. Jerry Brandt will try to install new small fire door and put in new casing.

Resolution on Senate Bill 396 -

Resolution on Opposition to Senate Bill 396

Resolution Adopted 11-12-2018

Aloha Township Resolution 18-0011-001

WHEREAS, Roads are the backbone of the social, cultural and economic stability of Cheboygan County and our region, and particularly Aloha Township which makes significant annual contributions to preservation, maintenance and other activities on the local road system; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018, allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (also known as “frost laws”) to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, It is a fact in Aloha Township and throughout all Northern States that all roads become soft in the spring as frost melts, and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading and traffic on soft roads, whether paved or unpaved, is poor public policy that defies common

sense when it comes to road preservation, and will lead to significant damage to the road system, economic damage in Aloha Township and increased risk to drivers in our region; and

WHEREAS, SB-396 also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 *will result in costly damage to the public road system which is the opposite of what the Michigan Legislature and the people of Michigan called for in the 2015 Michigan Transportation Package*; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 *will negatively impact the traveling public* accessing the road system, burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs, as well as increased county and township contributions to maintain the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system will negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Aloha Township residents and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Aloha Township works closely with the Cheboygan County Road Commission to maintain our vital local road network and to accommodate the logging industry wherever possible to maintain the economic vitality of our region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Aloha Township, Cheboygan County, **strongly opposes** SB 396 (S-5); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a vote hereon taken by aye or nay and spread at large on the minutes of the Board.

The foregoing resolution offered by Treasurer Charles Veneros, and seconded by Trustee Steve Crusoe.

Upon roll call vote, the following vote

"Aye:" Charles Maziasz, Barb Hall, Steve Crusoe, Scott Eno and Charles Veneros.

"Nay:" NONE

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

I, Barb Hall, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Aloha Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on November 12, 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Clerk to send to MTA Judy Allen, County Road Commissioners, Senator Wayne Schmidt, State Representative Lee Chatfield, and State Representative Sue Allor.

Aloha Township Resolution 18-011 Poverty Exemption and Guidelines -

Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Asset Test for 2019

Resolution Adopted 11-12-18

Aloha Township Resolution 18-0011

WHEREAS, the principal residence 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 the General Property Tax Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, the township board is required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u), to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, that 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 principal residence 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 principal residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year of a signed State Tax Commission Form 4988, Poverty Exemption Affidavit.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all person do not exceed the current guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc. Maximum assets shall not exceed **\$125,000**.
- 4) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 5) Produce, if requested a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.

6) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body, providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.

7) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Aloha Township Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Meet additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board, including:

Federal Poverty Guidelines Used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions	
Size of Family Unit	2019 Poverty Guidelines
1	\$ 12,140
2	\$ 16,460
3	\$ 20,780
4	\$ 25,100
5	\$ 29,420
6	\$ 33,740
7	\$ 38,060
8	\$ 42,380
Additional Person	\$ 4,320

BE IT ALSO 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 claim and supported by Board Member

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Charles Veneros, seconded by Scott Eno

Upon roll call vote, the following vote

"Aye:" Charles Veneros, Steve Crusoe, Barb Hall, Scott Eno and Charles Maziasz

"Nay:" None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Detours for spring for Mann Road Construction - Board wants Road Commission to do brining and gravel on all roads that are part of the detour. Our representative Charles Veneros to inform them.

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

Meetings Attended – Roads, CLLAA, Planning, PIE&G Annual Meeting, Rails to Trails, MTA District-On the Road.

Old Business

Website – Close to being done.

New Business

MTA Meeting – December 6th at Beaugrand Township at 6:00 PM. Christmas Dinner

No Parking on Mann Road – Concerns the trail. People are parking on both sides of the Road. Discussion Held. Motion by Charles Veneros, seconded by Scott Eno, to post no parking signs 100 Feet on both sides of road by trail. Charles V. to handle.

Long Lake Summary – Yearly report and information for the Board.

Elections – Clerk reported on election held November 6th. Total of 537 voters of that there were 123 absentee ballots with 122 returned. Had machine problems right at 7 AM, 5 voters from other townships and 4 first time voters who did not know they had to register to vote.

Medical and Recreational Marijuana ordinances – Discussion on and will wait. And see.

Public Comment –None

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

Adjourned at 7:55 PM

Barb Hall, Clerk