

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Chairperson Mike Schwartz. Present were Greta Klassen, Dale Larson, and Mike Schwartz, Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Deputy Clerk; Christine Wolvin, Treasurer; Linsey Larson, Deputy Treasurer; John Wolvin, Tarah Vitek, and Kurt Johnson.

Dale made a motion to approve the August 7, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes. Greta seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report

Christine read the Financial Report. Greta made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Claims/Bills

Ronda read the Claims List. Greta made a motion to approve the bills, including PERA for the month of August. Dale seconded the motions. Discussion on Gopher State One-Call. Mike asked to pull this bill and look into past billing history. Amanda will check into the history of the bill and the status of a credit. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board asked that the A1 gutter bill will be pulled from this billing cycle and paid in October, as Mike stated the Township has 30 days to pay the bill and the gutter work is not yet completed.

Dale made a motion to include the final payment of \$482.00 to Foundations Architecture to the claims list. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to approve final payment on the Fire Hall addition in two party checks to Hammerlund in the following amounts: Aardvark \$488.35, Contract Tile \$3,465.90, and Northern Door \$5,245.64 for a total of \$9,199.89 to be added to the Claims List. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to approve the final Claims List with the above changes. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Emails/Correspondence

The board reviewed and discussed the insurance policy. Copies of the vehicle insurance cards were made and the original insurance cards will be taken to the fire department for the vehicles.

Election equipment grant will be tabled until next month.

SSD

John Wolvin read the report for SSD. 277,836 gallons pumped last month with an average of 7,938/day (35-day cycle). John included rain gauge reports in the SSD report. John noted excessive leakage and issues with the pump tank at fire number 9170. John indicated that there will be fall maintenance conducted soon, which will allow for a closer look at the tanks, as the amount of water pumped on average daily remains high. The Board would like to find the root of the cause for the higher amounts of water. Mike made note to call Chris and request a drawdown calibration to be done in the next two months.

John also noted that there is a broken counter on zone 3. He called Chris and he will order a new counter.

The Board discussed making a plan to address the SSD ordinance and sump pump use, as sump pumps connected to the system may be a cause of high water being pumped monthly.

Mike inquired into the use of pepper spray on problem dogs during maintenance checks. The response from MAT lawyers indicated that the spray would be legal to use only during times of direct threat or imminent danger from a dog.

Christine presented a spreadsheet to the Board of SSD Revenue and Expenses from August 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017 and a Projected Revenue and Expense for 2017-2018. Christine recommended continuing with the \$1,200 user fee for the upcoming year. Dale made a motion to tentatively set the user fee at \$1,200 and notify land owners to attend a meeting in October or November for public comment. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Clerk and Treasurer will work together to compose and send a notice in the mail to the land owners.

Janet Levinski sent a letter to the Board inquiring into paying for 2 sewers when she is currently only using one in comparison to other property owners. The Board agreed to invite Janet to attend either the October or November meeting to discuss this matter further.

Discussion on Jackson property, St. Louis County building permit, and additional shed. Dale indicated that the application should have specifics on where the shed will be placed in order to accurately determine whether or not it will affect the septic lines. Mike will call the County and ask for additional information on where the shed should be set.

Mike was contacted by Graves Well Drilling and questioned about pressure testing on the SSD lines. Graves Well Drilling has been approached by the Health Department as a well was drilled too close to the SSD lines at the Johanson property.

Fire Department

Mike reported that the fiber optic company will provide a free survey to determine where and how to place an extender to spread internet to the entire fire hall. He also reported that password protection is available.

Community Center

The Board walked around the building at the onset of the meeting to inspect the gutter work and noted that there is still some work to be completed.

Road and Bridge

Dale presented information to the Board regarding turnarounds on township roads and paperwork that needs to be filled out by homeowners in order for snowplows to use driveways as a turnaround.

Dale presented information regarding the culverts on Aerie Lake Road. The elevation on the other side of the road is similar, so the culvert across the road is not a possibility. Another suggestion to address the water in the ditches would be to raise the ditches with gravel to raise the elevation to drain to the outlet, but there is a gully on Mell's property that would most likely take on additional water. Dale would like to have another look at the elevation before making a decision.

Old Business

The board discussed the final levy for 2018. The board agreed to make adjustments to accommodate the annual bond payment of \$13427 by transferring monies from the Taconite credit deposit. Dale made a motion to approve the final Levy for 2018. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Dale made a motion to continue the meeting on September 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Alborn Township Clerk