

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Kurt Johnson, Tarah and Ben Vitek.

Dale made a motion to approve the November 6 Regular Meeting Minutes. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Greta made a motion to approve the November 9 Continuation Meeting Minutes. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report

Christine read the Financial Report. Dale made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Greta made a motion to transfer \$5000 from the General Fund to the Community Center. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Christine will review the past community center funds and make a recommendation for an annual amount to deposit into the community center fund instead of making transfers as needed.

Claims/Bills

Amanda read the Claims List. Dale made a motion to approve the bills. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Emails/Correspondence

The Board discussed the Census/Luca information and agreed to not participate at this point.

SSD

John Wolvin read the report for SSD. 163,761 gallons pumped during the month of November, with an average of 5,849 gallons/day (28-day cycle). Given the nice weather, John had an opportunity to agitate all of the filters and saw no concerns.

Mike was going to contact People's Services and Chris about having addresses included on the locating billing and question the semi-annual drawdown testing that should be completed as per the contract.

There has not been any further contact with the engineering firm regarding a plan to address SSD issues. Mike will contact MSA and let them know that we will hold off on any further planning and action until the spring.

John was not able to change the locks and has not seen any other indication of tire tracks or movement of the locks.

The SSD permit renewal form was submitted and we ended up needing an inspection form to go along with it. Christine contacted Chris who completed and submitted an inspection form. The operating permit has not yet been received.

The Board reviewed an easement example referencing what can be done on an easement line. Discussion on fences and township responsibility in determining fencing guidelines. Mike will contact the attorney to develop a blanket agreement for fencing to be put up with the understanding that if it needs to be removed for Township work it is not the responsibility of the Township to replace it.

Fire Department

At the Joint Powers meeting, the Fire Department approved spending up to \$5000 to pay for the upgrades necessary for the firehall (washer, drier, and stove wiring, and heating ductwork into the training room). Bids received by Mike for the work from JK Mechanical and Parsons included: electrical wiring (\$1800), ductwork (\$4200), and climate control/zones (additional \$4100). The Board recommends that Joint Powers has an additional meeting to change the approved amount to be spent for necessary work. Greta will schedule a Joint Powers meeting to review the estimates. Dale will check with MAT to determine if Joint Powers meetings need to be posted by both participating Townships.

Mike has done further inquiry into the Wi-Fi extension to the fire hall. Mike received a response indicating that the quote is being worked on.

Community Center

Middle stall in Women's Bathroom is working.

A1 gutters have not yet responded to Mike regarding the issues with gutter installation and leaks. The tin is installed in the back of the buildings.

Road and Bridges

Dale contacted MAT and did some research on the cart way between the East Berg-Lind and Berg-Lind Road. Based on information received, it is believed that it has been 30-40 years that the portion between the two roads has not been graded or maintained. MAT indicated that if it is recorded, it could be vacated and given back to landowners. It could also be made into a minimum maintenance road. It may also be within the deeds that it is labeled as a road. Dale will also contact the Auditor's office regarding this inquiry. A private resident may not put a barrier across this parcel of land until more is known and a decision is made regarding this parcel.

Brushing started today.

Mike made a motion to give Dale the same authority given to him at a previous meeting to spend up to \$3000 regarding the appeal process for building permits. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mike contacted St. Louis County, which indicated that no building permits are required for fences. Fences may be built on property line and road right of way lines. It is believed to be an article in building code that the "good" side of the fencing be facing out. Mike contacted the building association and talked to Paul Sweat who indicated that permits are not required for fences under 7 feet high. For fences higher than 7 feet, a permit may be required. Mike also contacted MAT and talked to Ruth (an attorney) who directed Mike to an "information library". In this information, it is specified that St. Louis County has regulations different from the state statute. Property owners may have to share costs. It is a Township duty to resolve disputes regarding fences between land owners. The Township may charge the landowners for this duty.

New Business

Dale made a motion to welcome the St. Louis County Board here for a meeting on February 27, 2018 at 9:00 am. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Board would like to advertise the meeting in the SALT bulletin, at local businesses, and on the website. A posting will also be made for the meeting.

Dale made a motion to approve Resolution 12042017 a \$60 donation to the Community Center from a rental. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a recommendation to hold a reorganization meeting in April when the new Chairperson begins.

Dale made a motion to adjourn the motion at 9:16pm. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amanda Ellefson, Alborn Clerk