

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, Robb O'Bey, Nellie Torgerson, Mike Jugovich, and Kurt Johnson.

Dale made a motion to approve January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes with amendments. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS

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

Amanda and Christine requested to set up auto-pay through Minnesota Power to avoid future late fees. Christine stated that MAT is ok with Townships doing this for regular bills. Dale made a motion to set up auto-pay through Minnesota Power. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Amanda and Christine will set up the auto-pay with Minnesota Power.

E-MAILS/CORRESPONDENCE

SSD

John Wolvin read the report for SSD. 163,176 gallons pumped during the month of January, with an average of 4,662 gallons/day (35-day cycle).

Chris dropped off the annual report book. John presented this to the Board.

The Township has received the SSD Operating Permit.

John reported that he worked with Mathisen's to open up the frozen line. He had them pour a pitcher of boiling water down the pipe and it did open up. The Board will discuss possible line alteration at Mathisen's at a future meeting.

Mike spoke with Chris about having the addresses included on the location billing. He said he'd work on it. Mike also questioned the semi-annual drawdown testing and it will be looked at in the spring.

Mike contacted Chris Virta regarding the Revocable Consent Letter. Chris sent a template of an amendment to allow nonconforming uses on a case by case basis. This will cost \$200-\$300 to have a law firm formulate and record. The Board will table the use of this template until the next meeting.

Christine recommended transferring \$2,000 from SSD user fees to the capital replacement fund for the years of 2017 and 2018. Dale made a motion to transfer \$2,000 from SSD user fees to capital replacement fund. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Amanda read the meeting minutes from the 2/5/2018 Joint Powers meeting. The Board discussed the quotes given to Robb for heating and electric work to be done on the Fire Hall. Dale made a motion that the Town Board agree to have Harbor Mechanical and Lenard Electric perform work on the training room, if they have required insurance and licenses. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Fire Department is looking into purchasing a 1991 E-1 Engine from Grand Lake. Dale made a motion that the Alborn Town Board approve the Fire Department purchase of a 1991 E-1 Engine from Grand Lake using capital expense funds. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion that the Treasurer take over the completion of the balance sheet for the Fire Department. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mike spoke about his work to figure out the Wi-Fi to the Fire Department. The quote that he received for work done from Northeast Service Co-op is over \$2000. The Board discussed purchasing Wi-Fi extenders, cable, and equipment for the Township maintenance to complete the project at a cheaper cost. Dale made a motion to have the maintenance personal run the cable lines and install access points for wi-fi, with materials and supplies within \$1,000. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Discussion and decision on the Old Town Hall Building will be tabled until a future date.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

Nellie Torgerson attended the meeting and addressed the Board regarding public access on the cart way portion of the Berg-Lind Road. Nellie indicated that this is private property and inquired into what needed to be done to vacate the cart way portion of the road. Dale went to the Auditor's Office and found paperwork recording the cart way on Berg-Lind Road in 1917. Dale also talked to Steve Fenske (attorney) at MAT. Steve indicated that if it hadn't been recorded in the County Recorder's Office, it is not considered a road. Also, if it has not been maintained for 40 years (by the township or private landowners), it is no longer a road and could go back to the landowner. Dale's recommendation based on this information would be to make a motion to revert the road back to the landowners.

Dale made a motion that the Board recognizes that the last ¼ mile of the Berg-Lind Road has not been maintained over the past 40 years; therefore, it will be returned to the landowners, unless maintenance on the road can be proved by a party outside of the Township. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Nellie Torgerson also inquired into the East Berg-Lind Road. Mike made a motion that, to the Board's knowledge, no maintenance has been done to the westerly 2/10 portion of Berg-Lind Road East. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mike requested that Nellie return with documentation showing property ownership.

Dale will be contacting the County regarding gravel crushing, as we have not yet received information on this.

Dale made a motion to approve the fee schedule for plowing from St. Louis County. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mike Jugovich was in attendance to discuss the upcoming St. Louis County Board meeting being held at the Alborn Townhall on February 27 at 9:30 am. Mike is asking that word be spread on this meeting in order to encourage constituents to be in attendance.

Dale made a motion to hold the Board of Audit meeting on February 22, 2018 at 7:00. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to post the Annual Meeting date in the Northland Shopper. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Greta made a motion to adjourn and Dale seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Amanda Ellefson, Alborn Clerk