

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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March 13, 2018

The Annual Town Meeting was called to Order by Amanda Ellefson, Clerk, at 7:02 pm. All members were present, including: 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, Kurt Johnson, Tarah Vitek, Lauren Berlin, and Lucas Newlander.

Amanda read the minutes from the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. Dale made a motion to approve the minutes and Greta seconded the motion with corrections. The motion was passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Christine read the Treasurer's Report for 2016. Greta made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report. Dale seconded and it passed unanimously.

Robb O'Bey volunteered to moderate the meeting. Dale made a motion to approve Robb O'Bey as Moderator for the meeting. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AGENDA

SELECT A DEPOSITORY FOR TOWN FUNDS

Christine made a motion to keep Wells Fargo as a depository for 2018. Greta seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

SELECT A TOWNSHIP NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLICATION

Christine made a motion to keep the Northland Smart Shopper as the town newspaper. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ESTABLISH POSTING PLACES FOR TOWN NOTICES

Mike made a motion to keep the Community Center as the posting board for the township. Dale seconded the motion. Discussion on using the website as a posting place. The motion passed unanimously.

SET TIME, DATE, AND PLACE FOR 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Greta made a motion to set March 12, 2019, at 7:00 pm with March 19, 2019 as the alternate date should there be bad weather. The place should remain the Alborn Community Center. Christine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TOWN BOARD COVERAGE FOR WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Christine made a motion for members of the board to be covered by Workman's Compensation. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF SPONSORSHIP OF THE GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM FOR THE ALBORN SNO-DEVILS TRAIL SYSTEM

Greta made a motion to continue sponsorship for the Grant-In-Aid Program for the Alborn Sno-Devils Trail System. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MILEAGE

Christine made a motion to follow the IRS guideline for mileage reimbursement rate for 2018. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DONATIONS

MEADOWLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE: Greta made a motion to donate \$2000 to Meadowlands Ambulance. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TESTER NIEMI #562: Christine made a motion to donate \$500 to the Tester Niemi Fourth of July fireworks. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ALBORN YOUTH BASEBALL: Dale made a motion to donate \$1000 to Alborn Youth Baseball with the contingency of a financial statement submitted to the Board. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A financial statement for Alborn Youth Baseball was submitted by Linsey Larson.

SPRUCE HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION: Christine made a motion to donate \$500 to the Spruce Hill Cemetery Association. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SOUTH RIDGE PTSO: Christine made a motion to donate \$500 to the South Ridge PTSO. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SOUTH RIDGE ALL NIGHT GRAD PARTY: Lauren Berlin made a motion to donate \$500 to the South Ridge All Night Grad Party. Lucas Newlander seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John made a motion to carry over the remaining 2017 donations as recommendations in the event a request is made before the regular April Township Board meeting. These donations include: South Ridge Band, South Ridge Elementary Football, South Ridge Nature Club, South Ridge PAC (Pride Athletic Club), and South Ridge Trap Shooting Team. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

LEVY

GENERAL FUND: Dale made a motion to keep the General Fund at \$70,000 plus donations for 2019. Christine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE: Dale made a motion to keep the Road and Bridge levy at \$36,000 for 2019. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Robb made a motion to increase the Alborn Fire Department levy from \$28,166 to \$29,010, which is a 3% increase over 2018. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Robb provided an overview of the calls and activities for the Fire Department over the past year. Mutual Aid to other townships has been increasing over the past years (7 calls in 2017). Alborn had a total of 20 calls and New Independence had 28 calls. There was a total of 55 calls in 2017.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dale thanked Mike for his service as Chairperson over the past year. Mike thanked the Board for their support and dedication to all that needed to be accomplished over the last year. Dale will assume Chairperson duties starting in April.

Dale also extended a thank you to the County Board for hosting a meeting here this year.

Tarah inquired into a playground on the property of the Town Hall. Dale commented that the plan is to have a park, but the old Town Hall needs to be moved and some groundwork would need to be done prior. Mike further explained the grounds and work that would need to be done to expand and make the area bigger for this to happen.

Dale made a motion to adjourn at 8:29pm. Christine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson
Clerk of Alborn Township

Robb O'bey
Moderator