

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The Meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Dale Larson. Present were Dale Larson, Kurt Johnson and Tarah Vitek (remotely), Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Deputy Clerk; Christine Wolvin, Treasurer; Linsey Larson, Deputy Treasurer; Jack Carlson and Jim Larson

Kurt made a motion to accept the February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt made a motion to accept the February 15, 2024 Board of Audit Meeting Minutes. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt made a motion to accept the February 15, 2024 SSD Quarterly Meeting Minutes. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Christine read the Treasurer's Report. Tarah made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Christine noted that she has not yet received the \$1200 check for Administration Fees from New Independence.

BILLS

Amanda read the Claims List. Tarah made a motion to pay the bills, including PERA. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

E-MAILS/CORRESPONDENCE

St. Louis County provided information of changes to liquor licensing.

Email from Erik Peterson regarding possible business in Alborn. Relocate Federal Firearms License and have sale/transfer of firearms. He is seeking approval from Alborn Township. Discussion of zoning for this purpose.

SSD

The Fleet Zoom system has been installed and is operating. Tarah provided a brief update on the Fleet Zoom, as it was recently installed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jack Carlson provided updates from the Fire Department. There is concern for grass fires coming soon, due to the dry conditions, no snow cover, and winds.

The initial bill for the turnout gear arrived. This payment is yearly. A turnout gear fund has been created. Dale made a motion to transfer the Alborn portion of the payment, and the New Independence payment at this time, from General Fund. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY CENTER

ROAD AND BRIDGES

The Township was approved for paving on Ostman Road for the Railroad Crossing. The Township received an email about a culvert that needs replacing prior to the paving project to be completed. The email indicated the cost would be approximately \$16,000, due to permits and railroad regulations.

St Louis County has approved Alborn Township for crushing with the cost being \$12,635.

OLD BUSINESS

Kurt researched the Minnesota Power bill, as it was noted last month the power bill is increasing. Kurt provided information for the Board to review in regards to power and “on demand” power. Discussion on when the Community Center building is going into “on demand” power, which has higher rates.

Discussion on Solar Panels. Kurt suggested placing the solar panels along the property line with the Berlin's. New grants are upcoming for solar panels. This discussion will continue as the Board receives more information regarding the solar panels.

Discussion on the parking lot proposal provided by Kurt in January.

Lease Agreement between Alborn Township and Alborn Dirt Devils was provided for review by the Board. This agreement is for use of the landfill land for training purposes for four wheeled recreational vehicles. Dale made a motion to approve the lease agreement with the Alborn Dirt Devils. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt made a motion to adjourn. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk