

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Tarah Vitek, Chairperson. Present at the meeting were Tarah Vitek, Kurt Johnson, and Dale Larson, Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Deputy Clerk; Christine Wolvin, Treasurer; Linsey Larson, Deputy Treasurer; John Wolvin, John Klaussen Jack Carlson, Shawn Niehaus, Holly Niehaus, and Susie Johnson.

Dale made a motion to approve the March 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt made a motion to approve the April 4, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. Tarah seconded the motion. Motion passed with 2 votes; Tarah and Kurt voted for and Dale voted against the motion.

TREASURER REPORT

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

BILLS

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

E-MAILS/CORRESPONDENCE

Dale made a motion to approve the renewal of the Clip Joint liquor license. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Information on the Couri and Roupe Township Legal Seminar on October 7, 2023.

Jake's Companies submitted rates for road maintenance services.

Alborn Dirt Devil's Grant-in-Aid is completed.

SSD

John presented a report for SSD. In March, the system pumped 48,299 gallons on a 28-day month, which is 1,725 gallons per day. John reported that March was pretty quiet, but the beginning of April has not been quiet. There was an alarm on Easter Sunday and again today. There was 15 hours between the alarms. This is due to high water. John reported that there is still about 2 feet of snow and rapid melt coming, so he will be watchful and pump down the tanks as needed.

Tarah talked to Candace of St. Louis County who encouraged Tarah to send another email to Mark Pannkuk to continue the inquiry into the land for SSD expansion. Tarah has not yet had a response.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joint Powers approved the new gear and it is starting to be delivered. Jack reported the grass rig is shaping up nicely.

On May 6, 2023, 10 firefighters are going to Alliance Stadium to do an event (stair climb), which is a fundraiser for the American Lung Association.

Kurt reported to the Board about the back-up door opener. The cost of the UPS continues to rise and Kurt provided information on what the door company could provide, as an alternative. The door company (Door Co) installed the doors initially.

Christine has completed the loan application for the turn-out gear. The loan is approved and Christine provided information regarding the loan.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Kurt presented information to the Board for acoustical panels from two companies. The Board reviewed the information and the materials provided as samples. Kurt will ask the company for a quote with all panels fabric covered.

The Alborn Community Center will host the September County Board Meeting. Ronda will ask Mr. Bernard and Mr. Wisocki on hosting the Board again for a luncheon and tour of the school.

Tarah presented information regarding National Night Out. Tarah contacted Community Printing for postcards to promote the event. Shawn will work on providing an obstacle course bounce house, cornhole tournament, and dunk tank. The Township will provide an additional bounce house. Jolene Schlander will provide a petting zoo. Discussion on menu and costs. Tarah will have information on menu ideas and costs at our next meeting.

Discussion on the baseball bleachers and necessary repairs. Linsey will bring this up at the next baseball meeting. Kurt and John will assess the bleachers and make recommendations for repair at the next meeting. Dale made a motion to give authority to Kurt and John to make necessary repairs to the bleachers and find pricing for replacement bleachers. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

Dale brought up paving on both sides of the railroad crossing on Ostman Road. There is funding through MNDOT for paving 100 feet on either side of railroad crossings. Dale has sent an email about the funding and is waiting for a response.

Tarah provided information from the Short Course of another Township that has an engineer ride along on the Road Inspection with the Supervisors to provide recommendations on road improvements.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Tarah made a motion to hold a Reorganizational Meeting on April 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tarah made a motion to accept Resolution M04102023. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution in support of Mining in Minnesota)

Dale provided information from the March SLCAT meeting to the Board.

Tarah provided information from the MAT Short Course to the Board.

Tarah made a motion to accept Resolution 4102023. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale thanked Kurt for being Chairperson this past year and is looking forward to Tarah as Chairperson for the upcoming year. Dale thanked the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer for their work in organizing the Annual Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt made a motion to adjourn. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk