

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dale Larson, 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 Klassen, John Wolvin, and Ben Vitek.

Kurt made a motion to approve March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board and attendees of the meeting went outdoors to survey the proposed site for the playground project and additional parking. The Board discussed removing the trees along the property line in order to create space for the playground and parking for the playground. Discussion on filling in the ditch and adding a crosswalk to create additional parking on the Community Center side of the building. There was discussion of locating the playground between the white pines and pavilion. Discussion on fencing for the playground to ensure safety of children playing.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

#### **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**

#### **SSD**

John presented a report for SSD. In March, the system pumped 294,331 gallons on a 35-day month, which is 8,409 gallons on average. There were 2 high water alarms (22<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>). The alarm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, John pumped it down and the one on the 30<sup>th</sup> happened during his meter route and was taken care of. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, John W. and John K. purchased a pressure washer and jet hose and took care of the frozen line which was discovered last month. John identified 3 driveways that piping goes underneath (all cabins), in which are being used more often and the driveways are plowed in the winter. John indicated that this should be addressed in the summer and insulated to help avoid future frozen pipes. John talked to Chris to ask about the drawdown test. Chris is planning to come up to the site sometime this week to discuss completing the drawdown test this month.

Discussion on the SSD permit, which has not yet been received. The check for the permit fee was issued on November 2, 2020. Tarah will look into the status of the permit.

Dale made a motion to have a quarterly SSD Meeting on April 26, 2021 at 7:00 at the Community Center. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Department is looking to increase their retirement from \$1200 to \$1400. Kurt indicated that a Joint Powers meeting to discuss this increase will be coming shortly.

Dale inquired as to whether Joint Powers should see the Financial Report for the Fire Relief Fund. Kurt indicated that the Fire Relief Fund is separate from other funding. Kurt will add this to the agenda at the next Joint Powers meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY CENTER**

Tarah made a motion to re-open the Community Center for rentals adhering to the MAT guidelines and Governor Executive Orders. Kurt seconded the motion. Discussion on an amendment to the Rental Policy indicating guidelines and executive orders will be followed. Additionally, the Township will be responsible for sanitizing prior to and after events and is not liable for any illness or Covid exposure. Motion passed unanimously.

Alborn Youth Baseball would like to return the 2020 donation, as there was no baseball in 2020 and the Alborn Youth Baseball Association will be dissolved. Dale questioned if the new ball club plans to utilize the Alborn ball fields. If not, could the ball field areas be used for additional parking? Linsey Larson confirmed that the South Ridge Area Youth Baseball Organization is planning to use all of the local ball fields. She continued to provide an update of the new South Ridge Area Youth Baseball Organization, which includes Alborn, Cotton, Burnett, and Brookston. The season will run May to August. Linsey volunteered to be the liaison between the new organization and Alborn Township.

Linsey is the concession manager for South Ridge Area Youth Baseball and addressed the Board about using the kitchen for concessions during the baseball season. The Board supports the use of the kitchen for concession purposes.

Tarah made a motion to approve Resolution 04052021 to accept the return of the 2020 donation from Alborn Youth Baseball. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **ROAD AND BRIDGES**

The State sent an email that due to the large amount of interest in the LRIP Grant for road work, decisions on awarding the grant will be delayed, due to the time it will take to review applications, make recommendations, and assemble a committee to determine final awards. The State asked if any local agencies would be willing to delay construction until 2022. Dale replied to the email that the Township would be willing to wait on the work until 2022, while awaiting the decision of final awards for the grant.

Christine indicated that Johannason planted trees near his fencing, which will grow out into the road as they grow over the years. Dale said that he will look into it.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Amanda's Township computer is beginning to "glitch" and there is concern of the computer crashing. Kurt asked if the computer has been backed up and suggested using One Drive to back up files. Kurt made a motion to purchase a new laptop for the Clerk. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to have a Reorganizational Meeting on May 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tarah made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk