

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Kurt Johnson. Present were Dale Larson, Tarah Vitek, and Kurt Johnson, Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Christine Wolvin, Treasurer; Deputy Clerk; Linsey Larson, Deputy Treasurer; Jim Olcott, John Klassen, Bob and Michelle Nylen, John Wolvin, Charlie Preston, and Mick Sertich.

Dale made a motion to accept the July Regular Meeting Minutes. Tarah seconded the motion. Christine Wolvin's name was missing from the July meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously with amendments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Christine made a request to transfer monies to the Community Center Fund.

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

Amanda read a Thank You from Tester Niemi for the Township donation toward fireworks.

Certificate of Membership for Rural Water Association.

District 10 Meeting Notice.

Legal Seminar Notice (Cotton Townhall October 5).

Presidential Primary Expense Reimbursement Estimate – the County is asking for projected costs for upcoming presidential elections in 2020.

Email on Grant opportunities through IRR.

SSD

John read the SSD report. 256,410 total gallons pumped through the month of July, with an average of 7,326 gallons per day (based on 35-day cycle). On July 26, People Service came out to replace valve #2, which showed as a discrepancy on the chart of flow rate (99,995 compared to 4,410, which indicates

how many times it opens and closes). Since there is no actuator on the valve, the counter is not working appropriately.

Tarah talked to Joe at MSA about the pressure test that was not conducted at the Kronlund property. Joe said that this was not necessary, as the line was not moved (it was a re-connect). Chris at People Service agrees that the pressure test is not necessary. This will be further discussed, if needed, at the quarterly SSD meeting next Monday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Discussion on PERA benefits for Fire Department. Christine explained the paper work involved. Discussion on having a Joint Powers meeting to determine how to proceed with PERA changes.

The new signs for the Fire Department are in place.

Tomorrow night is National Night Out – Kurt provided information on the event.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Dale made a motion to transfer \$5,000 to the Community Center Fund. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt presented information on light replacement in the Community Center, which would be approximately \$110 per fixture (approximately 30 fixtures in the building). Amanda asked if this would qualify for a rebate through Minnesota Power. Kurt will inquire with Minnesota Power about rebates for lighting.

Discussion on upcoming work, specifically the concrete slab for the park. Rodda offered to do the prep work. Concrete work to be done by township employees.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

Bob Nysten inquired into gravel being placed on roads. Dale explained that the crushing will take place in August and placed on roads in September. If the crushing is postponed, the township may opt to hold off on placing gravel on roads (weather dependent).

Bob Nysten brought up concerns regarding Rodda's grading work on township roads. Discussion from community members and supervisors regarding Rodda's work. Bob also inquired into when the Township needs to ask for bids for road work. Supervisors will look into the amount necessary to either ask for bids or are required to get bids.

The dust on Eagle' Club Road has been taken care of. Discussion on chloride for Aerie Lake Road. Jim Olcott will let the Supervisors know by Monday, August 12 whether or not Aerie Lake Road (Aerie Lake Association) wants chloride applied.

Dale presented information on estimates for road work from Bob Rodda. Discussion on projects, costs, and options. Dale suggested starting with three road projects (1. Austin Road ditching – projected cost of \$15,500, 2. Eire Road widening for County to continue plowing – projected cost of \$3,800, 3. E. Berg Lind Road culvert – projected cost of \$2,700) and then determine how to address the frost boils on Aerie Lake Road and Austin Road. Kurt made a motion to do the three projects. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mick Sertich inquired into vacation of a portion of Austin Road. The Board indicated that this is not planned for at this time.

Dale has not yet spoken to Jugavich about the County taking over Township Roads.

Line painting has been completed on Hwy 47.

OLD BUSINESS

Flyers have been made for Alborn History Day in October.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale made a motion to adjourn. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk