

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, Brady Stroschein, Chris Simons, Corey McDonald, Mary Lisic.

Kurt made a motion to approve the January 3, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tarah made a motion to approve the January 19, 2022 Special Meeting – SSD RFP. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with corrections.

The Board reviewed the Township Benefit Program. Tarah made a motion to discontinue Life Insurance for Supervisors. Kurt 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 indicated that she did close the savings account and put the monies into the Road and Bridges Fund. The final 2nd half taxes have been deposited.

Brady Stroschein inquired into COVID monies on the Treasurer's Report. The Board explained the CARES and ARPA funds.

BILLS

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

E-MAILS/CORRESPONDENCE

St. Louis County sent information to Townships regarding CDBG and HOME Program Requalification.

Minnesota Power sent a notice to Counties and Municipalities of the proposed rate increase.

The Census Bureau sent information on participating in BAS.

SSD

John presented a report for SSD. In January, the system pumped 52,580 gallons on a 28-day month, which is 1,879 gallons per day.

Dale inquired into the UPS device for short power outages at the site. Kurt and John will work together to determine the cost for adding this to the site. John feels it is worth checking into, but the decision will depend on the cost involved.

Tarah reported that Chris emailed her to let the Township know that Andrew Barnaby is gone and John Loye will be the engineer. John will be coming to the meeting on the 15th.

Christine presented to the Board an SSD Analysis of an Estimated budget for the next 5 years with People's Services. This information will be used when comparing costs with AUS and making a decision on which provider to hire for maintenance of the SSD.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chris and Corey were in attendance presenting the information of the Fire Department asking for a 5% increase in the Levy for 2023, which is an increase from the previous 3% asked annually. Chris explained the needs for training and updated equipment. This will be reviewed by the Board and then proposed at the Annual Meeting.

Chris presented information about bunker gear and air packs. A grant was written to assist in covering the costs of this gear and air packs.

Chris also reported to the Board that the responding area is increasing, as they have responded as far away as Floodwood and Cotton for recent emergencies.

Kurt reported the work that has been done recently in the Fire Department. Kurt used emergency monies to replace the gas furnace with electric furnace and put another breaker in the box. This work was done while the electrician was here.

Dale made a motion to put half of the taconite relief money into the Fire Department Payment Fund and half into Road and Bridges. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt emailed Chris Virta about the Fire Chief also being on the Joint Powers governing body. New Independence also received this response. It was asked that the Clerk receive the minutes from New Independence to determine their thoughts on keeping the Joint Powers Agreement as is or to change the Agreement to define the members of the governing body and administration fees.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Tarah has coordinated a meeting with a new playground representative from Northwoods Playground.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

OLD BUSINESS

Tarah checked into the postcards to send out to residents for the Annual Meeting. Community Printing would be able to do 250 postcards for \$31.50 plus Kurt made a motion to spend the monies necessary

to send postcards to residents for the Annual Meeting. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Dale provided a summary of the January County Association Meeting.

Dale made a motion to have the Board of Audit meeting on February 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt made a motion to adjourn. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk