

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Dale Larson. Present were Greta Klassen, Dale Larson, and Mike Schwartz, Supervisors; Tarah Vitek, Supervisor-elect; Kurt Johnson, Supervisor-elect; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Deputy Clerk; Christine Wolvin, Treasurer; Linsey Larson, Deputy Treasurer; John Wolvin, Jim Olcott, Chris Olcott, John Klassen, Cathy Johnson, Reiner Nelson, Susie Johnson, and Tom Johnson.

Greta made a motion to approve the December 3, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED SUPERVISORS

Kurt Johnson and Tarah Vitek were elected to the Supervisor positions in the November 2018 Election. The Oath of Office was performed for both new Supervisors.

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

EMAILS/CORRESPONDENCE

Amanda presented to the Board the MN Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Resource Guide.

Amanda read a Thank you letter from the Meadowlands Fair.

Board of Appeal and Equalization Online Training Update.

SLC Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update with meeting scheduled for January 22. Tarah and Kurt are interested in attending this meeting. Amanda will post the meeting.

Annual Report of Outstanding Indebtedness – Christine will fill this out.

SSD

John read the SSD report. 145,290 total gallons pumped through the month of December, with an average of 5,010 gallons per day (based on 29-day cycle). John reported no problems. John indicated that Omni Site is changing from 3G to 4G, which will need a new radio purchased which will cost approximately \$300 plus shipping and handling. Our site will be good until 12/31/2019

Dale noted an increase in water pumped from previous December, but John indicated that he has not seen any specific reason for this increase.

An SSD quarterly meeting will be set at the February meeting.

The Board received and reviewed an update on the Johnson Land Use Permit.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Hall gas detectors are faulty (the alarm kept going off). John contacted the manufacturing company, which indicated that they have a two-year warranty, and the Township needs to contact the installers to replace the alarms. Dale indicated that there has been difficulty contacting the installers.

Discussion on Fire Department thefts and if any lists of missing items had been submitted to the Board. No lists or written complaints have been submitted.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Jeff Oian sent an email regarding updating the access points for the building with used equipment from the school district. Discussion regarding this suggestion and whether or not the hall has a need for this upgrade.

Dale contacted Minnesota Power regarding grants for upgrading the lights in the hall. He was informed that there are only rebates for upgrading the lights, not grants. Dale will continue to inquire, as he has heard of others talk about grants.

John Klassen indicated that there is an exterior light that is malfunctioning. The cost of replacing the bulb could run from \$45-\$90. Dale suggested that an electrician may need to be called to determine what work needs to be done to replace the light.

Chem-Dry can come to clean the carpets this week. Amanda will contact John to let them know when they are coming.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

Dale presented information on culverts and whether or not the culvert ordinance needs to be changed. Dale asked the Board members for feedback on if the property owner or the Township should pay for culverts. Dale asked the new Supervisors to consider this information to make a decision on the ordinance at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Dale would like to have an orientation for the newly elected Supervisors.

Dale explained the division of assignments for the Supervisors. Dale will continue with Road and Bridges, Kurt would like to take Fire Department and Community Center, and Tarah will have SSD.

Dale presented the idea of having an Alborn History Day. This would allow the public to come in and view historical documents related to the Township. Dale made a motion to have Alborn History Day on Saturday, March 16 from 2:00-4:00 pm, with a notice in the church bulletin. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to approve resolution 11162018 for donation to the community center. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to approve resolution 12222018 for donation to the community center. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale presented information to the Board from the SLCAT meeting. He gave the Board information on R.A.M.S. organization and asked that the Board members check this organization out online and discuss the possibility of joining at a later meeting.

Kurt indicated that he would like to go live with the new webpage with the updated information on newly elected officials and dates on the calendar. Dale made a motion to implement the new website. Tarah seconded the motion. Jim Olcott asked if township ordinances will be accessible online. This will be added to the website in the near future.

Kurt made a motion to adjourn. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk