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Joint Township Meeting

June 7, 2017

New Independence Town Hall

Present: Greta Klassen, Mike Schwartz, Dale Larson Supervisors Alborn Township; Ronda Bernard, Alborn Deputy Clerk; Sandra Lee Olson, New Independence Town Board Member; Kurt Johnson, New Independence Town Board Member; Robb O'Bey, Fire Chief; Mike Ruhland, New Independence Town Board Member

Kurt Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Dale started the meeting discussing the back page of the previous Joint Power draft. Dale discussed revising the daily operations to include administrative duties.

Greta discussed how this revision is being addressed as changes in the fire department has given more work to the Clerk and Treasurer for taking care of fire department administration. The township is now overseeing the administration of the fire hall and department.

Billing: Fire department pays for their own propane. Mike discussed the bills for the fire hall, including the electric bill, which is a combined bill sent to the township. Fire department previously paid \$100/month for electricity. Mike has looked at bills previous to the new addition and found \$100-\$120 on average over 12 month period. Dual fuel was deducted out of this estimate. Over the past three months, the bill has become closer to \$300/month. This is attributed to the new addition; discussion on possible sources of drawing more power. Mike proposed that Alborn Township would pay \$75/month for general electric use and take care of separate dual fuel meter.

Sandy recommended printing out the fire department claims on a separate sheet to keep them separate from the rest of the claims. This would make tracking easier for claims for the fire department.

Funds: Alborn and New Independence Townships will pay \$200/month for administrative fees for the fire department 50/50 split for this fee. This will be reviewed annually. This will be placed into the fire department fund and dispersed from this fund for administrative fees. (Adding \$1200 for each township to the levy.)

Dale made a motion that we add to the new Joint Power agreement that there is a \$200 monthly administrative fee that is split 50/50 between the townships and reviewed annually. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Kurt made a motion for \$500 this year and \$1200 next year to be placed in the fire hall account from each township to pay for administrative duties until next levy is passed. Dale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike made a motion to change the July monthly meeting in Alborn from the 3rd to the 5th at 7:00 pm. Dale seconded it and it passed unanimously. The monthly meeting for July will be held July 5 at 7:00pm

Dale indicated that we would put \$500 per township into the fire department, as the levy is already approved.

Kurt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Ellefson

Clerk of Alborn Township