

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk
6388 Hwy 7
Alborn, MN 55702
(218) 591-7169
Alborn.Clerk@gmail.com

June 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Kurt Johnson, 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, Jim Larson, and Jack Carlson.

Dale made a motion to accept the May 2, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to accept the May 26, 2022 Quarterly SSD Meeting Minutes. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to accept the 2022 Road Inspection Meeting Minutes. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with correction to the meeting end time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CLAIMS

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

Discussion on payment to AUS, as the second month extension has not yet been signed. AUS submitted two invoices (May and June) and the Board determined to remit payment for May, but hold the payment for June, pending signing the extension.

Discussion using ARPA funds toward paving the parking lot. The quote that Kurt initially received is no longer valid (valid for 30 days). Kurt will reach out for new quotes.

Christine discussed the MN Power bill and her concern that the Township's monthly bill is too high and the reason for the increase should be addressed. Kurt suggested having MN Power come in to assist in determining the recent month's high costs for power. Kurt will contact MN Power. John and Kurt will also look into the power usage to see if they can determine the increase prior to contacting MN Power.

E-MAILS/CORRESPONDENCE

Alborn Dirt Devils sent an email about a meeting with the DNR to start the process for GIA. The Board suggested meeting with the DNR and Kevin Fawcett on July 6, 2022 at 5:00 pm, prior to the Regular Monthly Meeting.

MN State Demographic Center Annual Population and Household Estimates. Alborn population estimate is 419 and the household estimate is 174.

Central St. Louis County Fair letter for donation request. Dale made a motion to donate \$300 to Central St. Louis County Fair. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Email regarding bonus pay for Frontline Workers.

SSD

John presented a report for SSD. In May, the system pumped 79,564 gallons on a 35-day month, which is 2,273 gallons per day. John had 7 high water alarms in the month of May. He reported a plugged filter at 9166. John looked at records for broken handles and the first broken handle was in 2012. He reported more information regarding the condition of handles. John looked up the gate valve online and could not find an option to solely purchase the handles.

John did some research on contracts for operating the SSD. The first contract was signed April, 2011. Prior to this contract, the company providing services to the SSD was paid hourly.

The updated contract from AUS was reviewed by the Board. Kurt has forwarded the updated contract to the Township attorney and is waiting to hear back from Chris.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kurt introduced the new Fire Chief, Jack Carlson, who was in attendance at tonight's meeting. Jack provided some updates: working on getting a new brush/grass fire rig, hose testing firm coming up to test and certify hoses, up-to-date equipment and compliance with standards, turn-out gear (waiting on the FEMA grant), own vehicles out-right to assist in future grants, and new radios/pagers to meet upcoming regulations.

The Fire Department is looking to do a couple of fundraisers this summer.

Life Link 3 is coming to do a training with the Fire Department and will land on the field, which Jack would like to invite the community to watch the helicopter.

Discussion on National Night Out. Jack will discuss this at his June meeting with the Fire Department and will report back to the Township at the July Regular Monthly Meeting.

COMMUNITY CENTER

The power to the "press box" has been disconnected.

Continued discussion on blacktopping the parking lot and including replacing the cement behind the Community Center with blacktop. The Board discussed having the blacktop company conduct all the work or replace the concrete with limestone. Any work that is to be completed needs to be done after baseball season.

Jim Larson offered a suggestion of putting in a drain system to divert the water to the ditch. Jim offered to use his laser to determine the slope. The drain may address the water, but also brings in more maintenance.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

St. Louis County provided notice to Townships on Calcium Chloride. Dale made a motion to use the County bid for chloride application on Township roads. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Road Limit sign on Aerie Lake Road has been stolen. All Road Limit signs have been taken down.

OLD BUSINESS

Kurt provided information on display boards for the Township and asked that Board members review this information on sizes and pricing prior to the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Tarah made a motion to approve Resolution 06062022. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Township employees are having difficulties with wireless printers and will troubleshoot the issue. If unsuccessful, Christine is asking for approval to purchase new printers.

Ness Township submitted their payment for Fire Department and added a \$500 donation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale made a motion to adjourn. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk