

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Tarah Vitek, 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, and Mary Lisic.

Dale made a motion to approve the February 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Kurt seconded the motion. Motion passed with amendments.

Dale made a motion to approve the February 22, 2021 Board of Audit Meeting Minutes. Kurt seconded the motion. Discussion on the costs responsible to the Township related to the Grant for road work. Motion passed with amendments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Kurt made a motion to transfer \$10,000 from General Fund to Community Center. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Dale made a motion to allow for St. Louis County to access a timber tract through a temporary road on Alborn Township property for the purpose of logging. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SSD

John presented a report for SSD. In February, the system pumped 209,914 gallons on a 28-day month, which is 7,497 gallons on average. On February 22, John was notified of a frozen pipe at 9184, which was a gravity line. Kurt and John thawed the pipe out. On February 24, John was notified of another gravity line frozen at 9136. John has not yet thawed this line and will get to it this week. John recommended that if cabin owners are plowing and driving on driveways, the lines should be insulated.

John indicated to the Board that it wasn't that long ago that SLC stated that this was the best run septic system in the area. This is contradictory to the Board stating that the system is not running effectively. Tarah clarified that it is not John's work that is being questioned, it is the amount of water being pumped and the reports from People Service. Tarah went on to say that John is doing the bulk of the troubleshooting and problem solving, which should be coming from People Service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department submitted their levy proposal for the upcoming year for the Board to approve. Kurt stated that New Independence would like to lower the administrative fees for the year, which would need to be discussed at a joint Township meeting.

The Fire Department asked if they could do the final fill on the tanker trucks from the South Ridge water tower. Kurt talked to the facilities manager for the district, who agreed that the Fire Department could do a final fill from the school water tower. This will eliminate algae growth in the tanks and gauges.

John indicated that the gas sensors are faulty once again. The sensors could be sent back in to be rebuilt or have new sensors installed. The recommendation from the company was to purchase new sensors and have the old ones rebuilt, in order to have a back-up, as the sensors tend to fail after 2 years. The new sensors run about \$600 and to rebuild the sensors runs about \$200. Dale made a motion to purchase 2 new gas detectors and have the other 2 recalibrated. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Tarah presented an update on the planning for the playground. The playground committee put together a list of places to send Donation Request letters, with the intent to send the letters out by the end of the month. Tarah talked to Tim from GameTime, who indicated that prices will increase as of March 15, due to the increase costs of materials. The increase will be 5.5% after March 15.

John asked the Board about purchasing a pressure washer, hose, and nozzles to use to thaw pipes. Dale made a motion to purchase a gas-powered pressure washer for up to \$700 with the cost being shared by the Community Center and the SSD fund. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

Dale made a motion to hire Rodda for road maintenance for 2021. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale asked that John put up the Road Limit signs.

The LRIP Grant is ready to be submitted (due Wednesday, March 3).

OLD BUSINESS

Dale indicated that now that the survey is completed, the Township should talk to the Berlin's about not putting items on Township property. The Board discussed that this is also necessary prior to the building of the playground and fencing. Tarah will reach out to the Berlin's.

NEW BUSINESS

Tarah brought the Resolution for Election Judges and mentioned that the pay needs to be better defined, as the Clerk and Deputy Clerk received a different wage than listed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale made a motion to adjourn. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk

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