

## ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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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 Wolvin, John Klaussen Jack Carlson, Shawn Niehaus, Holly Niehaus, Brady Stroschein.

Tarah made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2023. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tarah made a motion to accept the Board of Audit Meeting Minutes 2023. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Christine read the Treasurer's Report. Dale made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Christine indicated the taconite relief credit was split between Road and Bridges and Fire Hall Expansion payment funds.

### **BILLS**

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

### **E-MAILS/CORRESPONDENCE**

SLCAT meeting minutes from January 25, 2023.

### **SSD**

John presented a report for SSD. In February, the system pumped 45,585 gallons on a 28-day month, which is 1,628 gallons per day. On the 7<sup>th</sup>, there was a pump that wouldn't run, so John turned off the power and went back the next day and found the floats were tangled and kept the pump on for over 76 hours. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, there was a high-water alarm that John pumped down.

Christine asked about any updates for the county land for expansion. Tarah has not received any updated information and has sent emails to continue inquiry.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Jack was in attendance and indicated that 3 members have passed their trainings. These members will have up to 90% of their costs reimbursed for turn out gear. The grass rig is coming along nicely and

should be ready by summer. Three new members were sworn in at the last meeting and will go through training. Some new equipment has been purchased for the department, including AED machines and equipment.

Jack presented ideas for future fundraising ideas for turn out gear. These ideas included: gun raffle and spaghetti feed.

Jack presented the proposed levy for 2024 to the Board.

John Klassen indicated that the gas sensors are going off again. The sensors that were replaced lasted only one year. Dale made a motion to purchase 2 new gas sensors. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale brought up having the Fire Department work with Christine to assist with the details of the loan and financials associated with turn out gear.

Dale made a motion for Albion Township to give the authority to Joint Powers to take out a loan for the fire department turn out gear. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Discussion on the details of the loan.

Dale made a motion that the township will carry the debt for the new firefighter's turn out gear until the Fire Department is reimbursed by the state and then given to the township. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Christine asked if the Fire Department still has a petty cash account and if some of the smaller amounts that are submitted for reimbursement could come from petty cash. Jack said that he can start utilizing this account prior to members filling out paperwork for reimbursement.

Tarah indicated that we should start planning for National Night Out at the April meeting and asked if the Fire Department would still be involved. Shawn indicated that he is the contact for the department and wants to continue to be a part of the planning.

Kurt contacted an electrician and found that with the trip, materials, and labor it would cost \$600 and the 2 UPS units would be \$2200 each. Dale made a motion to purchase the lights and UPS as a back up option for the doors. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Shawn presented a letter to the Board from the Department of Treasury IRS to determine that the Fire Department is a Section 501(C).

Shawn indicated that the snowbanks by the far fire door are starting to encroach into the driveway for the fire trucks. The Board asked that he remove some of the bank.

## **COMMUNITY CENTER**

Kurt has been trying to reach the contact at the acoustics company that he reached out to and is waiting on a call back.

There is water coming into the community center, due to the ice dams that occur on the corners of the building. Shawn steamed the roof today and found that the ice is also building under the roofline over the building. Shawn reported that the flat roof area between the community center and fire hall is soft. John expressed concern about mold, as the water was coming in from the outlet. Discussion on

the weather conditions of the winter, heat loss, and having the issue addressed. Kurt will have Hammerlund come down to provide some guidance on correction.

#### **ROAD AND BRIDGES**

Dale made a motion for John to post the road limit signs when the County does. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to use Rodda Grading for our road work on township roads. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dale presented information to the Board regarding Conflicts of Interest from the MAT Information Library. The Board reviewed the information.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dale attended the latest SLCAT meeting and presented information from this meeting. There will be a MAT-U available for trainings online for Townships starting in 2023. Each Township will be assessed \$149 per year to have full access to all trainings available through MAT-U.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dale made a motion to adjourn. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk