

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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March 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairperson Dale Larson. Present were Dale Larson, Tarah Vitek, and Kurt Johnson, Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Deputy Clerk; Christine Wolvin, Treasurer; Linsey Larson, Deputy Treasurer; John Wolvin, Jim Olcott, John Klassen, and Ben Vitek.

Kurt made a motion to approve the February 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed with edits.

Tarah made a motion to approve the February 19, 2019 Board of Audit Meeting Minutes. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tarah made a motion to approve the February 25, 2019 Quarterly SSD Meeting Minutes. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT

Christine read the Treasurer Report. Christine made mention of the Road and Bridge town aid annual deposit and Fire Hall expansion payment from Taconite Credit for \$9756. Kurt made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report. Tarah 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 sent an email for further clarification on Open Meeting Law. The Clerk will post upcoming SLCAT meetings for all Supervisors to be able to attend and discuss township issues, as necessary.

St. Louis County sent information on tax forfeited land. Board reviewed the list of tax forfeited land.

The Clerk presented information on the upcoming Spring Short Course offered through MAT.

SSD

Dale made a motion to give Tarah the authority to work with Jaymes to develop the criteria for approved contractors and begin making a list of approved contractors. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John read the SSD report. 122,482 total gallons pumped through the month of February, with an average of 4,536 gallons per day (based on 27-day cycle). On February 2, John checked on the frozen line at Mathisen's. The whole line is froze up. John asked Scott to put boiling water down the line, but has not heard any updates. On February 10, John received a call that the toilets at 9148 wouldn't flush, so John dug and found that an inlet pipe was plugged. There is a pump problem at 9143, as the amp meter stops at 36 amps. John isn't certain if it is the pump or if the line is froze and has been in contact with Jaymes regarding this issue. John will keep an eye on this issue. Currently, John has 4 pumps shut off and 4 step tanks that he has not been reading due to the snow depths.

Dale suggested setting up an SSD meeting for the end of April or early May. He suggested determining a date that works in Jaymes' schedule.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dale made a motion to pay up to \$600 for a holding tank alarm. Kurt seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Dale suggested to the Board that Shaun Neihaus should not remove the fencing around the old Alborn School, as it indicates that it is private property, rather than adding liability insurance. Dale will talk to Shaun about this suggestion.

The sodium light through Minnesota Power is moving toward installation.

The Northeast Service Cooperative sent information regarding Town Hall Broadband renewals. Dale made a motion to approve the contract beginning in July 2020 with Northeast Service Cooperative for \$40 per month for 20 MBPS of service. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board took a walk on grounds to begin planning for a park. Discussion surrounding playground equipment and funding. Tarah will look into grant opportunities.

John Klassen will be getting the grounds prepared for the upcoming Spring thaw.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

Dale recommended Rodda for grading township roads at \$90/hour. Kurt made a motion to hire Rodda grading for 2019 grading of township roads. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Crushing 2000 yards has been approved for Birch Pit. A letter and keys will be coming.

Jim Olcott presented to the Board a concern regarding the center line and side lines on the road from Eire Road to Aerie Lake Road. Also, the lack of overlay on this stretch of road. Jim has contacted the county and was not satisfied with the response. Therefore, he indicated that he would bring it to the Township Board. Dale will call the Commissioner regarding this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed refreshments for History Day. Refreshments will include: water, coffee, orange drink, and cookies.

NEW BUSINESS

Dale made a motion to hold a meeting at Wells Fargo Bank in Cloquet on March 14, 2019 at 9:30 in order for new Supervisors to have bank signatures, with an alternate date of March 21. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Local Board of Equalization will be May 15 from 9:00-10:00/

Dale made a motion to hold a Reorganizational Meeting at 7:00pm on April 15, 2019. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk

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