

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, Kevin Fawcett, and Shaun Niehaus.

Tarah made a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to approve the April 11, 2022 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tarah made a motion to approve the April 13, 2022 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting Minutes. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tarah made a motion to approve the April 15, 2022 SSD Contract Negotiation Meeting. Dale seconded the motion and it passed with one edit.

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.

BILLS

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

Christine reported on ARPA funds and the initial reporting that was necessary. Christine and Linsey were able to complete the initial reporting.

Christine called about the increases on the Minnesota Power bill and inquired into an energy audit. The customer service representative was not sure about an energy audit and suggested hiring an electrician to determine the increase in our power bill.

E-MAILS/CORRESPONDENCE

South Ridge Area Youth Baseball Sponsorship letter. Alborn Township has already donated to the South Ridge Area Youth Baseball Association.

Amanda read a Thank You letter from Meadowlands Ambulance.

Flyer for Couri & Ruppe Township Legal Seminar with dates for those interested in attending.

Minnesota Association of Township dates and locations for upcoming in person trainings.

Town Law Review & Legal Short Course information in Otsego, MN.

SSD

John presented a report for SSD. In April, the system pumped 62,140 gallons on a 28-day month, which is 2,219 gallons per day. John has had 5 high water alarms over the past month. He did pump down the system prior to predicted rain storms. John talked to Chris about the line plug and Chris indicated that it isn't used by People Services and wasn't sure if it would be for sale. Chris will ask about selling the line plug and let John know.

People Service provided a First Quarter Report for the Board to Review.

AUS updated the proposal for Kurt to review and he added his commentary for the proposal. This updated proposal will be sent to the lawyer for review. Discussion of sending the proposal with the commentary back to Eric prior to sending to lawyer. Kurt will send the proposal back to Eric.

Kurt signed the one month agreement for AUS to provide services for the SSD effective today.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chris Simmons resigned as Fire Chief and Jack Carlson is presently the acting Fire Chief.

Discussion on ways to support the funding necessary for updated turn out gear. The Fire Department is waiting to hear on a FEMA grant and any additional funding necessary after the FEMA grant.

COMMUNITY CENTER

John Klassen indicated that the electrical short has been found and turned off. The power bill will be referenced to see if this will help to decrease the power bill. John has also checked the heaters in the Fire Department and indicated these are all shut off.

Tarah provided an update on the playground planning and funding.

Dale made a motion that hourly payment for playground planning come out of the Community Center Fund. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion of summer projects and planning for these projects. A map of the proposed playground will be necessary in planning these projects (such as moving the propane tanks).

Shaun is planning to sweep the parking lot of the Alborn School and asked to include the Township parking lot.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

Dale made a motion to hold the Road Inspection Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, at 10:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin Fawcett was in attendance to discuss the development of an Alborn ATV Club. Kurt made a motion to enter into an agreement with Alborn Dirt Devils for sponsorship. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale provided updates from the latest SLCAT meeting.

The Facebook page for Alborn Township is now up!

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shaun inquired into the timing of the paving project.

Linsey provided an update on the upcoming baseball season and teams using the Alborn fields.

Dale made a motion to adjourn. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk