

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairperson Tarah Vitek. Present were Dale Larson, Tarah Vitek, Kurt Johnson, Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Deputy Clerk; Christine Wolvin, Treasurer; Linsey Larson, Deputy Treasurer; John Wolvin, John Klassen, and Shawn Niehaus.

Dale made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023 SSD Quarterly Meeting Minutes. Kurt 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. Kurt 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

SLC Decision of Board of Adjustment Fawcett Property

CTAS Training – Dale made a motion for Christine to attend CTAS training on October 5, 2023. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt made a motion to approve the Resolution 09062023-V (Agreement between St. Louis County and Alborn Township concerning distribution plan for allocating funds from voter account)

SSD

John presented a report for SSD. In August, the system pumped 103,334 gallons on a 35-day month, which is 2,952 gallons per day. The cracked pipe at 9104 was fixed on the 8th of the month. The valves that were switched were switched again, which there are no more alarms. On the 15th at 9166, the pump wouldn't run and was blowing the breakers. On the 16th, the pump was changed by Eric and John. Another pipe crack was found and Eric decided to not replace this pipe, but rebuild with the plastic (as had been previously discussed). On the 24th, this work was completed, and John presented photos to the Board of the completed work. On the 22nd, Jerrod Vitek inquired into the easement on his septic and John provided him a copy. On September 5, there was no power at the site when John was doing

his rounds. Eric asked that John call Minnesota Power and made suggestions to determine the cause, which walking around the site, John noted that the UPS system light was yellow, not green, so John flipped the switch to the UPS system and all the power came back on.

Kurt and John showed Jon from MSA the new site for the expansion. Tarah received an email from Jon regarding the visit to the original site and new site, stating that 15-20 acres should be adequate. Discussion on the placement of the expansion on the property being proposed and the survey or description necessary for the legal description to submit to the County.

Tarah made a motion to keep the SSD User Fee at \$1200. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CENTER

When the announcer box came down, it was noted that the roof is bad on the dugout, which will be brought up at a Baseball Association Meeting.

The roof over the fire department has a broken vent pipe on the outside wall, due to the weight of the snow. Kurt is looking into having this fixed. Dale made a motion to fix the roof of the fire hall. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The updated playground proposal was reviewed and funding sources discussed.

There is an upcoming program to enroll in for solar panels. Dale presented information to the Board regarding the consideration of solar panels and the upcoming program.

St Louis County Board Meeting September 26 will be held at Alborn Township. The Clip Joint will open at noon to serve food to the County Board and those in attendance. The meeting will be at 9:00 am.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

Dale presented an update on road work. Two culverts on Aerie Lake Road will be removed, replaced, and lowered (8932 and 8928). Tom Johnson area of Aerie Lake will have dirt work and culvert work completed. A culvert on Eire Road and 2 culverts on Austin Road will be replaced, as well. Dale is monitoring the water on Church Road and asked the trapper to come soon to take care of the beaver. Dale also discussed trees planted on the road of Aerie Lake that are dying and need to be removed before they fall on the road. Discussion on working out a deal with landowners in order to split the cost of removal.

Dale made a motion to reapply with the County to have Township Roads plowed for the winter. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt made a motion for Dale to reapply for the LRIP. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Christine provided information regarding the Fair Wage Act that was passed. There will be reporting that is needed to be done monthly and a premium paid by the Township.

NEW BUSINESS

Kurt made a motion to set the Levy at \$166,499.00. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale attended the MAT meeting in Virginia and provided updates from the meeting to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tarah made a motion to accept Resolution 09062023. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to adjourn. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk