

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Kurt Johnson, Chairperson. Present were Chuck Fosness,

Kurt Johnson and Tarah Vitek, Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Deputy Clerk;

Christine Wolvin, Treasurer; Linsey Larson, Deputy Treasurer; John Klassen, Kitty Klassen, Jason Eliefson,

Kevin Fawcett, Jim Pehl, and Shawn Niehaus.

Tarah made a motion to approve the April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Chuck seconded the

motion and it passed unanimously.

Tarah made a motion to approve the April 17, 2025 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes. Chuck seconded

the motion and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Christine read the Treasurer's Report. Tarah made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Chuck

seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Christine asked the Board to transfer \$5000 from General Fund to Community Center Fund. Tarah made

a motion to transfer \$5000 from General Fund to Community Center Fund. Chuck seconded the motion

and it passed unanimously.

BILLS

Amanda read the Claims List. Tarah made a motion to pay the bills, including PERA. Chuck seconded

the motion and it passed unanimously.

E-MAILS/CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Representative Zeleznikar regarding bill for underground telecommunications.

MN DNR letter for Snowmobile Grant-In-Aid decrease in funding; snowmobile clubs did not receive their

third benchmark, due to the decrease in funding.

MN Power Transmission Project letter and information.

Thank you letters were read (Tester Niemi, South Ridge Trap, South Ridge All Night Grad Party, Meadowlands Ambulance)

SSD

Jason presented a report for SSD. In April, the system pumped 78,397 gallons on a 31-day month, which

is 2,613 gallons per day.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CENTER

John Klassen indicated that baseball would like to place a Conex box for storage. Tarah made a motion

to allow South Ridge Area Youth Baseball to place a Conex box for storage. Chuck seconded the motion

and it passed unanimously.

Discussion on ordering flags for the Community Center. Chuck made a motion to purchase two better

quality flags. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt submitted a grant request to Minnesota Power for solar panels.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

Discussion on writing an ordinance on use of Township Roads not being used as a designated trail for

ATV use, which is currently a motion. The Board indicated they will do research into this matter.

Tarah made a motion to schedule the Road Inspection Meeting on Tuesday, May 20 at 4:30. Chuck

seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed an estimate to repair work for culverts on Aerie Lake Road. Kurt made a motion to

put rip rap rock to minimize ponding. Chuck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tarah had a resident reach out requesting a letter of support for a minimal use VRBO on Maple Lane,

which is a private road. The Board asked that Tarah determine the input from other residents on that

road prior to submitting a letter.

Lynn Thompson called Tarah about the fence between her property and Garrett Watkins, as there has

been concern expressed that the fence is too close to the road. Lynn called the County and the County

indicated that neither the Township nor the County has fencing requirements. The Board will add this

concern to the Road Inspection Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Chuck made a motion to approve Resolution 05052025-D. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed

unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Fawcett addressed the Board regarding the use of Township roads for ATV designated trail use.

Kevin indicated that Aerie Lake Road would never have been used as a designated trail and discussed

the details of the trail development. Further discussion on the ordinance that was discussed tonight for

clarification.

ATV's can drive on Township Roads. Discussion on the distinction between using roads to drive ATV's

and designated trail use for ATV's with road use.

Shawn addressed the Board in regards to the ATV trail development and use of Township Roads. Shawn

expressed that there is "selfishness" in the community, rather than being a "blessing" to neighbors.

Kevin went on to indicate that there is frustration that there was no formal public comment through the

DNR to determine the Board's decision to vote down the use of Aerie Lake Road for trail development.

Alborn Dirt Devils is moving on to new trail development, as neighboring communities are also developing trails that will seek connecting trails in adjacent communities.

Tarah made a motion to adjourn. Chuck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk

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