

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Dale Larson. Present were Dale Larson, Kurt Johnson and Tarah Vitek, Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Deputy Clerk; Christine Wolvin, Treasurer; Linsey Larson, Deputy Treasurer; John Klassen, Susan Johnson, James Olcott, Jeremy Marthaler, Caillin Flynn, Jeff Flynn, Todd Fawcett, Kevin Fawcett, Stephanie Fawcett, Shawn Niehaus, Holly Niehaus, Merle Hills, and Joe Hoerz.

Tarah made a motion to approve the May 6, 2024 SSD Quarterly Meeting Minutes. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tarah made a motion to approve the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tarah made a motion to approve the May 14, 2024 SSD Special Meeting Minutes. Kurt 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. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Christine continues to work on earned safe and sick leave accumulation and reporting. Discussion on how it would be accrued and used by Township employees or paying out the accumulation.

Dale made a motion to pay out the accumulation of safe and sick leave in January of each calendar year. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BILLS

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

E-MAILS/CORRESPONDENCE

St Louis County submitted the Facts and Findings from the Board of Adjustment for Nathan Lind. The Board is still waiting on the application for SSD hook up.

SLCAT Annual Meeting and Election 2023 Minutes.

2023 Population Estimate reviewed from the State, which is reflecting growth in the Alborn area.

South Ridge Area Youth Baseball Thank You

Central St. Louis County Fair Donation Request Letter. Tarah made a motion to donate \$300.00 to the Central St. Louis County Fair. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SSD

Jason Eilefson has been hired as maintenance staff for SSD. He is currently undergoing training and will start to attend meetings in July.

Christine presented information from Jason, as he is currently out of town: Step tank 1 and 4 filters should be cleaned and the baffle should be agitated in the first tank. Trees need to be removed from around step tank 14. Grass was cut with Jason's mowers and will need a weed trimmer. AUS will provide a portable pressure washer for washing filters at the step tanks. Jason plans to remove brush for a trail out to the vault. Tom Johnson requested clearing at the site for plowing. The Board asked to have Jason work with Tom for cleaning.

Dale made a motion to approve up to \$700 to purchase a weed trimmer for the SSD. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CENTER

Tarah is working on the flyer for National Night Out with Community Printing. Shawn shared the Fire Department goal is to support the community, not highlight the emergency services. The goal is to bring the community together to share an evening together. Dale shared his thoughts on using this as an opportunity to educate the community on emergency services in our area and funding these emergency services.

Linsey asked for support from the Township for signage to be placed on the fields for dogs. Shawn indicated that these are tenants of his and will share with his tenants to use the T-Ball field during baseball season.

The downpayment for painting the doors was approved tonight, so the painting will be able to start shortly.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

The Township received the bid for Calcium Chloride application. Dale made a motion to order Calcium Chloride from Envirotech based on County recommendations. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Janet Levinski submitted a letter to The Board in regards to road conditions on Aerie Lake Road. Tarah read the letter to the Board. Discussion on the road conditions and costs of improving Township roads.

Dale made a motion to hold the Spring Township Road Inspection Meeting on June 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Kevin Fawcett was in attendance representing the Alborn Dirt Devils to discuss the development of trails. Kevin provided some history on the development of the Alborn Dirt Devils club and trail development moving forward. The motion that was made last month in regards to The Board opposing any off-road vehicle trails that intersect or abut Aerie Lake Road is concerning to Kevin and the Club. Kevin also addressed resident concerns that were shared in a letter.

Dale made a motion to amend the motion made at the previous meeting to oppose any new trails that intersect or abut Aerie Lake Road. Tarah seconded the motion. Motion passed with 2 in favor (Tarah and Dale) and one opposed (Kurt).

Dale clarified that he is in support of the Dirt Devils organization and assisted in helping to secure training grounds and the grant-in-aid sponsorship; however, he does not support the use of a Township Road for new trail development. Tarah agreed with the support of the organization, but concerns regarding trail development on Township roads.

Kevin asked the Board if the majority of the residents on that road are in favor of the use of the road for trail development, would this make a difference with support from the Board. Tarah indicated that this information would be beneficial. The next ATV meeting is June 13 at 6:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident inquired into the bylaws of the Township. The Board explained that the Township is governed by Minnesota State Statutes and encouraged the resident to find the information online. Tarah will forward this information to the resident.

Dale Larson indicated that he is not planning to run as Supervisor in the upcoming election, unless no one else is running for that Supervisor position. Dale noted that the triumphs during his time on the Board include moving elections to November and the establishment of the SSD.

Tarah made a motion to adjourn. Kurt seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk