

ALBORN TOWNSHIP

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The Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Dale Larson. Present were Dale Larson, Kurt Johnson and Tarah Vitek, Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Deputy Clerk; Linsey Larson, Deputy Treasurer; Jim Olcott, Tim Johnson, Tom Johnson, Shawn Niehaus, Holly Niehaus, John Klassen,

Kurt made a motion to accept the March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt made a motion to accept the March 12, 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Linsey read the Treasurer's Report. Kurt made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to transfer \$5,000 from General Fund to Community Center Fund. 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

A letter from St. Louis County Planning and Zoning was submitted to the Board to indicate that the sale of firearms may be allowed without permit in any zone district within the County zoning jurisdiction if it meets Home Occupation as defined in the St Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62, Article II, Section 2.7.

St Louis County provided the Board with information on Property Valuations for the upcoming LBAE.

St Louis County Association of Township meeting minutes from February 24 and information for upcoming meeting.

Alborn Dirt-Devils has received a Grant Award for maintenance and capital improvement funds.

SSD

Tarah talked to Eric about the SSD Newsletter. Eric indicated that newsletters are no longer used, as most sanitary sewer districts use social media or email to relay information to property owners. Discussion on uploading the newsletter to the Township social media page with a link on the lake social media page.

A resident asked if the Board has made a decision on a replacement for maintenance purposes for the sewer district. The Board indicated that this will be discussed at the next Quarterly meeting. Information from Fleet Zoom will also be taken into consideration for this decision.

A variance application for the Vitek property was reviewed. The application will also be reviewed by AUS and MSA.

A variance application for the Lind property was reviewed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joint Power meeting minutes were reviewed.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Discussion on National Night Out. The Board suggested more education about the process to join the Fire Department and possible tours of the Fire Hall. Shawn indicated that the ultimate goal of National Night Out is to bring the community together and that he would share the Boards ideas with the members of the Fire Department.

The Baseball Association is looking to purchase aluminum bleachers. They are also looking into replacing or updating the roof on the dugout.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

Dale made a motion to continue to use Rodda for grading Township roads. Tarah seconded the motion. Discussion and comparison on Jim Larson and Rodda Grading and pricing for work provided for roadwork. The Township also received a letter from a community member in support of Jim Larson to do the grading of Township roads. Discussion on past negative interactions between Rodda and Alborn residents. Dale approved the motion; Kurt and Tarah opposed. Dale indicated that he will step down as road supervisor, as he made a recommendation to the Board for what he felt was in the best interest of the community and it was not approved.

Kurt made a motion to hire Jim Larson for grading of Township roads. Tarah seconded the motion. Motion passed with Kurt and Tarah in favor; Dale opposed.

Alborn Dirt-Devils President, Kevin Fawcett, submitted a letter for the Township to consider reducing the speed limit of Aerie Lake Road to 25 MPH. The Board is not the authority to reduce the speed limit, as the County is responsible for enforcing set speed limits. Tarah will call the County regarding the posted speed limits.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on Alborn Dirt-Devils proposal of using Aerie Lake Road as part of a proposed ATV trail, connecting two trails. Christine Wolvin sent letters to 28 property owners regarding this proposed use of Aerie Lake Road, with 17 responding against the proposed trail. Shawn provided information about the proposed trail and the current considerations. Discussion from residents in attendance regarding both sides of the issue. The County and DNR have a process involved in making determinations of proposed trails and includes public comment.

Kurt provided an update on the solar panels. He has written two grants and the solar panels would be near the ditch next to the road.

NEW BUSINESS

Tarah made a motion to approve Resolution 04082024-S. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Grant in Aid Sponsorship of Alborn Sno-Devils Snowmobile Club).

Kurt made a motion to approve Resolution 04082024-D. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Donation to the Playground Fund).

Kurt made a motion to approve Resolution 04082024-D2. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Donation to the Playground Fund).

Reorganizational Meeting will be held April 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tarah made a motion to adjourn. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk