

Albion Township
ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday March 11th, 2025

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 8:11pm by Debbie Uecker. There were approximately 28 residents present for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Election of Moderate for Meeting: A motion was made & 2nd to nominate Paul Johnson as moderator and a motion was made & 2nd to nominate Paul Jacobson as moderator. Debbie Uecker called both motions and Paul Johnson had 7 votes and Paul Jacobson had 11 votes. Paul Jacobson received the motion for the moderator. Motion Carried.

Report on Election:

Results were given by Debbie Uecker 42 votes were casted in the election.

Bob Neumann received 41 votes and 1 write in vote was received. Bob Neumann was declared the winner of the 3-year Supervisor Seat B.

Jami Berg received 41 votes and 1 write in vote. Jami Berg was declared the winner of the 2-year Treasurer Seat.

Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting: A motion was made and 2nd to accept the March 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried.

2024 Financial Report: Debbie Uecker read the 2024 Financial Statement; discussions were made. A motion was made and 2nd to accept the 2023 Financial Statement. Motion Carried.

Township Update: Township Recycling Contract is up in May 2025, discussion on the current contract of \$2.25 a month, new quotes received are from West Central of \$5.80 per month, Waste Management of \$6.46 per month, Republic of \$7.49 per month and Mumford's of \$2.75 per month. The new contract will be \$2,982 more per year with Mumford's or \$22,172 more per year for West Central. After discussions, a motion was made & 2nd to sign a new 10-year contract with a price adjustment in 5 years with Mumford's. Motion Carried.

Buildings – a new heater was installed in the shop.

Equipment – a new 2025 Loader was ordered will be delivered in April. Had a general discussion on equipment and replacement.

Debbie Uecker gave an update on the Hoyt Ave Culvert with total cost of \$304,447.05; the Township applied for a DNR Grant of \$70,179.13 and Wright County ARPA funds of \$54,729 along with the Township ARPA funds came to a total cost to the Township of \$1,305.67.

Discuss Fire Contract for 2026:

Sean Peterson & Sean Huikko of Annandale Fire Department gave an update. They had 7 calls in Albion Township.

Motion was made and 2nd to accept the following fire contracts for 2026:

Annandale \$95.00, Maple Lake \$95.00, and Howard Lake \$153.00. Motion Carried.

Dust Control:

Discussion on dust control, the 2025 cost will be \$0.73 per foot.

A motion was made, 2nd to spend up to \$150,000 on dust control, discussion on funds and paying for dust control. Motion failed. Additional discussion. A motion was made, 2nd to spend up to \$130,000 on dust control. Motion Carried.

Set Levy for 2026:

Discussions were made on the 2026 Levy; discussed what funds are needed for equipment. Motion was made by Chris Uecker, 2nd by Ted Lorentz to set the 2026 levy at \$560,000 (\$448,000 for Road & Bridge & \$112,000 for General Funds). Motion Carried.

Motion to set Meeting time for 2026 Annual Meeting on 3/10/26 (8:15pm)

Motion was made and 2nd to set the time and date of the 2026 Annual Meeting on 3/10/26 to start at 8:15pm with severe weather alternate date to be 3/17/26 at 8:15pm.

Business from the Floor:

Dwight Hammer wanted to note that his private property damage from Mumford's has not been settled. Bob Neumann has contacted Mumford's, and they are waiting for Dwight Hammer to call them. Bob Neumann stated this is not a Township matter, it is a private matter and if it is not resolved he could sue Mumford's.

John Uecker noted that Montrose and Waverly are joining the Annandale/Maple Lake/Howard Lake wastewater plant, and he is concerned about PFAS and hauling the sludge in area. Mike Sicheneder did state that Annandale has assessed the sludge, and it did pass the PFAS levels. Additional discussion on PFAS.

Discussion on having minutes posted on website. Debbie Uecker said she would but has opposition from others not wanting them posted. A motion was made & 2nd to post the draft minutes on the website. Motion Carried.

Multiple residents spoke about how rough the roads are. Bob Neumann wants residents to come to the monthly meetings to tell him how rough the roads are. Residents asked if Road Maintenance job is to drive the roads? Debbie Uecker said road maintenance is paid to drive the roads and is instructed by the road Supervisor John Uecker.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion was made and 2nd to adjourn at 9:10pm.

Prepared by: _____ Date _____
Debbie Uecker, Clerk