

Albion Township
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday August 19th, 2025

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 7pm. Members present Bob Neumann Chair, Chad Walhowe Vice Chair, John Uecker Supervisor, Jami Berg Treasurer, Debbie Uecker Clerk, Gage Gutzmann Road Maintenance, Tina Diederick Wright County Commissioner & 3 residents.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept July 15th, 2025, monthly meeting minutes was made by John Uecker, 2nd by Chad Walhowe and carried 3-0.

A motion to accept the July 19th, 2025, special meeting minutes was made by John Uecker, 2nd by Chad Walhowe and carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The ending balance for July is \$319,374.62; subtract the outstanding checks we have an actual balance of \$298,820.88 and deposit of \$1,901.00. A motion to accept the Treasurers' report was made by John Uecker, 2nd by Chad Walhowe and carried 3-0.

Maintenance Update: 50th Street is done, moved material to 25th Street and Jennings. 25th Street turn around has the dirt piled up and it needs to be spread out, homeowner wants a tile across the road to the South. Kimball Ave curb is plugged up and Gage will inspect. Completed mowing and spraying, is reclaiming washouts. Cleaned up trees that fell.

Next month: haul gravel, mow, garage door broke, fire sign addresses are being worked on for inventory.

Old Business:

- 1) 25th Street should be complete by September.
- 2) 50th Street is done, and Gage will add gravel.
- 3) Jennings Ave is done and will need more gravel once road settles.

New Business:

1) Wright County Commissioner Tina Diederick was present to give an update on Ditch 19 in French Lake Township and Ditch 17 in Albion Township. Albion residents will be assessed with Ditch 17. Wright County is obligated to maintain the ditches in Wright County. Ditch #19 was established in 1913, and 8 repairs came in to be fixed on the ditch.

2) Kevin & Denise Smith 1805 Knowles Ave was present to request a variance. They own 2 combined lots, the setback from the lake is 100 feet and they are requesting a setback of 72 feet from the corner of the deck. The prior house that was taken down on the lot was closer to the lake and the neighbors are 25 to 40 feet closer to the lake. A motion to approve the variance was made by John Uecker, 2nd by Chad Walhowe mitigated by the following factors:

House will be 5 feet above the ordinary high-water mark.

Main part of the house is 75 feet from the water and closest part of the deck is 65 feet from the water.

House is in line with the other homes in the neighborhood and other houses are closer to the water.

Structure will remain out of road right away.

Motion carried 2-0 with Supervisor Neuman abstained from voting.

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3) Tom Zander was present to discuss an old cattle pass under Highland Ave ¼ of a mile west of Co Rd 7. The old cattle pass has failed and has agreed to have the cattle pass removed by the Township.

4) A motion to accept propane price will be \$1.50 from LP Gas was made by John Uecker, 2nd by Chad Walhowe and carried 3-0.

5) A motion was made by John Uecker, 2nd by Chad Walhowe to certify the 2026 proposed levy at \$560,000 and carried 3-0.

6) Clerk Debbie Uecker gave an update on the 2026 paid leave.

7) Reviewed Treasurer's budget totals.

Upcoming Events:

August 26, 2025, Special Primary Election 7am-8pm

September 16, 2025, Monthly Meeting 7pm

Motion to approve payroll/claims check numbers #12465-12489, EFT 289 & 290 totaling \$29,142.59 was made by Bob Neumann, 2nd by Chad Walhowe and carried 3-0.

There being no other business to be brought before the Town Board, the monthly meeting was adjourned by Bob Neumann at 9:01 p.m.

Prepared by: _____ Date _____
Debbie Uecker, Clerk