

Albion Township
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday April 15th, 2025

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 7pm. Members present Bob Neumann Chair, John Uecker Vice Chair, Chad Walhowe Supervisor, Jami Berg Treasurer, Debbie Uecker Clerk & 2 residents.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept March 18th, 2025, monthly meeting minutes was made by John Uecker, 2nd by Chad Walhowe and carried 3-0.

A motion to accept the April 8th, 2025 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting minutes was made by Chad Walhowe, 2nd by John Uecker and carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The ending balance for March is \$273,052.10, subtract the outstanding checks we have an actual balance of \$270,132.73 and deposits from State of MN for DNR grant of \$70,179.13 and \$10.00 assessment search. A motion to accept the Treasurers' report was made by John Uecker, 2nd by Chad Walhowe and carried 3-0.

Maintenance Update:

Graded and reclaimed roads. Picked the following dates for dust control application dates: May 13th, 20th, 28th and June 10th.

Next month: we will prepare the roads for dust control.

Old Business:

- 1) Chad Walhowe will schedule a date to do a walk thru with the Town Engineer and contractor on the Hoyt Ave project.
- 2) Discussed turnaround on 25th Street and it will be completed in 2025.
- 3) Bogart and Pederson will have a legal description on T413 road vacation by the end of April.
- 4) Bob Neumann signed the new recycling contract for 10 years at \$2.75 per month per household with a possible increase in rate in 5 years.

New Business:

1) Kenneth and Connie Rathje 5801 Co Rd 5 NW were present to make a complaint about water running on their property from their neighbors. Their neighbors built a shed in 2008 and hauled in fill, and it changed how the flow of the water runs off on to their property. Chair Bob Neumann looked at their property and over the years they have had the following other departments out including Wright County Planning and Zoning, Wright County Sheriff, Soil & Water, County Commissioner Tina Diederick and Senator Bruce Anderson all out to view the property. Unfortunately Albion uses Wright County as their zoning administrator and this matter needs to be brought back to their attention. This is a private land issue, and the property owners could hire an attorney to help them or even do some landscaping to fix the water issue.

2) A motion was made by John Uecker, 2nd by Chad Walhowe to designate Star Bank, Maple Lake and Security Bank & Trust in Winsted as the Town's banks and carried 3-0.

3) Currently we publish notices in the Annandale Advocate and Maple Lake Messenger, and we only need to file the legal notices in one newspaper. After discussions, a motion was made by Bob Neumann, 2nd by Chad Walhowe to name the Maple Lake Messenger as the Town's Legal newspaper and to only publish in the Maple Lake Messenger and carried 3-0.

4) Debbie Uecker will work on the employee health insurance renewal.

5) Debbie Uecker will be setting up an Amazon account for the Township.

6) Albion Township fire sign replacements were discussed. After discussions A motion was made by Bob Neumann, 2nd by Chad Walhowe to have Gage Gutzmann perform an evaluation of Fire Signs in Township Sections 1-6 for sign replacements and bring the list back to the board and carried 3-0.

7) Employee Review was conducted, A motion was made by Chad Walhowe, 2nd by John Uecker to increase Gage's wage by \$1.00 per hour for a positive employee review effective 5/8/25 and carried 3-0.

8) A motion was made by John Uecker, 2nd by Bob Neumann to hire NorthStar Surveying to re-stake 50th Street west of the culvert and carried 3-0. A motion was made by John Uecker, 2nd by Chad Walhowe to hire Bickman Excavating to re-fix the road and carried 2-1 with Supervisor Bob Neumann opposed. Debbie Uecker questioned what is wrong with the road? Wright County Soil and Water called and had an onsite meeting on the road. Debbie Uecker reminded the board about the open meeting law and that Town Supervisors are personally responsible for violations of open meeting law. After discussions John Uecker will call and request a bid from Bickman Excavating on the project. A motion was made by Bob Neumann, 2nd by Chad Walhowe to have the cost of the project not to exceed \$10,000, after discussions Bob Neumann and Chad Walhowe both rescinded their motion and want to wait until we have a bid. Bob Neumann will call Wade Hoffman.

9) Bob Neumann discussed whether the Town should buy a 4-wheeler for Gage to take in the bucket of the loader to get back and forth when needed.

Upcoming Events:

May 3rd, 2025, Clean Up Day 8:00am-11:00am

May 20th, 2025, Monthly Meeting 7pm

May 27th, 2025, Cannabis Regulation 6pm, Wright County

June 5th, 2025, Couri & Ruppe Legal Seminar, Albertville

Motion to approve payroll/claims check numbers #12369-12395, EFT 278-281 totaling \$19,414.67 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 9:50 p.m.

Prepared by: _____ Date _____
Debbie Uecker, Clerk