

MINUTES OF THE ALBERT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Board Members: Supervisor Michael Szukhent, Clerk Sandy Raffin, Trustee Marsha McDonald, Trustee Richard Deska, Deputy Treasurer Shannon Lapointe, Treasurer John Righi was Excused. Also in attendance were Zoning Administrator Jeff McDonald, Deputy Clerk/notary Laura Schrader, Fire Chief Doug Baum, Road Commission Ted Orm, Recording Secretary Julie Marcotte, Trustee Elect Mark Bowser and 2 residents were present.

Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m., Mike Szukhent led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance was taken.

Agenda

McDonald made a **motion** to approve the agenda for the Tuesday, November 19th Board meeting, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approve Minutes

McDonald made a **motion** to approve 10/15/2024 minutes as submitted, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes. Raffin made a **motion** to approve 10/21/2024 minutes as submitted, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Approve Bills

Raffin made a **motion** to accept the bills and additions and additions in the amount of \$116,823.18, noting recent elections creating an increase, from October 16th-November 19th 2024, seconded by McDonald. McDonald wished to clarify that the bill did include the truck repairs in the amount of \$787.64, which was confirmed by Raffin. Motion carried with 4 yea votes. Raffin made a **motion** to approve payroll in the amount of \$72,488.07 from October 16th-November 19th 2024, noting that the recent election accounts for a slight increase, seconded by McDonald. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Treasurers Report

Received and filed. Raffin made a **motion** to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Clerks Report

Raffin wished to report that she has received two phone calls praising the work that our maintenance department has done on the Lions Park and the Beach. Raffin also wished to report that a resident has come into the office and expressed gratitude for the work that Jeff McDonald has done regarding a residence on Big Antler, which has been a blight problem and progress is being made. Raffin further reported that the fence is in down at the Beach and it looks wonderful. Maintenance has completed a valve placement which will allow the Township to disconnect the water to a business in town, which has a very high unpaid water bill but had shared access with an adjacent business. Raffin was able to

resolve a months long dispute with EPS for a monitoring system at the well house which not been active despite ongoing billing. Laura Schrader has also obtained three water sensors, free of charge, which Raffin suggests placing in the office basement.

Staff Reports:

- a) Zoning Report: Received and filed. McDonald wanted to mention upcoming court dates for the Redwood Motor Lodge on 12/06/2024 at 10:00 a.m. and 12/13/2024 for the Beach/Marina at 10:00 a.m... McDonald also reported that there was a judgement received against the property owner at 3124 Marius Street, in the amount of a \$510.00 fine. It is incumbent upon the Township to locate the homeowner and notify of the judgement, eventually this could be placed on his tax bill.
- b) Fire/EMS: Received and filed. Baum addressed an issue discussed at the last meeting involving "stand by pay." Baum has been unable to find another municipality using a method that Albert Twp could model. Laura Schrader was able to pull up some old pay sheets, when the Township did pay "stand by pay," and those are included with the Chiefs report in the meeting packets. Baum is proposing \$4.00/hr. "stand by pay" to be paid for major holidays, for a second EMS crew and a fire crew which would include 4 Fire Fighters and some additional EMS response; this would be available only to staff that live in the area. McDonald made a **motion** to include this request to the agenda with the Fire/EMS report, seconded by Raffin. Baum was asked which hours this would encompass, Baum stated that it would include 24 hours of the holiday shift and those holidays will be determined by him. If a member were to get a call, they would get their call pay and the \$4.00/hr. "stand by pay" would stop. McDonald made a **motion** that we make a \$4.00/hr. "stand by pay" for a possible two EMS and four Fire Fighters, which was corrected to state, \$4.00/hr. per person for "stand by" pay and added to the pay scale, seconded by Raffin. Motion carried with 4 yea votes. Raffin made a **motion** to leave the discretion to Doug's ability, being on the Force for so long, knowing what his needs are on the days that he needs extra stand by people, leave it to Doug's discretion, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Szukhent requested Board permission to adjust the agenda, and move Board Comments to follow Rd. Commission Report, which the Board agreed with.

Road Commission

Orm gave a brief update on current road projects and clean up. Raffin did inquire regarding who was responsible for the Man Hole, on our sidewalk/on our corner, which keeps getting worse and worse and is tipped, McDonald agreed she has noticed the same. Orm agreed to follow up on that.

Board Comments

McDonald wished to thank Dick Deska for his guidance in support when she joined the Board.

Recognition of Service

Dick Daska's term on the Board has expired and he did not seek re-election. The Board wished to thank Dick for his years of service to the community and to Albert Township, Deska was presented with a Plaque of Appreciation.

Swearing in of the New Board

Deputy Clerk swore in all newly elected Board Members: Mike Szukhent, Sandy Raffin, Marsha McDonald, and Mark Bowser, who officially take office tomorrow 11/20/2024.

McDonald made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m...

Respectfully,
Julie Marcotte
Recording Secretary