

Albert Township Board Minutes

1/17/2023

Supervisor Runyan called the meeting to order at 7PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present for the meeting. Fire Chief Baum, Zoning Administrator McDonald, Ted Orm from Road Commission, County Commissioner Dell Bolser, Nate Lawes Little League President, Kyle Knickerbocker from 360 Landscaping and Recording Secretary Runyan were also in attendance.

McDonald made motion to accept minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Deska; all were in favor.

Deska made a motion to pay bills in amount of \$17,881.21 and additions in the amount of \$1,683.27. Raffin seconded the motion; all were in favor. Deska made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$21,253.98. McDonald seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Fire Chief Baum presented the Fire and Ambulance Report with monthly and yearly run totals, December was 27 runs, bringing the 2022 total to 430. Chief Baum reported that Firefighter of the year for 2022 was Stephen Haeussler and EMS person of 2022 was Kasey Shiffer. These awards were handed out at the dinner on January 8th. A meeting was held with owner of D&K truck that the new tanker had come from and concerns were expressed over the issues already occurring with it. D&K has given us an additional 3-year warranty for the truck. Chief Baum presented a cost breakdown for the MFR Class being proposed at Greenwood Township. McDonald made motion to enter into agreement with Greenwood. Righi seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Switching hats as Chief Baum called it, he moved into his role as NEMCOG director and informed the Board that the Scrap Tire Grant was approved for our Township. It will be free, just need volunteers to load trailers and a location to host it. McDonald made a motion to accept the Scrap Tire Grant. Deska seconded the motion; all were in favor. Date and time will be decided in the future.

Ted Orm gave some Road Commission happenings. Biggest notes were dates for snowdrift of February 8 thru the 11th and for Clerk Raffin to talk to Mike Walker about Brining schedule for 2023.

McDonald made motion to adopt the poverty guidelines presented by Assessor Joe Lavender. Deska seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Federal Millage reimbursement went up to .655 cents per mile, we pay 58 cents. Discussion was held that we will deal with it in the budget and fix by April 1st.

Conversation was held in regards to ice rink in the park and some how using to make funds for township parks. First it needs to be seen if the liner is in working order and weather has to cooperate. If so, all ideas were good ones and Clerk Raffin and Zoning Administrator McDonald will be working on this.

Clerk Raffin will be getting with Maintenance and Fire Department to do some cross training on how to fill the Cistern for Fire usage.

Righi gave an update on IT companies and why he is looking for a new one. The current company had merger and is not based in Michigan anymore, they have also proposed significant raises in cost. He has

met with Cutting Edge Computers out of Gaylord and Art Ross out of Rogers City, has another meeting set up with Jay Osborn from Bearded Vinyl here in Lewiston this week. Some discussion was held and an update will be held with possible contract bids at the February 6th meeting.

Nate Lawes addressed the Board as Little League President. Lawes would like permission from the Board to start updating and renovating the softball fields at Buttles Park. The goal is to make one a baseball field and one a softball field, with movable fencing making it usable by all age groups and divisions. Majority of cost and work to be done by Little League and their volunteers, Kyle Knickerbockers of 360 Landscaping will also be donating his time, talents and materials. Much discussion was held including Lawes helping with Grant research and backing. The end goal is to build up the park and Bigham Park, to be able to host tournaments and more. The Board was really excited to have someone who wants to bring the parks back to life!

Raffin gave an update and explanation of repairs done and to be done to the dump truck. She explained it is an old truck and mostly these were normal repairs. The truck is scheduled to have leaf springs replaced next week in Mio.

McDonald made a motion to reschedule the Board meeting from 7PM to 3PM thru April 1, 2023. Deska seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Under Public Comment, Chief Baum thanked County Commissioner Del Bolser for attending meeting. Bolser stated he planned to attend more, good to know what is happening here in Lewiston.

Under Board comment Righi let the Board know that the JL School Board has decided to contract with us for 5 yrs. vs 1yr to collect their operating fund. He was glad to be doing it in a longer fashion as it is truly a formality and just has to be approved by the School Board.

McDonald then spoke asking Righi to get some information together for the next meeting on the Headley Rollback. Raffin also said she would contact the County Clerk to find out exactly what would be needed to hold a special election to roll it back. It was also stated the Zoning Administrator has finished one class towards his certification, starts another class this week and attended a very informative meeting last week.

Finally, Deska spoke about Federal Holidays and which ones to observe. Deska was reminded we are currently looking at updating the employee handbook, to look at it then. Deska's finally comment was to add Wi-Fi to all of our parks.

Righi motioned to adjourn. McDonald seconded the motion. Runyan declared meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.

Respectfully,

Heather Runyan
Recording Secretary