

Albert Township Board Minutes
February 6, 2023

Supervisor Runyan called the meeting to order at 3PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present. Fire Chief Baum, Zoning Administrator McDonald, Ted Orm of Road Commission and 6 members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

Deska made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17th, as presented. Raffin seconded the motion; all were in favor. Deska made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting January 30th as presented. McDonald seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Deska made a motion to pay the bills with additions in the amount of \$26,486.21. McDonald seconded the motion; all were in favor. Deska made motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$20,561.19. McDonald seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Treasurer Report was received and filed.

Orm gave his Road Commission report. A lot of sand is being used.

Supervisor Runyan let Chief Baum address the Board at this time.

Chief Baum presented a Bid Spec for a generator they would like to obtain at the Fire Department. The consensus was to allow for the Bid to go to the paper and to personally deliver to contractors. Chief Baum then offered to take any questions pertaining to the deadly fire that had taken place the prior Sunday night. No one had questions, only to offer their thanks and empathy to the Fire Fighters and thank them for their service.

Sealed Bids for Tree Removal were opened. 360 Landscaping was \$5500, Frank Kibby Tree Service \$6500, CW Services \$7844. None of the companies were available for questions. It was brought up by member of public that meeting was posted online as 7PM. Clerk Raffin then went and called 360 Landscaping as she knew they had concerns over the post being in for Pavilion already and were not there when they turned in their bids.

Headlee Roll back was discussed with the Clerk informing the Board she had not heard a response from the County until today about putting it on the May Ballot, and that today was the last day to do so, so we would not be able to. McDonald then made a motion to get the information to the lawyer to get the Headlee Rollback on the August Ballot. Deska seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Righi informed the Board that in prior years, the previous Board, had approved the old township safe being removed and given to the historical society at their cost. This project would require removing a brick wall. All Board members had no issues with the prior agreement.

Taylor Girardin was heard regarding a Disc Golf Fundraiser to benefit the family that had lost their home and child in the fire that the Chief addressed earlier in the meeting. Girardin asked to Board for permission to use Buttles Park Disc Golf Course and Park with extra porta potties brought in, on March

4th, free of charge, for the fundraiser. Raffin made a motion to allow the park use with extra port-a-potties for the Kritzman Family Benefit Fundraiser. McDonald seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Righi made a motion to appoint Clerk Raffin as the ZBA Board Representative. Deska seconded the motion; all were in favor.

McDonald made a motion to return the Conference Phone that Astrea installed and to have the cordless phone hooked up and programed. Raffin seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Three quotes for IT services, one with repairs and upgrades to server were received. After much discussion between Board and Bearded Vinyl Representatives, there was consensus that yes some items needed immediate attention. McDonald made a motion to enter into contract with Bearded Vinyl to fix issues as outlined in their estimate including hardware cost not covered up to \$13,750 and to retain them as our new IT service company to be paid monthly. Righi seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Deska Aye, McDonald Aye, Righi Aye, Runyan Aye, Raffin Aye, motion carried.

The Board then questioned Brandon from 360 Landscaping regarding their bid on the Tree removal for the Pavilion project. Righi made a motion to accept bid by 360 Landscaping and enter into contract with them for Tree removal listed in the bid. Raffin seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: McDonald Aye, Runyan Aye, Deska Aye, Righi Aye, Raffin Aye. Motion passed.

McDonald made a motion for Clerk Raffin and Secretary Runyan to contract with a Brick Engraving Company to help secure funds for the finishing of the Pavilion Project. Deska seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Supervisor Runyan addressed the Board under Supervisor Comment to let all Board members know that going forward all items for the meeting need to be on his desk by end of day Wednesday prior to meeting. There will no longer be Board Comment on the Agenda as the last few meetings have had issues with said comments. We all need to remain professional. Righi asked for it to be next meeting as he had an item for this evening. Runyan said he would entertain it. Fire Chief Baum asked for clarification on items being action or discussion, Runyan responded both. Runyan's final comment was to not raise the pay for Elected officials when we meet for Budget discussion, all members were agreeable.

Righi informed the Board that we are 95% collected for Summer Taxes and 74% for Winter Taxes. Righi then made a motion to remove Judy Athan from account #724260 at Community Financial Credit Union and add Sandy Raffin. McDonald seconded the motion; all were in favor.

McDonald made a motion to adjourn at 4:40PM.

Runyan declared meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully,



Heather Runyan

Recording Secretary