

MINUTES OF THE ALBERT TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Sandy Raffin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Treasurer John Righi, Trustee Marsha McDonald, Trustee Dick Deska were in attendance as well as Michael Szukhent Supervisor candidate and Laura Schrader Financial Processor.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sandy Raffin made a **motion** for John Righi to Chair this meeting, seconded by Marsha McDonald. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

John Righi opened the meeting with a **motion** to pay Laura Schrader \$200.00 for assistance with budget preparation which the previous Township Supervisor had agreed to pay outside of office hours, seconded by Dick Deska. Motion carried with 3 yea and 1 nay vote.

Supervisor candidate, Mike Szukhent was introduced to the Board members and briefly reviewed his previous work history, organizational affiliations, and roles. Board members all made inquiries regarding Mike's familiarity with Lewiston and his vision for Albert Township. John Righi outlined the statutory duties and responsibilities for officials within Township government. Mike verbalized understanding and agreement.

Mike did propose changing the Board meeting schedule to once monthly, after dinner time, should he be chosen to fill our current Supervisor vacancy. Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to hire Michael Szukhent, effective immediately, to fill the current unexpired term. Motion seconded by Dick Deska; motion carried with 4 yea votes. Mike will be sworn in at the close of the meeting.

Budget meetings will be held on 2/13/2024 and 2/15/2024 starting at 8:00 a.m. each day.

Laura Schrader performed the Swearing in of Michael Szukhent as Albert Township Supervisor.

Sandy Raffin gave a brief update on the status of the Pavilion project and announced that the Transfer Site will be staffed and ready to open on Monday and the Well is functioning. Emergency lights will be placed on the pick-up truck on Tuesday, this was a previous budget item approved last year, and not completed.

John Righi gave a brief update on tax collection which is ending and the current budget which is tight, spending is very limited.

Mike asked Jeff McDonald, Zoning Administrator, if he would take him around town on Wednesday, to make introductions to the Township employees that do not work out of the office. Jeff agreed to do so.

Jeff gave a brief update on permits and anticipated volume increase in the upcoming spring/summer months.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Julie Marcotte
Albert Township Secretary