



ALBERT TOWNSHIP

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Albert Township Hall

February 18, 2025

ROLL CALL: Board Members: Supervisor Michael Szukhent, Clerk Sandy Raffin, Treasurer John Righi, Trustee Marsha McDonald, Trustee Mark Bowser. Also, in attendance were Zoning Administrator Jeff McDonald, Fire Chief Doug Baum, Deputy Clerk Laura Schrader, Rich Bates CEO Thunder Bay Pharmacy, Ben Bolser Thunder Bay Community Health Board Chair, and 4 residents.

ABSENT: None

ORDER: The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Szukhent.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLGIANCE to the flag was led by Supervisor Szukhent.

1. Agenda.

Motion made by Mike Szukhent to add item 12. a) Township Secretary position to agenda. Second by John Righi.

Motion by Marsha McDonald, seconded by Sandy Raffin to approve agenda as amended.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

2. Public Comment: Supervisor Szukhent opened public comment. No Comments.
Supervisor Szukhent closed public comment.

3. Thunder Bay Community Health Rich Bates CEO of Thunder Bay Community Health did a presentation on trying to get a remote pharmacy service brought to local community members. Rich will be meeting with Munson President to see if Thunder Bay can collaborate on a pharmacy. Hoping to have a start date this year. Priority is being given to Lewiston as we do not have a pharmacy.

4. Approve Minutes from January 21, February 3, 6, 10, 13, 2025
Motion by John Righi, seconded by Mark Bowser to approve minutes.
All in favor: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

5. Public Hearing on the 2025/26 Township Budget including DDA Budget.
Motion by John Righi, seconded by Mike Szukhent to open.
No comments from public.
All in favor: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

6. Close Public Hearing.
Motion by Mike Szukhent, seconded by Sandy Raffin to close.
All in favor: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

7. Approve General Appropriations Act (Waive the reading)

Motion by John Righi, seconded by Sandy Raffin to waive the reading. Motion passed.

Motion by John Righi, seconded by Marsha McDonald to approve the General Appropriations as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

8. Township Board Salary Resolutions (Waive the reading)

Motion by John Righi, seconded by Mike Szukhent to waive the reading. Motion passed.

Motion by John Righi, seconded by Sandy Raffin to approve the Board Salary Resolutions as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

9. Consent Agenda – Approval of the following.

- a) DDA Budget
- b) Board Calendar
- c) Township Depositories
- d) Schedule of Wages
- e) Contract for new website and I.T. (Bearded Vinyl)
- f) Steps for Jamie, Kim, Larry, & Shannon
- g) Master Plan Addendum (\$10,000 for Zoning)
- h) Valve replacement for Twp. Well
- i) Assessor's Contract.
- j) DDA Clock Location.

Motion by Marsha McDonald, seconded by Mark Bowser to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

10. Approve List of Bills.

Motion by John Righi, seconded by Sandy Raffin to approve the List of Bills as presented in the amount of \$42,136.44 and the payroll for \$49,000.10.

All in favor: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

11. Treasurer's Report.

Received and filed.

Motion by Sandy Raffin, seconded by Marsha McDonald to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

All in favor: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

12. Clerk's Report.

Sandy Raffin reports how great the budget meeting went. Setting priorities for projects. There will be a want/need list and when those are complete, we will move on to other projects.

- a) Mike let the Board know there is an opening for the secretary position. The position was posted in-house. There was only one applicant. Sandy and Mike met with Hope Rosso about the position.

Motion by Sandy Raffin, seconded by John Righi to approve the hiring of Hope Rosso as township secretary part-time.
Roll Call Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

13. Staff Reports:

a) Zoning-

Jeff McDonald, Zoning Administrator, informed the Board that the Redwood Motor Inn court case had been dismissed with prejudice. Ordinances need to be enforced. They have not been in prior years. Ordinances are also in the process of being updated.

b) Fire & EMS

Doug Baum Fire Chief gave hard copy of report to the Board. Informed the Board there is no new information from truck committee. Training on ice rescue. Doug would like to start Public Education and is interested in purchasing a blow-up interactive house that can be used county-wide. They will be doing fundraising, also received \$1,000.00 from the Chamber.

c) Maintenance

Mike Szukhent reported there are complaints about the charging station cords hanging in the road. It is turning into a hazard for plowing, snow blowing. The Sno-Drift Rally was in Lewiston unofficially there were 10,000 people all over Montmorency County.

d) Road Commission

None Present.

14. Board Comments

Marsha McDonald made a flyer for the "Trash Bash" anyone can sponsor a can for \$200.00 to be put throughout town. Still in the planning stages.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Marsha McDonald, seconded by Sandy Raffin to adjourn at 7:57 pm
All in favor: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

Minutes Submitted by:

Hope Rosso, Albert Township Secretary