

MINUTES OF THE ALBERT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 05, 2023

Supervisor Michael Runyan called the Albert Township Board meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., with Clerk Sandy Raffin, Trustee Dick Deska, Trustee Marsha McDonald, Treasurer John Righi. Ted Orm from the Road Commission, Fire Chief Doug Baum, Jeff McDonald from Zoning and 9 residents were in attendance.

Supervisor Michael Runyan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2023 and Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 01, 2023 as presented, seconded by Trustee Dick Deska. Motion carried with 5 yeas.

Trustee Dick Deska made a **motion** to pay the list of bills and additions totaling \$44,557.41, seconded by Trustee Marsh McDonald. Motion carried with 5 yeas.

A **motion** to accept payroll for two pay periods totaling \$44,653.05, was made by Trustee Dick Deska, seconded by Clerk Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 5 yeas.

Treasurer John Righi presented the Treasurer's budget projection, which he will intend to submit on a quarterly basis, received and filed. Treasurer John Righi admits that it is early in the year but projections at this point reflect an approximate \$17,000 deficit.

Zoning Report was received and filed.

Fire and Ambulance report was received and filed.

Ted Orm from the Montmorency County Road Commission was present. It was reported the Road Commission reports that line painting is coming up, it appears 612 east will get patched and lines painted but will probably not get sealcoat. Trustee Marsha McDonald asked about the overall condition of Aarons Rd. Ted stated he will forward concerns onto the Road Commission Supervisor. Treasurer John Righi wanted to confirm that the Road Commission will be cutting at the sides of the roads, Ted Orm confirmed that cutting will be done. Ted Orm also mentioned that the Road Commission is considering offering reimbursement for CDL training/licensure secondary to the difficulty of recruiting.

Todd Beringer approached Treasurer John Righi about adding approximately a 5 ft. apron along the side of 612, east from the Marathon corner, to help alleviate some of the complaints relative to the dust created by ATVs. Treasurer John Righi agreed to request a bid for brining the shoulder of the road. Bids for both the apron and the brining will be submitted at a future Board meeting for consideration.

Resident Don Kline called and spoke with Clerk Sandy Raffin and requested a street light at 489 and Wolf Lk. Rd. Sandy presented the request to the Board for consideration. Treasurer John Righi asked if Clerk Sandy Raffin would contact Presque Isle Electric and investigate the cost, Sandy agreed.

Clerk Sandy Raffin reported that an e-mail was received from a family in Colorado, who own 4 gravesites in Albert Township that will not be occupied. The family is interested in selling the sites back to the Township. It was discovered that one of the graves is occupied, however the gravestone is placed on the adjacent plot. It is not clear if the stone was placed in error or if the occupant grave was recorded incorrectly. Consequently, the Township Board agreed that they are willing to offer \$100.00 dollars each, for the TWO plots that are clearly unoccupied.

Clerk Sandy Raffin reported that A&L will be delivering a dumpster this week and fee schedule signage will be ordered.

Treasurer John Righi **motioned** to change the status of Interim Maintenance Supervisor, Jamie Winkleman, to Permanent Full Time Maintenance Supervisor, seconded by Clerk Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

Clerk Sandy Raffin reports that she has been contacted by Pete, representing Twin Lakes Association who requested that their association be permitted to close the Public Beach parking lot on July 22nd from 6-9 p.m. for the purposes of hosting a private party. After brief discussion, the topic was tabled until the next Board Meeting 06-19-2023 wherein the Association could make a presentation.

Clerk Sandy Raffin reported that both the Township and the Fire Hall are having ongoing difficulty with Bearded Vinyl, computer, and e-mail services. Fire Chief Doug Baum states he called Bearded Vinyl two weeks ago without response. Supervisor Michael Runyan will reach out to Bearded Vinyl tomorrow with the persistent concerns.

Trustee Marsha McDonald wanted to ensure that all Board Members have been provided office keys which was confirmed.

Resident Ruth Sadler questioned whether the Township was going to spray for Tent Worms. The resident was directed to Montmorency County. The Township does not manage spraying. Ruth Sadler also expressed ongoing frustration with her neighbor's various livestock animals roaming free. Resident was advised to proceed through the court system for resolution.

Resident Renee' Davis asked if the grass would be cut next to the Habitat building near the gazebo. The owner of the Habitat building is responsible for the lawn. Renee' also conveyed a concern about an area under the library building where skunks have burrowed. Maintenance has placed a large rock and dispersed some moth balls but the skunks are still present.

Clerk Sandy Raffin questioned Fire Chief Doug Baum about the status of the generator which Doug reported has been ordered and arrival is pending, anticipated delivery date is unknown.

Residents of Big Antler neighborhood are still very dissatisfied with respect to one neighbor and poor yard conditions/trash. Zoning administrator, Jeff McDonald, requested that the Board move to authorize consultation with the Township Lawyer. Treasurer John Righi **moved** to authorize Zoning Administrator Jeff McDonald to consult with the Attorney, seconded by Trustee Dick Deska. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

One resident who is also an Elks member wanted to announce that the Elks will be hosting an event on July 15 2023, which will include a raffle and entertainment, ticket cost is \$20.00/each.

Treasurer John Righi moved to adjourn at 4:15 p.m., seconded by Trustee Marsha McDonald. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Julie Marcotte
Secretary