

MINUTES OF THE ALBERT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 16, 2024

Board Member, Treasurer John Righi, Clerk Sandy Raffin, Trustee Marsha McDonald, Trustee Dick Deska, Supervisor Michael Runyan was absent. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Doug Baum, Recording Secretary Julie Marcotte. One resident was present.

Meeting opened at 3:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sandy Raffin made a **motion** for John Righi to Chair the meeting in the absence of Mike Runyan, seconded by Marsha McDonald. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

John Righi informed the Board that he added natural gas to the agenda.

Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to approve the regular Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2024, seconded by Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Dick Deska did request clarification on one (1) markup on the bills for Marsh Automotive, in the amount of \$64.11. The charge was for an oil change, on the newer pickup truck, after a leak was discovered secondary to a loose part. Sandy Raffin made a **motion** to approve bills in the amount of \$18,363.50 and additions in the amount of \$13,343.91, seconded by Marsha McDonald. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to approve \$24,033.73 for payroll, seconded by Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

John Righi presented a history of the cost we are currently paying for natural gas through DTE at \$0.37/ccf. John has recently spoken to a company by the name of Kratos, who can provide variable pricing, currently \$0.23.9/ccf which would be approximately an 18% savings. This change does not require any sort of contract and John will monitor monthly charges closely. John has agreed to the change and all billing will still come from DTE.

Fire and Ambulance report was received and filed. Fire Chief Doug Baum also presented an AMENDED MICHIGAN MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT which he is requesting Albert Township participate in and includes much of what is already contained in the existing Mutual Aid Agreements but enhances the availability of resources/equipment from a greater number of Townships and streamlines dispatching for those resources. Mutal Aid agreements with the DNR would remain as is.

Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to adopt the MICHIGAN MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT, seconded by Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Fire Chief Doug Baum has also made a request for a second EMS crew for the Snowdrift Rally Friday, 2/9/2024, during the day when stages will be in Albert Township. The Township Board agrees, and approved this request.

Dick Deska made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Marsha McDonald.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Julie Marcotte
Recording Secretary