

MINUTES OF THE ALBERT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 2, 2023

Supervisor Michael Runyan called the Albert Township Board meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., with Trustee Dick Deska, Trustee Marsha McDonald, Clerk Sandy Raffin and Treasurer John Righi. Recording Secretary Julie Marcotte was in attendance, Zoning Administrator Jeff McDonald, Fire Chief Doug Baum, DDA Board Members Chris McKenzie and Shawn Huston, Montmorency Tribune Reporter Yvonne Swager and 9 residents were in attendance.

Supervisor Michael Runyan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer John Righi made a **motion** to add discussion about the pavilion to the agenda, seconded by clerk Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

Trustee Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023 as presented, seconded by Trustee Dick Deska. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

Clerk Sandy Raffin made a **motion** to pay the list of bills from September 18 to October 2, 2023 and the payroll as submitted., seconded by Trustee Marsha McDonald. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

Treasurer John Righi made a **motion** to set the Public Hearing for the Fire and Ambulance Special Assessment on 10/16/2023 at 3:00 p.m. with the regular Board Meeting to be held following, seconded by Trustee Marsha McDonald. Notice will be filed in the newspaper as required. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

Trustee Marsha McDonald made a **motion** that we no longer pay for covid days separate from sick or PTO time, seconded by Trustee Dick Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes and 1 in opposition.

Treasurer John Righi made a **motion to** approve the Joint Early Voting Site Agreement and Early Voting Coordinator as presented, seconded by Trustee Dick Deska. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

Clerk Sandy Raffin made a **motion** to pay election workers \$18.00/hr. and \$ 0.65 per mile, from the Township Hall to Atlanta, seconded by Treasurer John Righi. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

Trustee Marsh McDonald made a **motion** to approve Resolution No. 2 of 2023 for Goose Nest Destruction and Roundup/Removal Program, seconded by seconded by Clerk Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

Zoning Administrator Jeff McDonald stated that revision to the Noise Ordinance was tabled in October of 2022 and was never revisited, request is being made rewrite the ordinance for noise enforcement. Trustee Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to update to the Noise Ordinance to be 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. for quiet time, seconded by Clerk Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

Clerk Sandra Raffin reported that during our recent audit it was reported that we should have all DDA minutes and member appointment schedule. Two members of the DDA Board were present and stated that Minutes have been supplied and except for the last two cycles, have provided appointment dates. Chris McKenzie from DDA stated that he would forward missing meeting Minutes from this year and member appointment schedule to Clerk Sandy Raffin via e-mail.

Clerk Sandy Raffin presented a proposal submitted by the Pickle Ball club for resurfacing and relining. Proposal will be accepted and filed. There was discussion with a couple of the Pickle Ball club members, in attendance, regarding sharing the courts with tennis players. Treasurer John Righi made a **motion** to table the Pickle Ball proposal until our next scheduled Board Meeting on October 16, seconded by Trustee Dick Deska. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

Clerk Sandy Raffin reported a status update on the Pavilion. Supervisor Michael Runyan spoke with the Contractor yesterday who stated he would be out tomorrow. There was discussion regarding both the quality and timeliness of the project. If the Board wished to terminate the contract it is required that the Contractor be provided 7-day notice. Trustee Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to turn the Pavilion Contract over to the Township Attorney for review, topic will be placed on the next agenda for follow up, seconded by Clerk Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

Public discussion included information presented by Dell Bolser, County Commissioner, regarding septic system inspections. The State of Michigan is going to establish some sort of law regarding inspections. There are many proposals floating around from an annual inspection requirement to point of sale inspection requirements. Systems and agencies are not in place to accomplish the proposed inspections, however the County Commissioner wanted to make the Township aware. One other item that Dell Bolser presented and discussed was the look toward mandated recycling programs in the future, and the associated financial burden.

Fire Chief Doug Baum inquired of Commissioner Bolser about fully staffing the Sheriff Department and referenced the promise that had been made, that once the jail closed those savings could be allocated to additional hiring. Commissioner Bolser acknowledged that promises were not kept and because of various factors, including inflation, anticipated savings were not realized.

Clerk Sandy Raffin made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Marsha McDonald. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

Julie Marcotte
Recording Secretary