

## MINUTES OF THE ALBERT TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETINGS HELD MARCH 18, 2024

Board Members, Treasurer John Righi, Clerk Sandy Raffin, Trustee Marsha McDonald, and Trustee Dick Deska. Supervisor Michael Szukhent was absent. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Doug Baum, Zoning Administrator Jeff McDonald, Montmorency Tribune Reporter Yvonne Swager, Recording Secretary Julie Marcotte, 1 resident was present.

Meeting was opened at 3:00 p.m., John Righi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance was taken.

Clerk Sandy Raffin made a **motion**, that in the absence of Supervisor Michael Szukhent, Treasurer John Righi chair the meeting, seconded by Dick Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

No Public Comment.

Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to accept the February 20, 2024 minutes as presented, seconded by Dick Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to accept the February 27, 2024 minutes as presented. Sandy Raffin brought forth discussion regarding a Closed Session to be added to the Regular Board Meeting on May 21, 2024, per February 27, 2024 minutes. Sandy states that the Board cannot hold a Closed Session unless it is being expressly requested by an employee. Clarification regarding proper procedure will be obtained. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to accept the March 11, 2024 minutes, seconded by Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Sandy Raffin made a **motion** to accept the bills as submitted in the amount of \$43,104.02 plus additions in the amount of \$8,029.70 as presented, seconded by Dick Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to waive the reading of 4 Salary Resolutions, seconded by Dick Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Sandy Raffin made a **motion** to adopt Salary Resolutions 24-1, 24-2, 24-3 and 24-4 as presented, seconded by Marsha McDonald. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to approve the Township Depositories as presented, seconded by Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Sandy Raffin made a **motion** to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Dick Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Sandy Raffin made a **motion** to waive the reading of the General Appropriations Act, seconded by Marsha McDonald. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to approve the Albert Township General Appropriations Act 2024-2025 as presented, seconded by Sandy Raffin. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Sandy Raffin made a **motion** to accept and approve the 2024- 2025 DDA Budget as presented, seconded by McDonald. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Marsha McDonald made a **motion** to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Adjustments pages 1,2,3 and 4 as presented, seconded by Dick Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes. Roll call vote taken.

After reviewing three bids, Sandy Raffin made a **motion** to approve the purchase of the new Holland B75D loader/backhoe for the sum of \$72,000 on a 3 year, monthly lease, including maintenance, with CNHI at \$1,396.35/month with option to purchase at the end of the lease, or let it go back, seconded by Marsha McDonald. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Sandy Raffin made a **motion** to approve John Righi as signatory, in the absence of the Township Supervisor, on the lease agreement for the backhoe, seconded by Dick Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Regarding the Headlee Amendment, John Righi reported that he has sent an e-mail to our assessor today, asking what our taxable value will be resulting from the March, Board of Review. Once a reply is received, John will send that information, along with some other necessary paperwork to our

that are mailed and other detailed work that justifies the additional cost. Doug also answered Board Member questions regarding the overall process and outline for timeframes, this must be completed within two years. Doug Baum also explained that this grant is funded by MSHDA so that Master Plans can be developed/updated to address housing. Motion carried with 4 yea votes. Roll call vote taken.

Doug Baum raised discussion regarding a date for electronics take-back day, for which we also received a grant submitted on behalf of Albert Township, from EGLE, to assist with funding. The grant provides \$3,500 and requires a \$1,750 match. There was also a grant awarded in the amount of \$16,250.00 for a structure to store electronics, a \$3,250.00 match is required for that project. A disposal donation could be collected to assist with the required match. It was decided that both this project and a date for tire collection will be added to our next agenda.

John Righi reported that March 1<sup>st</sup> was the end of tax collection. The following week John took the records over to the County for settlement and received word today that everything balanced and we are good. When taxes left here our summer tax was 96% collected and our winter tax was 94% collected. We will be receiving a check from the County for our delinquent taxes of about \$71,000. Once that check is received, Albert Township, Road, Operating and Fire/Ambulance will receive all our millage money.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Julie Marcotte  
Recording Secretary