

## MINUTES OF THE ALBERT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Board Members: Clerk Sandy Raffin, Trustee Marsha McDonald, Trustee Richard Deska, Treasurer John Righi. Also in attendance were Assistant Fire Department Chief Dale Edwards, Tribune Reporter Yvonne Swager, Road Commission Ted Orm, Zoning Administrator Jeff McDonald, Recording Secretary Julie Marcotte, 16 residents were present as well as two Montmorency County Sherriff Deputies.

Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m., John Righi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance was taken. Supervisor Michael Szukhent and Fire Chief Doug Baum were excused.

Raffin made a **motion** that since our Supervisor Mike, is not here tonight, that our Treasurer John Righi run the meeting, seconded by Marsha McDonald. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

### **Agenda:**

Treasurer would like to request approval of an expenditure for he and his Deputy Treasurer to attend a seminar in Gaylord. Righi would like to have the agenda amended to include this request during his Treasurers Report. McDonald made a **motion** to approve the agenda as corrected, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Prior to moving onto Public Comment, Righi wished to read and relay information regarding the status of the Redwood Motor Lodge. A ticket has been issued to appear in District Court, after our Attorneys letter was not answered within the 7-day timeline. There was some discussion surrounding the Arraignment date. McDonald reported that there is an Arraignment date of 9/20/204 for the tickets issued to the "Marina," he has not received an Arraignment date regarding the ticket issued to the Redwood Motor Lodge, which has gone unanswered.

### **Public Comment:**

Brian Carroll, 3301 Buttles Rd. Lewiston. Brian wished to express a concern regarding the funding of Fire/Ambulance through a Special Assessment, annually, vs. a longer-term millage proposal.

Sue Burnham, 10160 Co. Rd. 612 Lewiston. Sue wished to speak on behalf of the Lewiston Garden Club. Clarification is being sought regarding who is responsible for maintaining the three islands in town, with the stop signs, what is the Garden Clubs role.

### **Approve Minutes:**

McDonald made a **motion** to approve the August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Board Minutes as presented, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes. Raffin made a **motion** to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as presented, seconded by Righi. It was reiterated by Righi that the issue regarding the Cooler for the Fire Department will remain tabled until further information is obtained. Motion carried with 4 yea votes. Raffin made a **motion** to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as presented for the Fire and Ambulance Special Assessment and Legal Expenses for the Redwood Motor Lodge, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

### **Approve Bills:**

Raffin made a **motion** to approve list of bills and additions, from August 21<sup>st</sup> -September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the amount of \$84,348.49, seconded by McDonald. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Raffin made a **motion** to approve the payroll from August 21<sup>st</sup>-September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the amount of \$48,867.86, seconded by McDonald. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

### **Zoning Amendments:**

There are two Amendments for consideration which have been received and filed; 1) Greenbelt 2) R-1 for Marinas, which have been discussed and recommended for adoption by the Planning Commission, following a Public Hearing. McDonald made a **motion** to waive the reading of Ordinance Amendment 54-2024, seconded by Raffin. Motion Carried with 4 yea votes. Zoning Administrator McDonald clarified that this does not interfere with the 35ft. Greenbelt. McDonald made a **motion** to approve Amendment 54-2024, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes. Roll call vote taken.

Righi outlined the next Amendment as removing Marinas as a Permitted Use under R-1. Raffin made a **motion** to approve Ordinance Amendment 55-2024, seconded by Raffin. Motion carried with 4 yea votes. Roll call vote taken. Both Amendments will become effective 8 days following publication.

### **Board Appointments:**

Raffin made a **motion** to accept Marcia Bolser to Board of Review, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Received and filed. Righi further seeks Board approval for a seminar entitled TREASURERS GUIDE TO TAX COLLECTION. Righi would like approval for both himself and his Deputy Treasurer, to attend this seminar in Gaylord, Mi., on November 20<sup>th</sup> at Treetops. The cost is \$294.50 for the presentation and materials for both attendees. Raffin made a **motion** to allow the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer to attend a class on November 20<sup>th</sup> for a total of \$294.50, seconded by McDonald. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

### **Clerks Report:**

Received and filed. Raffin reported that last Saturday over 1,200 tires were brought in for tire recycling. A final brick order, for this year, will be placed on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Pickel Ball Court resurfacing is occurring now.

### **Staff Reports:**

- a) Zoning Report: received and filed.
- b) Fire/EMS Report: received and filed. Several staffing updates need to made and approved. McDonald made a **motion** to accept with regrets, the Letter of Resignation from Sarah Henegariu, seconded by Raffin. Motion carried with 4 yea votes. Raffin made a **motion** to approve Dale Edward to Assistant EMS Chief as of 9/1/2024, to replace Sarah, seconded by McDonald. Motion carried with 4 yea votes. McDonald made a **motion** to promote Glenn Garwood to EMS captain, effective 9/1/2024, to replace Dale Edwards, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes. McDonald made a **motion** to approve Jennifer Marske, full-time paramedic, effective 10/1/2024, seconded by Deska.

Motion carried with 4 yea votes. Dale Edwards clarified that there are no new positions being added, these changes are to replace Sarah.

- c) Maintenance Report: received and filed. Righi motioned to approve Jamie and Dave to attend an October 18<sup>th</sup> Water Class in Gaylord, in the amount of \$330.00, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

**Road Commission Report:** received and filed. Ted Orm reported on current ongoing projects including some black top overlay. Ted did not have a definitive response to provide to the Lewiston Garden Club. However, he does have a name and number he will share. Historical meeting minutes should provide the answer as to who is responsible for the center islands and Ted will research to see if he can determine the answer.

**Board Comments:**

Righi responded to Brian Carroll's concern regarding Special Assessment for funding the Fire Department. Righi advised that there is going to be a Public Hearing on this topic on October 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m... Notification will be published in the Tribune this week and next.

McDonald wish to extend a Survey reminder which will be closing on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Raffin made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Deska.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Marcotte  
Recording Secretary