

MINUTES OF THE ALBERT TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2024

Clerk Sandy Raffin called the Albert Township Special Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m... In attendance were Clerk Sandy Raffin, Treasurer John Righi, Trustee Dick Deska Fire Chief Doug Baum, and Recording Secretary Julie Marcotte. One resident was in attendance.

Clerk Raffin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Raffin made a **motion** that we have Mr. Righi run this meeting of the Public Hearing regarding the Special Assessment of the Fire and Ambulance. Motion carried with 3 yea votes.

Attendance: Supervisor Mike Szukhent and Trustee Marsha McDonald were excused.

Righi made a **motion** to open the Public Hearing concerning the 2024 Special Assessment for the Albert Township Fire and Ambulance Department, seconded by Deska. Motion carried with 3 yea votes.

Righi discussed the purpose of this meeting. The request of the Board is to fund, through a Special Assessment, this year 2024, 5.1 mills. Righi went on to explain that for the last 6 years the Board has been funding the Department through an annual Special Assessment and outlined the benefit of more accurate budgeting using this approach vs. funding with a multi-year millage and struggling with fluctuating cost, inflation, or millage adjustments which fluctuates because of the Headlee Amendment. Righi went on to outline revenues historically and a report reflecting those amounts has been submitted and received.

Public Comment: None

Raffin did inquire of Chief Baum the status of a new ambulance. Doug outlined the type of rig they are researching and bids will be submitted to the Board for review and approval. Ultimately, they are hoping that they can order an Ambulance that is already in production and delivery could be taken in about 6 months.

Deska made a **motion** to close the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m., seconded by Raffin. Motion carried with 3 yea votes.

Righi made a **motion** to set the Special Assessment District for the 2024 tax year, for the Fire and Ambulance Department at 5.1 mills, seconded by Raffin. Motion carried with 3 yea votes, roll call vote taken.

Raffin made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:15 p.m...

Respectfully,

Julie Marcotte
Recording Secretary