



ALBERT TOWNSHIP

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Albert Township Hall

August 4, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

ORDER: The Special Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Szukhent.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag was led by Supervisor Szukhent.

ROLL CALL: Board Members: Supervisor Mike Szukhent, Clerk Sandy Raffin, Treasurer John Righi, Trustee Marsha McDonald, Trustee Mark Bowser. Also, in attendance were Shannon LaPointe, Deputy Treasurer, and Secretary Hope Rosso. Fire Chief Doug Baum joined via phone. 3 residents joined at 6:45 pm

ABSENT: None.

1. Approve Agenda

Motion by McDonald, seconded by Raffin to approve agenda.
All in favor: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

2. New Business – Township Budget

Szukhent stated this meeting is to talk about the 1st quarter of the budget, as a recap from the historic ice storm.

Raffin had many questions as to the use of the parks and cemetery milage. How do we divide it between the parks and the cemeteries? Righi stated we should split it all equally between parks and cemeteries. Each property should get 1/7 of the milage. Cemeteries get 2/7 and parks get 5/7 of the milage. Estimated amount for each will be \$13,924.00.

Szukhent asked about the backhoe lease. How much is still owed? Could we do a buy out from the lease? Raffin will follow up.

Righi stated from the last board meeting the title company got back with him about the title search. The title company will charge \$275.00 per piece of property that has to do with the ally for the post office. Discussion was held about the Road Commission; they either own it or they do not. Pickleball courts were brought up about putting bleachers there, however they would be on the ally.

Motion by McDonald, seconded by Bowser to approve Righi to do the title search for the properties around the post office ally, and for the ally by the tennis courts.

All in favor: 5 Yeas 0 Nays **Motion passed.**

Righi presented information on capturing money for the DDA. The DDA was formed in 2011. All these years they have not had any taxable value they could collect on. That changed in 2024 they are due \$3,607.68 and the county is putting together a check for captured funds. Albert Township is sending the DDA a check for \$557.08 for 2024. In 2025 taxes, the DDA is estimated at \$9,600.00 from the county and the township. The DDA needs to have a plan on how they are spending tax payers' money. Discussion was held about who holds the money and who handles it. Righi will follow up.

Righi also presented the board with information to think about prior to next board meeting for the 2025 Fire and EMS Special Assessment. Righi stated that everything is all estimated because the taxable value can change for properties.

3. Public Comment

Residents asked if the fence at the cemetery will be fixed. Raffin said it is all going to be bundled in the insurance claim from the ice storm.

4. Adjournment

Motion by Raffin, seconded by McDonald to adjourn at 7:45 am.

All in favor: 4 Yeas

0 Nays

Motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by:

Hope Rosso, Albert Township Secretary