

ALBANY TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2009 (Date changed because of snow storm on 03/10/2009)

1. The Annual Township Meeting was held on the 17 day of March, 2009 at the Albany City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M by Town Clerk, Diane Noll. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Member of the Town Board and Planning Commission were introduced.

3. Because of the absence of Judy Fischer, Board Chair, Tim Nierenhausen was unable to give the presentation.

4. Nomination of Meeting Moderator

Mike Noll moved to have Gary Bloch be the Meeting Moderator. Amy Vos Seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Gary Bloch will be the moderator and receive a \$70 stipend.

5. Agenda's were available to all attending, Jim Stueve made the motion to approve the agenda, Seconded by Mike Noll, Motion carried.

6. The minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Mike Noll, this was seconded by Linda Kotzer, Motion Carried.

7. The Financial report was read by the clerk. This past January, we hired Schlenner/Wenner to do an annual audit on the 2008 records. This audit will be completed at the March Meeting.

Questions ---

What is the Debris Removal reimbursement? We are allowed up to \$1,000 from the county to remove debris from our Township. We only had expenses of \$667 and this total amount was reimbursed by the County.

What is the reimbursement for Unclaimed property? We had outstanding checks from the state that needed to be reclaimed. This was investigated and we received \$120,000.

What is included in the Dust Suppressant expense? Any resident could request having the dust suppressant place on the gravel road by their property. They were entitled to 300 feet of road and had to reimburse the Township for ½ of the amount. We also used the dust suppressant on newly graveled roads to keep the gravel more stable.

What is the Contract Guarantee? In our Snowplowing contract, we guarantee to pay the contractor \$500 per month for the months of December, January, February and March. This is to assist him with his equipment maintenance even if we do not have snow.

Why do we have a fuel expense? The Snowplowing and Grading contract have an additional fee of being reimbursed for gas if it exceeds \$2.50 per gallon. This year with the high gas prices, we had to compensate our contractors.

Motion to accept financial statement as read made by Mike Noll, seconded by Amy Vos, motion carried.

8. Review of the Planning Commission was given, the written report is attached to these minutes.

9. Township Levy Approval The Town Board is requesting the following amounts for the 2010 Levy. General Revenue, \$47,000; Road and Bridge \$250,000; and Fire Fund \$40,000.

A motion to approve the General Revenue request of \$47,000.00 was made by Jim Stueve, Seconded by Paul Rushmeyer, motion carried.

Discussion was held as to what we do with the excess Road and Bridge money if it is not spent, At this time we are placing our excess funds in short term CD's. We are then able to save money to tar roads in the future. A motion to approve the Road and Bridge request of \$250,000.00 was made by Paul Rushmeyer, seconded by Ryan Pratt, Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Fire Fund request of \$40,000.00 was made by Jerry Forster, seconded by Amy Vos. Motion carried.

10. The Community Education Program at Albany Area Schools is requesting assistance from the Township to further their programs in the community. With this assistance, they are able to reduce the fees for our

