

ALBANY TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 9,2010

1. The Annual Township Meeting was held on the Ninth day of March, 2010 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. Members of the Town Board and Planning Commission were introduced.

3. Nomination of Meeting Moderator

Tim Nierenhausen moved to have Gary Bloch as our meeting moderator. Seconded by Mike Noll, Brad Opatz, made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mike Noll, Motion Carried. Gary Bloch will be the meeting moderator and receive a \$70 stipend.

4. Approval of Agenda

Agendas were available for all attending, Dean Berckes moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Linda Kotzer, motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 2009 annual meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Loren Pelzer and seconded by Dean Berckes. Motion carried

6. Treasurers Report

Copies of the Annual Financial Report were available for all attending and were explained by Clerk Noll. Jerry Forster moved to accept the Annual Financial Report, seconded by Mike Noll and motion carried.

REPORTS

7. Planning Commission Supervisor Nierenhausen

This past May, Milan Foster resigned from the position of Ordinance Administrator. From this time, Tim Nierenhausen has been approving the building permits. There has been some discrepancy with the county permits and our records. We are working on clearing this up and are working with the county to have them pass on permit information in a more timely fashion. If you are planning on building please notify the town board, so correct permits can be given.

8. Road Report-Supervisor Kotzer

We have been working on a complete sign inventory. By 2012 we will need to have an inventory in place and all of our signs need to be updated to the new retroreflective signs by 2015. We have started to budget for the new signs in 2011. We have been contacted by the county and plan to order our signs with their order, which will give us a bulk rate. We have started doing borings on Fifth Lake Road and Nothwind Road with the hopes of being able to tar it this summer. We have contacted Farming Township and hope to combine this project for a cost savings. We have also started to look at removing brush from our right-of-ways. All residents will be receiving a letter when we plan to start the project. We are in our third year of a four year graveling project, this year the South East corner will be graveled. Dust suppressant will be placed on the new gravel along with the two previously graveled quarters.

9. Noxious Weeds-Supervisor Berckes

We have been working closely with John Waldorf, the County Weed Supervisor. This past summer we took a more aggressive stance on the weeds, with the hopes of eliminating a major portion of them. This coming year letters will be sent to all previous violators and we will be broadcast spraying all of our Right-of-ways. We have contacted St. Martin and Paynesville Co-ops to receive quotes on this project.

CAPX2020- We are a representative on this task force and have been receiving information on the placement of the new power lines. The proposed routes and how they will affect wetlands, prairie and densely populated areas have been reviewed. They have stated they are trying to be as earth friendly as possible and plan to avoid the Avon Hills area. Albany Township is one of the routes proposed for this power line.

10. Township Levy Approval for 2011

The Township Board is requesting \$55,000 for the General Fund, \$275,000 for the Road and Bridge Fund, and \$35,000 for the Fire Fund. The 2011 levy was reviewed, a motion to approve \$55,000 for the 2011 general fund was made by Mike Noll, seconded by Gerry Forster, and motion carried.

A motion to approve \$275,000 for our road and bridge fund was made by Loren Pelzer, seconded by Dean Berckes and motion carried

The Fire Fund is \$5,000 less than last year because of a different way of computing our percentage. We had fewer fire

