

ALBANY TOWNSHIP-ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 13, 2012

1. Opening The Annual Township Meeting was held on the 13 day of March, 2012 at the Albany City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M by Town Clerk, Diane Noll.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Eighteen residents were in attendance.

2. Introduction of Township and Planning Board Members—Members present were Supervisors Tim Nierenhausen, Dean Berckes. and Mary Rosen. Commissioners present were Gary Bloch and Mike Noll.

3. Nomination of Meeting Moderator—A motion to have Gary Bloch be the meeting moderator was made by Paul Rushmeyer, seconded by Paul Luethermers. After three calls for nominations, a motion to close nominations was made by Paul Rushmeyer, seconded by Dean Berckes, motion carried.

4. Approval of Agenda—Copies of the agenda were available to all present. A motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Chris Kotzer seconded by Paul Luefthmers, motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes—The minutes from the 2011 annual meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Rick R.osen, seconded by Chris Kotzer motion carried.

6. Treasurers Report—Copies of the 2011 Annual Financial Report were available to all present. The report was explained by Clerk Noll. A motion to accept the Annual Financial Report was made by Paul Luefthmers, seconded by Dean Berckes, motion carried.

REPORTS

7. Planning Commission—Supervisor Rosen

This past year the Planning Commission continued to discussed Orderly Annexation with the city. The City states we are to restrictive, and have not accepted the proposed Orderly Annexation.

Work also has been done on the Planning and Zoning ordinance to make it compliant with the counties.

Chris Kotzer questioned why it was taking the Commission so long to complete orderly Annexation and the Ordinance changes

Because of the changed being made by the county, it has taken longer than expected.

John Kotzer questioned if we were still using Carolyn Braun and what we have paid her.

Carolyn is on a consultant basis and we have paid her a total of \$2,000.

Supervisor Nierenhausen— explained the building permits for the township. Minimal amount of permits issued this past year.

In January of 2011, A one year moratorium was placed on Wind Energy systems. This moratorium expired in January of 2012. Because there is no forward movement with the wind farms, we have time to update our ordinance and continue to discuss fees for any towers planning to build in our township.

8-Road Report—Supervisor Nirenhausen

Because of the large snow and heavy rains last summer, we had a large amount of road damage. The wet spring caused many frost boils and the dry fall caused washboards. The dust suppressant was to minimize our road issues and it has not been doing as we had planned.

Rick Rosen—to keep gravel bill down, Sunnybrook should be advised to keep gravel on the roads when grading.

360 Street had numerous frost boils in the spring and large washboards in the fall. Part of the issue was when grading, windrows were left on both sides and in the middle.

Ryan Pratt- 330 street, was in great shape after Scepaniak graveled and graded. This fall the grader pulled sod in from the ditches causing black dirt on the road.

Rick Rosen—Will any section of the township be graveled this year?

The Township is graveling on a five year rotation. The township is split into quarters, a quarter is done every year and then skip a year. This year was to be a skip year, but with the majority problems in the NW quarter we will concentrate our graveling in that quarter.

The Township Board will take all comments under consideration and review the roads during our spring inspection.

Supervisor Nierenhausen –only one company has bid on grading in the past six years. It is difficult to find a company with their own grader to do the job.

9. Weed Control Report–Supervisor Berckes

The annual weed meeting was attended this year by the county attorney, stating they would assist us in any legal needs we may have in removing noxious weeds. All residents complied after sending the first letter and we did not need the assistance of an attorney. Five letters were sent out this year and they are our repeat offenders. The Township sprayed the right-of-ways in the spring and fall. We are hoping to see results this spring. We used Duane Holmgren as our contractor; he came with very positive references and a reasonable price. Because our right-of-ways have not been sprayed in 10 years, it will take some time to see any results. The largest problem in the county is Wild Parsnip. If you know of any growing, it needs to be removed.

10. Appropriation of township budget for 2013

Proposed budget is: General Revenue Fund \$54,250, Road and Bridge \$269,150 Fire Fund \$41,600.

A motion to approve \$54,250 for General Fund was made by Chris Kotzer, seconded by John Kotzer, motion carried.

A motion to approve \$269,150 for the Road and Bridge Fund was made by Rick Rosen, seconded by Ryan Pratt, motion carried.

A motion to approve \$41,600 for the Fire Fund, was made by John Kotzer, seconded by Mike Noll, motion carried.

11. Summer Recreation Program

Albany Area Schools Summer Recreation Program is requesting assistance with tuition for students in our Township. Each student receives a \$10 discount as a benefit when the township gives this assistance. In 2011, 92 students received this benefit.

A motion to pay Albany Area School \$1000 for their Summer Recreation Program was made by Chris Kotzer, seconded by Linda Kotzer, motion carried.

12. City of Albany Room Rental

The Township continues to use the City of Albany's Council Chambers for meetings. In the past few years we have paid them \$600 for this use.

A motion to continue the payment of \$600 to the City of Albany for the use of their meeting rooms was made by John Kotzer, seconded by Mike Noll, motion carried.

13. Purchase of additional Fire Proof Filing Cabinet

The one fire proof cabinet owned by the township is full. The township has many records that need to be kept safe and we are requesting an additional cabinet.

A motion to spend up to \$2,000 on an additional fire proof filing cabinet was made by John Kotzer, seconded by Dean Berckes, motion carried.

14. Legal posting places for Albany Township

