

ALBANY TOWNSHIP-ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 10, 2015

Board of Canvas met at 8:25 P.M. The members approved the election results for the 2015 Township Election.

Opening and Pledge of Allegiance

The Annual Township Meeting was held on March 10, 2015 at the Albany City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. By Town Clerk Diane Noll. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 20 Residents were in attendance.

Introduction of Township and Planning Board Members

-Members present were Supervisors Mary Rosen, Tim Nierenhausen, and Dean Berckes. Commissioners Gary Bloch and Ryan Pratt, Absent Chair Mike Noll. Zoning Administrator-Jerry Forster.

Nomination of Meeting Moderator-

Motion to have Gary Bloch be Meeting Moderator was made by Rich Rosen, seconded by Dean Berckes. Motion carried

Approval of Agenda-

Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Ryan Pratt, seconded by Ron Koopmeiners, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the March 11, 2014 Annual Meeting were read by Clerk Noll. A motion to approve the 2014 Annual Meeting minutes was made by Rich Rosen, seconded by Ryan Pratt, motion carried.

Audit and Financial Report

The Township was Audited by Schlenner Wenner and reviewed by the Township Board, there were no outstanding issues on our financial statues
The Albany Township Annual Financial Statement ending on December 31, 2014 was reviewed by Clerk/Treasurer Noll. A motion to approve the 2014 Annual Financial report was made by Loren Pelzer, seconded by Ron Koopmeiners, motion carried.

Planning Commission Report

Gary Bloch-with the Comprehensive Plan being completed, there was no need to have monthly meetings. Upcoming this year is a request for re-zoning of property around the city limits. We plan to research how this zoning was initially done.

Building Permits issued

Jerry Forster-Zoning Administrator
22 township permits were issued 8 for County- copies are available.

Road Report-Chair Rosen

Because of the large amount of snow in 2013-2014, we spend additional money on cleaning out

intersections.

380 Street – culvert needed replacement-work was done by Dave Gerads Construction.

St. Anna Drive-Extensive work was done on the East end -work done by Kotzer Excavating

325 Street-project to rebuild was delayed

The NE Quarter was graveled by WM Scepaniak and dust suppressant was applied, a weaker solution was placed on NW quarter

Sand Hill Circle in Oak Township is planning on paving this summer, we will include our section of this road.

The Township has applied for a grant to pave Meadowview Drive and rebuild and pave 251 Avenue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

George Reber, 23247 350 Street, -is concerned with the dip in 350 Street where the culvert was replaced.

The aggregate that was placed in the dip has washed into the right-of-way, making it difficult to cut lawn.

John Kotzer, 33504 County Road 10- The board should start getting quotes for the Meadowview project. Oil prices are down, now is the time to have quotes done.

John Kotzer-questioned how the Seal coat is standing up on 330 Street.

Weed Control Report-Supervisor Berckes

Our mowing this year was done by Math Schmitz; mowing was done in June and September. We received reports of satisfactory work being done. The expense for cutting was \$3,010.

Our weed spraying was done by Holmgren; sprayed twice in late June, second spraying done in September, Cost \$6,600

There have been some issues with Holmgren not communicating with the township. We will be researching other contractors for the spraying.

We have located leafy spurge and wild parsnip in our ditches, Wild parsnip can be very dangerous for humans, it can give you a bad rash. If noticed in your fields or ditches, please eliminate.

The County used grant money to spray these weeds in our ditches.

Four letters were sent out to residents that were non conforming with the weed control, two were added to habitual offender list

In October the weed report was filled out and sent to county

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Koopmeiners stated the spraying killed trees because of over spraying. He is requesting to be placed on the no spraying list.

Fire Departments Report – Supervisor Nierenhausen

The fire department made \$27,000 from their two fund raisers. This money is used to purchase equipment. Albany Township's yearly fee was \$44,000.

Appropriation of Township Levy

A motion to approve the General Revenue fund of \$55,450 was made by Loren Pelzer, seconded by Dean Berckes, motion carried.

A motion to approve Road and Bridge fund of \$274,000 was made by John Kotzer, seconded by Jerry Forster, motion carried.

A motion to approve Fire fund of \$50,550 was made by Ron Koopmeiners, seconded by John Kotzer jr, motion carried.

Clerk Noll explained the increase to our levy is because of the increase in the Fire Department fees.

Summer Recreation Program

A motion to approve sending the \$1,000 to Community Education for the assistance of the Summer Recreation Program was made by Loren Pelzer, seconded by John Kotzer, motion carried.

City of Albany-Room Rental

A motion to pay the City of Albany \$700 for the use of their facilities for our meetings was made by John Kotzer, seconded by Ron Koopmeiners, motion carried.

Legal Posting Places

A motion to continue with the posting places of Stearns Bank, Albany Branch of the Credit Union and Albany City Hall was made by Loren Pelzer, seconded by Gary Bloch, motion carried.

Legal Newspaper

A motion to continue to have Albany Enterprise as our official newspaper was made by Paul Rushmeyer, seconded by John Kotzer Jr, motion carried.

March 2016 Annual Meeting

A motion for our 2016 meeting to be held on March 8, 2016 with the polls open from 2 P.M. To 8 P.M. With the board of canvass at 8:15 and the Annual Meeting to commence at 8:30 P.M. Was made by Ron Koopmeiners, seconded by John Kotzer Jr, motion carried.

New Business-Sale of Township Property,

The Township owns a 2.9 acre parcel which has a build-able sight and we have an interested buyer. A price has not been decided.

2014 Election Results

3 year term for Supervisor-Loren Pelzer 9 votes Write in candidates were Brad Rodenwald-1, Dean Berckes-1, Geroge Reber-1, Ryan Pratt-1, Gary Bloch-2, John Christen-5, Joe Blow-1,

Open Forum

John Kotzer-many townships do not have designated Road/Weed supervisors. Just call whoever is available to have them take care of the job. This will be discussed at our Organizational meeting.

John Kotzer-sales barn is in the township- who issues the permits? This is a very busy place on Tuesday and Thursdays. It is hazardous on Highway 10 because of all the parking. The township should request trailers not being allowed to park on the road, or have signs posted for no parking on the

