

**2019 ALBANY TOWNSHIP
March 12, 2019
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Township Meeting was held on March 12, 2019 at the Albany City Fire Hall. 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

Supervisors Tim Nierenhausen, Mary Rosen, and John Greer
Commissioners Mike Noll, Gary Bloch and Joe Peternell,
Zoning Administrator Jerry Forster.

Nomination of Meeting Moderator-

A motion to have Gary Bloch be Meeting Moderator was made by Mike Noll, seconded by Rick Rosen, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda-

A motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Loren Pelzer seconded by Mike Noll, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the March 13, 2018 Annual Meeting were read by Clerk Noll. A motion to approve the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes as read was made by Dean Berckes, seconded by Rick Rosen, motion carried.

Audit and Financial Report

The Township was Audited by Brian Koehn 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, 2018 was read by Clerk/Treasurer Noll.

A motion to approve the 2018 Annual Financial report was made by Loren Pelzer seconded by Mike Noll , motion carried.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission report was given by Commission Chair Michael Noll.

Commissioners held 7 Planning Commission meetings in 2019.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Jerry Forster gave report on permits issued in the township
17 township permits issued; 2 Permit Complaints; 7 County permits issued

Road Report

The road report was given by Supervisor/Board Chair Tim Nierenhausen

Shouldering again in spring. In 2018 no shouldering was done.

Signs will be again be replaced this year. Please call if you see vandalism done to any signs.

We did have one sign reported of vandalism and the township as been compensated for the damage.

Gravel by the quarter- this year the SE quarter and then the dust suppressant.

NE quarter will have the maintainer dust suppressant applied.

Soil boring will continue to be done, by ITT. This helps us in future planning.

2018 projects not completed

380 Street-has a soft spot and will need to be worked up

219 Ave asphalt is completed, shouldering will need to be completed

Doing more seal coating to have roads last longer, to prevent roads from deteriorating faster.

2019 projected projects

Paving of the east end of Rushmeyer Lake Road

If you have any concerns or safety issues, please call a supervisor.

Public Comment

Rick Rosen, questioned why no wing is used when pushing snow.

Sunnybrook has a wing, but is choosing not to use at this time.

Loren Pelzer-questioned the status of 253rd Avenue

This road was seal coated in 2017 and is holding up well.

Chris Kotzer-questioned how 330 Street will be posted now that the gravel pit has reopened.

When frost lifts, the road will be posted as a 7 ton road. If needed will lower to a 5 ton road.

Mike Noll-Questions on how gravel pits and the roads they use are regulated in the township?

Most gravel pits have permits through the county. If they are Pre-ordinance, there are fewer regulations for them. They are however, mandated to reclaim the property after use. Gravel pits are taxed on the yards of gravel removed, but it is on an honor system.

Weed Control

The weed report was given by Supervisor John Greer

Was a learning year for Supervisor Greer, did classes and did a tour with Bob Dunning. Did learn how to identify the different weeds. Still have a pasture with a lot of thistle. 3 letters were sent out to land owners to have the weeds taken care of.

One parcel was cut by the county to have the weeds removed.

Palmar Amarath is the new weed that we are to be looking for.

Fire Department

Fire Department Report was given by Supervisor John Greer.

Because the fire department has turned over collecting of bills to a collection agency, the billing for 2019 is considerable less than in 2018.

There was a total of 28 call in Albany Township for 2018

Freeport Fire Department had 0 calls in Albany township.

Appropriation of Township Levy for 2020

General Revenue Fund - \$62,100

A motion to approve \$62,100 for the township General Revenue Fund was made by Chris Kotzer seconded by Dean Berckes, motion carried, unanimously.

Road and Bridge Fund - \$323,300

A motion to approve \$323,300 for the township Road and Bridge Fund was made by Jerry Forster, seconded by Loren Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

Fire Fund - \$54,700

A motion to approve \$54,700 for the township Fire Fund was made by Dean Berckes seconded by Chris Kotzer, motion carried, unanimously.

The Total Levy for 2020 is \$440,100 a 7% increase over 2019

Time approved: **9:21 P.M.**

Community Education \$1,000

This past year, we paid \$786 in scholarships for students taking classes through Community Education. A motion to approve paying up to \$1,000 for scholarships in 2019 to Community Education was made by Loren Pelzer, seconded by Mike Noll motion carried.

Room Rental \$700

We are again asking to pay the City of Albany \$700 for renting the Council Chambers for meetings. A motion to approve paying the City of Albany \$700 for room rental was made by Mike Noll, seconded by Jerry Forster, motion carried.

Posting Places

A motion to approve having Stearns Bank, Albany Branch of the Central Minnesota Credit Union and Albany City Hall as our official posting places was made by Joe Petertnell, seconded by Rick Rosen, motion carried.

Official Newspaper

A motion to continue having Albany Enterprise as our official newspaper was made by Mike Noll, seconded by Loren Pelzer motion carried.

Official Bank Depositories for the Township

A motion to have Stearns Bank and Central Minnesota Federal Credit Union as our official depositories, was made by Loren Pelzer, second by Chris Kotzer, motion carried.

Decision on poll hours

Date March 10, 2020 Election 4-8 P.M. Board of Canvass 8:15, Meeting to follow at 8:30. A motion to have the 2020 Election and Annual Meeting on March 10, 2020, with elections from 4-8 pm, Board of Canvas at 8:15 and the Annual Meeting to follow at 8:30 pm. All to be held at The Albany Fire Hall was made by Rick Rosen, seconded by Jerry Forster, motion carried.

Open Forum

Tim Nierenhausen-spoke about the news letter that was sent out.

The following suggestions were given on news letter:

- adding a note stating residents could request having the letter emailed to them, this would save on mailing costs.
- put on colored paper.
- information about the right-of-ways and not planting in them.

With the snow and rain, is there a plan in place for when culverts are not opening?
Call Supervisor Nierenhausen he will make arrangements to open them.

Dean Berckes-who is picking up the debris in the right of ways;
Call Tim Nierenhausen or Leo Gerads to have debris picked up.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Chris Kotzer, seconded by Gary Bloch, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E Noll

Diane E Noll
Clerk/Treasurer
Albany Township

Approved Minutes Signed: Gary Bloch March 10, 2020
Meeting Moderator *Date*

Approved Minutes signed: Tim Nierenhausen March 10, 2020
Township Chair *Date*