

Albany Township–Monthly Meeting–July 23, 2012

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen on July 23, 2012, 7:30 P.M. At the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors Tim Nierenhausen, Mary Rosen and Rosanne Lehnen were present. Also present, Diane Noll, Clerk .

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. The agenda; Additions to Agenda Under 7.e Boring of 330 Street and under 11 a. Pioneer Club Resolution. A motion to accept the agenda as updated was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

3. Minutes The minutes from July 2 and extended meeting of July 10, 2012 were reviewed. There was an error in Supervisor Rosen's report, she requested it be changed to the following, received information from residents with concerns on the repair work being done on 239 Avenue. A motion to approve minutes as updated was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report The Treasurer's report was reviewed; total investments as of today are \$301,957.47 with a checkbook balance of \$285,202.33 This month deposits were \$191,638.83 claims were \$18,553.63 and payroll is \$1,308.40. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

5. Approve Claims 7977 to 7995 plus electronic transfer of 07231 and 07232

A motion to approve claims 7977 to 7995 plus electronic transfer of 07231 and 07232 was made by Supervisor Lehnen , seconded by Supervisor Rosen , motion carried unanimously.

6. Guests–Oak Township

Supervisors Peter Welle and Bob Timp, Oak Township, were in attendance to discuss the "Agreement for the Division of Maintenance Responsibilities for 255 Avenue.

Oak Township saw no issues with the grading the past three years and are satisfied with the agreement. A new contract will be drafted by Clerk Noll and all will sign.

They have requested we gravel the road next year.

Some questions.

–Oak Township paid for an approach at the Allen and Jeanne Stangler, (34553 255th Avenue), They would like to split the cost with Albany Township. They were advised Albany Township does not pay to replace private driveway culverts.

–They have not been billed for the grading since December 2010, Clerk Noll will send them an invoice.

–With the change in signs, they are requesting to change the signs on 255 Ave and 350 Street from stop signs to Yield signs and are requesting we do the same.

7. Road Report–Supervisor Nierenhausen.

a. Review of Roads

330 Street–July 16, seal coating done.

Dust Suppressant–is being done tomorrow, unless we receive rain, a water truck will cover the roads prior to the treatment.

Road Contractor Service Agreement–The contract with Dave Gerads Construction has been signed and he has agreed to do the work on our roads.

360 Street near 245 Avenue–There is a soft spot in the area, that needs some work, Dave Gerads will be contacted.

Fifth Lake Road/330 Street–The debris in the ditches was picked up by Forster Excavating.

Sand Lake Road–near 32024 Sand Lake Road, there is a sink hole on the edge of the tar and needs to be filled.

239 Avenue–Pallets are in the ditch, Chair Nierenhausen will contact the owners to have them removed.

b. St. Anna Drive–The washouts need to be repaired. A motion to have Dave Gerads Construction repair the washouts on St. Anna Drive was made by Supervisor Rosen, Seconded by Supervisor Lehen, motion carried, unanimously.

c. 225 Avenue, Culvert cleared

Joe Schiffler has requested we clean out the culvert for his field approach, it is filled with gravel. Supervisor Rosen toured the area and stated because Mr. Schiffler is farming in the right-of-way it is causing the culvert to fill. A motion to have the culvert cleaned and to advise Mr. Schiffler in the future he is not to farm the right-of-way was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Lehen, motion carried unanimously.

d. Right-of-way mowing–

Mowing was completed this past month by Forster Excavating. There were some complaints about the poor job. Mr. Forster had some problems with his mower and re-cut the ditches at no cost to the township.

e. Boring of 330 Street

Chair Nierenhausen has had contact with ITT, this will be completed this week.

8. Weed Report–Supervisor Lehen

On July 19, Supervisor Lehen met Don Updahl and toured the south side of the township. The noxious weeds were noted and Supervisor Lehen will contact the land owners of the violation. At this time there are very few offenders and the area is in good shape.

They will be touring the north side later this month.

We are again planning on spraying all the right-of-ways in the township, Supervisor Lehen will contact Duane Holmgren and Paynesville Co-op for estimates.

9. Planning Commission–Supervisor Rosen

a. Meeting Summary

Ms Heidi Winskowski, Stearns County Environmental Services was present to answer questions on Chapters 7 General Development Standards and Chapter 11 Transfer of Development Rights Program. Because of the Primary Election, our next meeting will be held on August 21.

b. Building Permits

Richard and Bernice Kunstleben, 33566 Sand Lake Road– Pole Shed, permit has been received.

Tom and Sharon Fischer, 24638 360 Street– grain bin– waiting for permit.

c. County permit

Peter and MaryAnn Klemmer, 20852 Co Rd 154, Albany MN, Permit for new house.

10. Old Business–None

11. New Business

a. Pioneer Club Resolution to close 219 Avenue.

A motion to approve the Resolution to close 219 Avenue from September 12 through the 17 for the purpose of Pioneer Days, was made by Supervisor Lehen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

There is a \$60 fee for the needed sight visit . Supervisor Nierenhausen will check the sight on September 12.

12. Officer Reports –None

