

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-April 23, 2013

The meeting for April 22 was postponed to April 23 because of a spring snow storm.

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Rosen on April 23, 2013 7:30 P.M. at the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors, Mary Rosen, Tim Nierenhausen, and Rosanne Lehnen were present. Also present, Diane Noll, Clerk .

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. The agenda; A motion to accept the agenda was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried unanimously.

3. Minutes The minutes from March 25-April 8, 9, and 16 extended meetings were reviewed. A motion to approve minutes as reviewed was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried, unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report The Treasurer's report was reviewed; total investments as of today are \$303,502.35 with a checkbook balance of \$277,351.52 This month deposits were \$267.45 claims were \$40,675.09 and payroll is \$2,632.28. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen , seconded by Supervisor Lehnen , motion carried, unanimously.

Check number 8136 is missing, we never received it from the printer.

5. Approve Claims

A motion to approve claims 8130 to 8135 and 8137 to 8149 plus electronic transfer of 20135 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen , seconded by Supervisor Lehnen , motion carried.

List of Claims

8130-8137 Payroll-\$2,632.28-(check number 8136 missing)

8138-Alb. Comm. Education	\$1,000	8139-City of Albany	\$600
8140-City of Albany	\$30,885.00	8141-City of Freeport	\$1,520
8142-M/R Signs	\$811.70	8143-MN Copy Systems	\$54.08
8144-Star Publications	\$174.20	8145-SunnyBrook	\$5,107.50
8146-Mary Rosen	\$29.38	8147-Diane Noll	\$110.41
8148-Tim Nierenhausen	\$35.03	8149-Albany Phone	\$30.29
20135-PERA	\$317.50		

Total Payroll and Claims \$43,307.37

6. Guests

7. Road Reports-Supervisor Rosen

a. Road Report-Road Tour

St Anna Drive-dip/pot hole in road (by 19901)

380 Street-(shared with Krain)Our year to blade-Check contract to see who does the brushing for this year. Stop Ahead sign has two bullet holes

251 Avenue onto 355 Street, dug up in the intersections

245 Ave/360 Street pot holes and washboarding

360 Street/ 230 Avenue 4 way stop, big pothole

235 Avenue-ditches are being farmed/plowed. This land is being leased by Steve Groetech, he will be contacted.

b. Gravel Bids for 2013-

The Gravel bids were presented at the March meeting, the completed 2013 Gravel Bid contract was presented, A motion

to approve contract with William Scepaniak for our 2013 graveling was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried unanimously.

C. Contractor Quotes

Quotes for doing road work in the township were received from Dave Gerads Construction; Forster Excavating; Kotzer Excavating and Laing Trenching. All bids were reviewed. Contracts will be entered in with Dave Gerads Construction, Forester Excavating, and Kotzer Excavating. Laing Trenching did not have a completed bid. Supervisors will be able to contact any of these contractors to have work completed.

A motion to enter into one year contracts with Dave Gerads Construction, Forester Excavating, and Kotzer Excavating was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried unanimously.

Chair Rosen will contact Forester Excavating to place the weight restriction signs.

d-Grading/Snowplowing Contract

Quotes were received from Herdering, Inc and Sunny Brook Enterprises, Inc.

Snow Removal

Herdering-\$110.00 per hour with 4 month \$600 guarantee

Sunny Brook-\$100.00 per hour with 4 month \$500 guarantee

Grading

Herdering-\$95.50 per hour

Sunny Brook-\$85.00 per hour

A motion to enter into a three year contract with Sunny Brook for both snowplowing and grading, was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried unanimously.

e-360 Street

We have received information that Sauk River Watershed Project is planning on doing construction on ditch 15. This ditch is where our problems are on 360 Street. A motion to table until we have more information was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

f. 350 Street

This has been looked at, but because of the snow we are unable to check further. Motion to table further progress until we can see the culvert was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

g-Dust Suppressant

Quotes were received from Tri-City Paving, Inc. and Central Minnesota Dust Control LLC. The requested quote was to have 38% Calcium Chloride spread 18 feet wide at the application rate of 0.30 gal/sq yard.

Tri-City-.0.57 per linear foot

Central MN Dust Control-0.60 per linear foot

A motion was made by Supervisor Lehnen to enter into a contract with Tri-City Paving to furnish dust suppressant on the roads requested by the township, Seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried, unanimously.

An add will be placed in the paper for requests for dust suppressant from residents. They will be asked to pay half of the price of 300 feet of dust suppressant, anything further will be paid by the resident.

8. Weed Report –Supervisor Lehn

Supervisor Lehn has contacted Duane Holmgren, to do our spring Weed Control Spraying.

April 10–Attended Noxious Weed Training– Bob Dunning is the new weed inspector

Notices will be published by May 15 about Noxious Weeds.

There are programs available through the county to help weed control in gravel pits.

9. Planning Commission – Supervisor Rosen

a. Monthly Report – No April meeting was needed

b. Building Permits–Supervisor Nierenhausen

Erik Eickhoff, 21280 Pioneer View Road, Permit was approved for new Approach and 911 sign.

Application has been made to the county for a new house.

Matt and Lora Fourre, 23802 330 Street, Permit was approved for 911 sign.

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c. Appointment of zoning administrator

A letter of interest was received from Gerald Forster

A motion to sign a three year contract with Gerald Forster to be our Zoning Administrator was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehn, motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Nierenhausen welcomed Mr Foster to the board.

The Zoning Administrator will be compensated at \$60 per sight visit, \$70 per meeting not to exceed \$250 per month. If there are no issues it will not be necessary for him to attend the regular board meeting. He will, however, need to attend all Planning Commission meetings.

10. Old Business

May 14–7:00 Hearing on Ordinance.

11. New Business

Steve / Lisa Groetsch and Tom Peterson were in attendance to discuss the 2013 Breakfast on the Farm, which will be held on the Groetsch Farm, 37499 State Hwy 238, Albany MN located north of the city of Albany on June 1, 2013.

Supervisor Nierenhausen– Is there an intent of closing any roads?

Tom Peterson–no all travel will come from the high school and be bussed to the site. There will be five charter buses running to transport visitors.

Steve Groetsch–The Fire Dept will be directing traffic.

Supervisor Nierenhausen– How many people are you expecting?

Tom Peterson– Approximately 2200–2500.

A motion to recommend to the County approval of the Stearns County Breakfast on the Farm to be held at the Steve and Lisa Groetsch farm, was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehn, motion carried unanimously.

12. Officer Reports

13. Upcoming events

April 25 County meeting

May 6–5:00 at City Hall – Road Tour

May 14–Public Hearing

June 3–Monthly Meeting

