

Albany Township–Monthly Meeting–November 25, 2013

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Rosen on November 25, 2013, 7:30 P.M. at the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors, Mary Rosen, and Rosanne Lehnen were present; Absent Tim Nierenhausen . Also present, Diane Noll, Clerk .

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. The agenda; 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 September 23 and October 28, 2013 meetings were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as reviewed was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

The report for October – Investments–\$304,398.15; Checkbook Balance \$180,745.65; Deposits \$403.07; Claims \$14,617.69; Payroll \$1,132.79. The October Treasurer's report was approved with a motion made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for November was reviewed; Investments– \$304,525.94; Checkbook balance – \$170,969.08 ; Deposits–\$5,771.70 ; November claims– \$15,033.43; November payroll–\$855.59. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

5. Approve Claims

A motion to approve claims 8251 to 8263 plus electronic transfer of 21316 was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

Payroll

8251 & 8252– \$855.59

Claims

8253	Albany Phone	\$30.79	8254	Community Technology	\$55.00
8255	Couri Ruppe	\$41.25	8256	Custom Surfacing	\$950.00
8257	Jerry Forster	\$240.00	8258	Township Insites	\$20.00
8259	M/R Signs	\$218.09	8260	Seal King	\$6,940.00
8261	Stearns Envion	\$10.00	8262	Victor Lundeen	\$156.91
8263	Sunny Brook	\$6,247.50	21316	PERA	\$123.89

Total Payroll and Claims \$15,889.02

6. Guests–None

7. Open Forum–None

8. Road Reports

a. Road Report–October–Supervisor Rosen

360 Street–silt fence has been removed

350 Street–the silt fence was still there on Saturday–Gerads was notified to remove it; Road has been tarred by Custom Surfacing. On the south side of the road is a large pile of rocks, Dave Gerads states the pile was there under all the trees. Contact will be made with neighbors to decide what to do with the rocks.

St Anna had the brush clearing done

Crack Sealing was done by Seal King– will need to have details of what roads were done. The billing did not have an itemized list.

251 Avenue –need a double arrow sign–coming off of 372 Street; this has been installed.

330 Street dip on north side of road east of stop sign.

219 Ave–Chris Ramler, 35754 219 Ave, complained of hole in tar on 219 Ave.

Both 330 Street and 219 Ave were repaired in November.

380 Street–North side of road culvert is blocked with brush and twigs–this should be cleared out before spring.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lehnen to have culvert cleaned out, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried. Chris Kotzer was present at the meeting and it was requested he clean out the debris.

November Road Tour

330/Fifth Lake Road–Stop sign and weight restriction sign has been spray painted

330 Street–East end stop ahead sign is faded needs to be replaced.

330 Street– East end road restriction sign needs to be replaced.

205 Avenue/County Road 154–sign is bent

360 Street west of 235 Avenue tire in ditch; will contact Forester to remove

b. St. Anna Drive

Received report from Shane Nelson, Engineer for Hakanson Anderson Engineering – Report was reviewed.

A motion to table further discussion until the spring, was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

9. Weed Report–Supervisor Lehnen

a. Report to County

The report to the county was completed. The expenses for 2013 were.

Cost to spray \$2,792.40, Mowing \$2,221.00

Will research a new contractor to do our spraying. Will continue with Pat Johnson for the mowing.

10. Planning Commission

a. Monthly report–Supervisor Rosen

Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan is set for December 10

b. Request to purchase township property

Math Abraham is requesting to purchase the property owned by the township on Sand Lake Road. This property has a shed built across the property line. The Planning Commission recommends we have property surveyed and have realtors assessment done.

A motion to have property surveyed and get the current land value on this property was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

c. Building permits–Info from Planning Commission

Brad Rodenwald, 24317 350 Street, Albany MN –Out building for storage

Richard Rosen, 25426 375 Street, Albany MN– grain bin

Ross Tamm–32996 County Road 41, Albany MN–Detached garage

Dale Overman–discussed moving his recycling business to a piece of property in the township. This land is zoned a–40 and does not allow recycling as a use. This property has a non–build–able clause.

John Massman, 21267 Pioneer View Road, Albany– sent abatement order to replace his culvert to correct size.

Josh Orbeck , 35778 219 Ave, Albany –was sent a stop order on his shed. He amended his original permit to be in compliance with our zoning ordinance.

d. January 14 Meeting

-informational meeting with Geronimo energies in reference to the Solar Farm planed in the township.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

a. Request to purchase voting signs for elections.

Clerk Noll requested we purchase signs for our elections. One to place at City Hall stating Township Elections are being held at the Fire Department and another for the front of the Fire Department. Research was done on line and with a local vendor. The local vendor's price was \$170 per sign, which was less then on line.

Motion to purchase two signs for elections was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen. motion carried.

b. Local Board of Appeal

For us to be in compliance with the Local Board of Appeal, we need to have a minimum of one supervisor trained. At this time Supervisor Rosen is trained, paperwork will be sent to County, allowing us to have our own taxation representation meeting.

c. Election judges

The special election for the Fifth District Commissioner will be held on January 28. It is requested to have the same judges as we had for the primary.

A motion to approve judges Diann Laing, John Laing, Mary Ann Groetsch, Liz Berckes, Sheela Arceneau, Georgine Anderson and Diane Noll for special election for County Commissioner to be held on January 28 was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

d. WSB/Geronimo to visit Solar Farm on Tuesday

Information was received that WSB and Geronimo will be doing a sight visit on November 26; time to be determined.

13. Officer Reports

a. Clerk Noll gave a report on the meeting she attended in October and November.

A suggestion was made to send a Thank you letter to the City of Albany for their decision to not send a letter of support on the Solar Farm until Geronimo has given the information to the Township.

Correspondence

A notification was received from Center Point Energy for an installation of gas main along 350 Street. We received a call from a resident in the area stating the landowners were not contacted. Clerk Noll is contacting the company to learn more about their procedure on contacting residents..

Election results from the County Commissioner Special Election held November 19

105 voters; Bertram-19; Loch-6; Kirckof-24; Gamradt-15; Notch 40

14. Upcoming Events

December 10-Planning Commission, Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan

December 23- December Meeting

Jan 2-14-Filing period for supervisor and Clerk

January 27-Meeting needs to be changed

Because of the County Commissioner Election on Tuesday January 28, the Council Chamber is not available for a meeting on January 27. A motion to move our meeting to Wednesday January 29 was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: _____ *Mary Rosen* _____ December 23, 2013 _____
Chairman Rosen Date