

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-January 29, 2014

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Rosen on January 29, 2014 ,7:30 P.M. at the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors, Mary Rosen and Tim Nierenhausen were present. Absent Rosanne Lehnen. Also present, Diane Noll, Clerk.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

3. Minutes The minutes from December 23, 2013 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as reviewed was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Roesn, motion carried, unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for December was reviewed; Investments-\$304,808.46; Checkbook balance - \$301,883.65 ; Deposits-\$10,478.92 . December claims- \$17,355.70; December payroll-\$1,115.53. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried, unanimously.

5. Approve Claims

A motion to approve claims 8283 to 8300 plus electronic transfers of 21401 & 21402 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

Clerk Noll had a question on paying Dave Gerads. The quote given us was less than the bill. We paid the initial over fees, and now he is charging us an additional \$2,975.00 for the Asphalt; his original quote was for \$500. It was suggested we contact Dave Gerads and discuss the issue and ask why his initial bid was so low.

Payroll

8283-8289-\$1,115.53

Claims

8290	Phone	\$30.85	8291	Forster, Jerry	\$113.49
8292	Herdering	\$6,880.00	8293	Mn Computers	\$31.44
8294	Star Pub.	\$100.50	8295	Strns County Assn	\$1,031.64
8296	County Aud.	\$452.08	8297	Sunny Brook	\$7,340.00
8298	Rosen, Mary	\$265.36	8299	Noll, Diane	\$362.58
8300	Bloch, Gary	\$34.97	21401	PERA	\$131.03
21402	IRS	\$581.76			

Total Claims \$17,355.70

6. Guests

a. Mark Koehn-County Assessor

Our Local Board of Appeal has been scheduled for Monday April 7, from 7 to 7:30 P.M. If residents have any questions prior to the meeting, we are to instruct them to contact Mr. Koehn at the County Assessor's office.

Report from Mr. Koehn, Albany Township has had 1.2 million in new construction, which included 5 new houses. This is higher than the average in the county, and is a good base for our taxes. At this time, residential values are flat, not much movement in this area. Agricultural Land is still increasing as much as 25%. Average farms are going for \$5,500 per acre. It is projected that the 2015 marked should stabilize.

8 Road report

a. Road Report-Supervisor Rosen

Sand Lake Road-Stop sign and street sign down

330 Street East / County Rd 156 Stop Ahead sign on upside down.

The following areas have snow build up at intersections or across the road and will need to be blown out: 225 Avenue/380 Street. 325 Street/249 Avenue. Orchard Road by Albany City Lagoon. 230 Avenue.380 Street/Upland Road. 37254 245 Avenue

A motion to hire Lyle Loecken to blow out the snow in the needed areas was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Mr. Loecken is compensated at \$125 per hour. When he is doing the work, KASM radio will be called to assist in notifying the township residents.

b. Gravel bids

Graveling in the Township for 2014 will be done on the north/east quarter. This would include St. Anna Drive; which is in need of work. How much work will be done on St. Anna Drive and will the township gravel this section?

A motion to table this discussion to the February meeting was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

It was requested the gravel specifications from the previous years be forwarded to the supervisors.

9. Planning Commission

a. Monthly meeting -no meeting held

b. Request to purchase property-no further information at this time

c. Building permits issued- none issued this month

d. Geronimo Energies meeting

Geronimo Energies has requested to attend a meeting to give information to the township on the solar farm that is being considered in our township. A motion to have Geronimo attend the Board Meeting on February 24 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

10. Old Business

a Approval of Comprehensive Plan

A motion to table discussion on the Comprehensive Plan to the February meeting was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried

11. New Business

a. Absentee Ballot Board Resolution

A resolution appointing members to an Absentee Ballot Board for the Township election being held in March to process all absentee ballots was presented to the supervisors.

Diann Laing, Mary Ann Groetsch, and Sheela Arceneau have agreed to be members of this board.

A motion to approve the Absentee Ballot Board Resolution was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

b. Election judges for March Township Election

It is requested we approve Judges Diann Laing, Mary Ann Groetsch, and Sheela Arceneau for the Annual Election being held on March 11, 2014. A motion to approve these judges for the March Township Election was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

c. Internal Audit

The Board examined the financial records of the Albany Township for the period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and found them to be in good order. This examination was performed by the Township Board. Based upon examination, we consider the financial statements for this period to be an accurate summary of the transactions

conducted during that period.

Motion to approve the internal audit was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

d. 2014 Budget meeting

The Budget meeting has been scheduled for February 3 at 4.30 P.M.

12 Officer Reports

Supervisor Nierenhausen received calls from the following:

- Wade Schimmelpfennig, 23820 325 St- impressed with person doing snow plowing- doing a great job this year
- Loren Felzer, 35694 County Rd 10, requested information on splitting his property.-

Supervisor Nierenhausen attended the Fire Meeting, discussion was held on their current investments.

Clerk Noll- Election Results from the District 5 Special Election- 80 voters 51 for Steve Notch, 29 for Dave Gamrandt.

Returned our Auto mark machine to have it inspected. Ballots were jamming.

All election judge work done by the clerk will be paid out separately because it can not be part of the PERA payment.

Correspondence. Stearns County building permits, Xcel Energy- Rate increase , Stearns Electric- news letter, Town Officers Assn- Information on Day at the Capitol.

13. Upcoming Events

February 3- 2015 Budget Meeting

February 11- Planning Commission, no meeting

February 24- Board Meeting- Quests will be Schlenner Wenner and Geronimo Energies

March 11 Township day- Annual Election and Meeting

14. Adjournment

A motion to recess this meeting to February 3 at 4.30 P.M. for our 2015 Budget meeting was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion Carried Meeting adjourned at 10.20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Diane E Noll

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Albany Township Clerk/Treasurer

Approved minutes signed. _____ *Mary Rosen* _____ February 24, 2014 ___
Township Board Chair Mary Rosen Date