

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-April 28, 2014

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Rosen on April 28, 2014 ,7:30 P.M. at the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors, Mary Rosen, Rosanne Lehnen, and Tim Nierenhausen were present. Also present, Diane Noll, Clerk.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Minutes The minutes from March 27, April 7, and April 12, were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as reviewed was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for April was reviewed; Investments-\$305,186.63; Checkbook balance-\$266,011.42 ; Deposits-\$186.98 .Claims-\$64,430.87; Payroll-\$1,529.36. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Lehnen , seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried, unanimously. A motion to roll the current Stearns Bank CD, over into another six month CD was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Rosen, motion carried

Approve Claims

A motion to approve claims 8329 to 8349 plus electronic transfers of 21405 and 21406 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

Payroll Claims 8329-8332 \$1,529.36

Claims.

21405 IRS	\$382.94	21406 PERA	\$194.49
8333 City of Albany	\$44,435.00	8334 Comm Edu.	\$1,000.00
8335 Albany Phone	\$30.86	8336 Custom Waste	\$5,250.00
8337 City of Freeport	\$1,952.00	8338 Dave Gerads	\$225.00
8339 Kotzer Excavating	\$1,012.50	8340 MN Computers	\$33.10
8341 Herdering	\$3,280.00	8342 Star Publications	\$48.30
8343 Env. Services	\$25.00	8344 County Auditor	\$6.00
8345 Sunny Brook	\$5,326.25	8346 Mary Rosen	\$104.72
8347 Tim Nierenhausen	\$30.24	8348 Diane Noll	\$394.47
8349 City of Albany	\$700.00		

Total Claims \$64,430.87

Total Payroll and Claims \$65,960.23

Guests-None

Open Forum-None

Planning Commission–Supervisor Rosanne Lehnen

Planning Commission held the annual election, officers voted in were, Chair Mike Noll, Vice chair Ryan Pratt
The Planning Commission was asked to review Solar Energy Farms–Ready Mix/Asphalt Fees–IUP/Cup Fees.

Solar Energy Farms–A review was done on County Ordinance 6.51 Solar Energy Systems which was adopted by the Township. Recommendation was made to continue to allow the County to issue the permits. However, we need to be in close contact with the County to assure our roads will be repaired after the installation of these systems, and we should include Mining–Road Fee and Solar Panel–Road Fee on our Fee Schedule. Amount to be determined by the expenses incurred for repairing the road back to pre–construction conditions.

Ready Mix/Asphalt Fees Recommendation was also made to include in our Road Specifications ordinance 2009–01 that we add a section which would contain the following language.

When mining / solar plants / wind towers or any large commercial project is being constructed, that will cause large amounts of traffic, on our roads, it is the responsibility of the business owner to repair our roads back to pre–construction conditions. This will require a minimum \$200 permit fee to evaluate the roads before and after construction. Additional fees will be assessed if the Township requires engineers or attorneys will be accessed to the project.

It was suggested we contact Carolyn Braun for any additional language that may be needed and to table further discussion to the next meeting.

IUP/Cup Fees At the organizational meeting, the payment to Supervisors and Commissioners was raised to \$80 per meeting. It was recommended the board increase the fees for the IUP/CUP to \$500.

A motion to increase the IUP/CUP from \$300 to \$500 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Administrative Split

Roger Lutgen, 32192 Fifth Lake Rd. Avon, parcel #01.00339.0000

Lutgen's are requesting a Certificate of Compliance for an Administrative Split to sell tract "A", (Tract A–is comprised of Tracts B & C) 10.15 acres with the existing house and buildings to their son Jeff. 29.85 acres in the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 will be deed restricted as "non–buildable" to meet the 40 acre requirement.

Tracts D,E, & F will be attached to NW1/4, Se1/4 and will be one parcel, Lutgens plan to build on Tract E.

Planning Commission recommends approval of administrative split of Tract A , (Tract A is compromised of B and C and should be held as one) 10.15 acres ,29.85 acres in the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 will be deed restricted as "non–buildable" to meet the 40 acre requirement.

A motion to approve the administrative split as stated above and issue a Certificate of Compliance was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Building Permits issued–Jerry Forster

County Permits

Starcom LLC, 144443 Armstrong Blvd NW, Ramsey MN 55303. Property Number 01.00153.0000, Property

address: KASM Radio, 35223 238 Ave, Albany MN—Permit to replace radio tower.

Township Permits issued

Jason Sychala, 21417 Pioneer View Road, Albany MN (01.00368.0030)—permit for accessory building.
Elfering Family Trust, 32374 Cty Rd 10, Albany MN (01.00302.0000)—addition to existing machine shed.

Road Reports—Mary Rosen

April 14—239 Ave, repair of drainage pipe in Right-of-way was completed by Dave Gerads Construction.

April 21—St. Anna Drive culvert replacement and Right-of-way repairs were completed by Kotzer Excavating.

St. Anna Drive— Sunnybrook notified us about the east end, near the bridge, the timbers were showing.

Supervisor Rosen spoke with Shane Nelson, Engineer, he stated as long as the timbers are holding, we just need to build up the road. The hill west of the bridge could be cut down and used for fill, a boring would need to be done to insure gravel is up to standards for this job. Webbing should be placed on the road and build the road up 2 feet. A meeting should be held with contractors to have them all attend to know what the job will consist of. Easements will be needed from the land owners.

A motion to have one boring done on the hill by ITT was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

A motion to contact local contractors and all meet on May 12 at 5 P.M, at the bridge on St. Anna Drive was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Contractors to invite will be: Craig Bardson Excavating, David Gerads Construction, Herdering, Incorporated, Kotzer Excavating, Wm Scepaniak, Incorporated

325 Avenue – The right-of-way needs to be rebuilt and the road built up. We will tour this road on May 12, after St. Anna Drive. .

Brush removal—The following roads will need brush removal. 207 Ave North of County Road 154; 238 Ave South, shrubs on west side; 245 Avenue, trees in corner; 320 St, brush in ditch; 330 St E of Sand Lake road, Stumps in ROW; 330 Street E of CR 41, trees in ROW; Orchard Road, rocks/stump on West end.

A motion to have Kotzer Excavating do the brush removal was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried, unanimously.

Sign Repair/Replacement—The following signs need work. 205 Ave.—south end of road, curve sign crooked; 235 Ave.—replace Dead End sign/post; 248 Ave—straighten stop ahead sign; 251 Ave—curve sign needed; 253 Ave/334 St.—Street signs missing; 255 Ave—straighten stop ahead sign; 320 St—curve sign needed on both sides; 330 St—Stop ahead sign on East needs to be corrected; 350 St—replace chevron; 360 St (W of 238) replace stop ahead sign; Northwind Rd—Stop sign missing on East end; Quaker Road—replace curve signs and posts.

We received notification from the county that 23877 350 Street, will need to have a 911 sign. Owner is Derrick Dirkes. He will need to pay the fee prior to us placing the 911 sign.

A motion to have Jr Forster repair/replace the sings was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

Crack Sealing-

A motion to acquire two bids for 5 tons of Crack sealing, from Custom Surfacing and Seal King, was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Seal Coat-

A motion to acquire two bids on the Seal Coating was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

Dust suppressant

A motion to acquire two bids for Dust Suppressant,(for both full and maintainer amounts) from Astech and J&J was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

Notice will be place in paper for residents to request dust suppressant on roads near their residence. Township will pay for ½ of the amount for 300 feet.

Wade Schimmelpfenning, 23820 325 Street, Albany, questioned why dust suppressant was not placed on 239 Avenue after is was rebuilt last year. He is requesting the township place suppressant this year.

Gravel Contract

The Gravel Contract for 2014 with Wm Scepaniak was signed. The area on 360 Street that was rebuilt in 2013 will need to be added to the gravel list.

Old Business--None

New Business

Weed Control--Supervisor Lehnen

To have better control over our weeds in the right-of-ways, we need to have the spraying done in May and September. The last three years we have contracted with Holmgren spraying; they have not met our standards for spraying. Contact will be made with Paynesville Co-op and St. Marting Co-op for pricing on spraying the right-of-ways.

This information will be presented at the May 12 road tour for a decision to be made.

Pat Schmitz cut our right-of-ways last year and we would like to contract with him for another year.

Supervisor Lehnen will contact the Co-ops and Schmitz to have quotes to review.

Officer Reports

Clerk Noll- reported on the Stearns County Meeting of Township Officers- Townships in Minnesota will be receiving additional(LGA) Local Government Aide,. The state is requesting we document how the funds are spent. Albany Township will receive and additional \$2,814.Election of officers was held, incumbents Ann Reischl and Glen Stalboerger were reelected. Bob Dunning, Weed Inspector gave a report on invasive species.

Correspondence--Aurora/Geronimo Solar-requested to attend a Township meeting to have further discussion

