

Albany Township–Monthly Meeting–June 2, 2014

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Rosen on June 2, 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 presented was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried unanimously.

Minutes The minutes from April 28 and May 12 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as reviewed was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for May was reviewed; Investments–\$305,415.48; Checkbook balance–\$200,300.03 ; Deposits–\$723.24 .Claims–\$9,966.65; Payroll–\$1,967.60. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

Approve Claims

Payroll Claims 8350–8356 \$1,967.60

Claims:

8357	Albany Phone	\$30.86	8358	ITT	\$280.00
8359	Kotzer	\$5,254.50	8360	Star Pub.	\$24.15
8361	Sunny Brook	\$3,962.50	8362	Gerads Const.	\$200.00
21407	PERA	\$214.64			

Total Claims: \$9,966.65

Total Payroll and Claims: \$11,934.25

A motion to approve claims 8350 to 8362 plus electronic transfers of 21407 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

Guests

Tena Rytel–Geronimo/Aurora Solar Energy

Ms Rytel was present to update the board on the Solar Project that is scheduled to be constructed in Albany Township. The information for the project has been presented to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and they are now in negotiations with EXCEL to purchase the power. PUC is the largest obstacle to overcome and they have accepted the proposal. Studies are being done, applying for a State Sight Permit. –which is required for anything over 50 megawatts. This will take care of all land use/ planning and will again be submitted to the PUC on July 7. After acceptance, there is another process to Department of Commerce for another permit; this will take 6–9 months. They will have public scoping meetings and also public hearings, before a judge. They expect to have approval in early 2015.

Geronimo Energy/Aurora Solar has extended an invitation for Albany Township to attend a Luncheon and tour at Sexton Hall at St. John's University on June 20 at 12 noon. RSVP is required.

Supervisor Nierenhausen–what types of borings need to be done?

Ms Rytel–to know the type of soils and how wet the area is. This helps us to decide how deep we have to set

the posts.

Supervisor Rosen, how heavy are the posts/structure?

Ms Rytel-I can lift them, they are not real heavy. A bigger concern is the weight of the snow, which will impact the tork for moving the panels.

Open Forum

Gordy Schwinghammer, 34892 238 Avenue, Albany MN, was present to advise the township on the condition of 238 Avenue, south of 350 Street.

The road is in need of being graveled, it has not been done in many years. The grader is continuously widening the road and moving the gravel off the road. Donald Hemmesch, 34696 238 Avenue, is doing more farming and his heavy tractors are hard on the road. About six inches of gravel would be needed to repair the road.

This winter, where the willows are growing, there was a pile up of snow. (These willows are on the plan to be removed this year.)

Custom Waste did manure pit pumping, from the Hemmesch farm, they came out with no forewarning. They tore up the ditch and ripped up the culvert. Supervisor Nierenhausen spoke with Custom Waste, they were in a hurry and damage was done. They will be repairing the damage.

If there is no permitting for using the culvert for pumping, Mr. Schwinghammer suggested the Township request a permit to pump. This may save some damage to the culverts.

A motion have WM Scepaniak put a load of gravel on 238 Avenue this year, was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

John Beutz, 21972 360 St, culvert in his approach is blocked and washing out. Supervisors Rosen and Nierenhausen, toured the damaged area. According to our Right-of-way Ordinance, this is the responsibility of the landowner, it is the property owners expense. Mr. Beutz requested a permit for him to be allowed to start work on repairing the approach.

Road Report

Contracts-

St. Anna Drive Construction-

Dave Gerads \$91,516.00

Kotzer Excavating: \$71,357.00

Prior to construction, notification will need to be done with Albany Phone Company (optic wires) and Excel Energy (poles).

A motion to have Kotzer Excavating do the project on St. Anna Drive was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen,, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen , motion carried.

325 Street Construction

Dave Gerads -\$26,200

Kotzer Excavating-No bid

A motion to have Dave Gerads repair the Right-of-way on 325 Street, was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Supervisor Nierenhausen, questioned if easements are not signed, should we go ahead with the project.

Decision was to go ahead.

249 Avenue/325 Street Construction

Dave Gerads-\$4,175

Kotzer Excavating-no bid

A motion to have Dave Gerads do the construction on 249 Avenue/325 Street was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Both contractors are planning to start in mid July, Easements and contact with phone and energy companies will need to be completed prior to construction.

Crack Sealing

ATA, (All Things Asphalt) \$1.33 per pound \$13,300

MPH Enterprises \$1.32 per pound \$13,200

Kayle Luberts, ATA, was present, explained the size of his routing. Routing depends on the size of the cracks. Does not include alligator areas, or cracks that are within a foot of each other.

Motion to have ATA crack seal our roads for 2014 was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried unanimously.

Seal Coat

Motion to table a decision to the July meeting was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Dust Suppressant

The Notice for Dust Suppressant was in the May 21 issue of the paper. We received one request from a resident who lives on St. Anna Drive, that road will be graveled and covered with dust suppressant this year at the township expense.

Road Update-Supervisor Rosen

St. Anna Drive

-received numerous complaints on the road not being graded and has washboard areas, stated it is very dangerous to drive. Complainant is very frustrated that Albany Township will do nothing to improve the road. He has been advised that road repair is scheduled for this summer.

- Andy Kostreba (property owner on St. Anna Drive) is concerned during construction we would be on his property. All landowners on the affected area of St. Anna Drive will need to sign an easement giving the township permission to be in the right of way during construction.

-with the extensive rain again has washouts.

360 Street resident questioned why the road was built at built at 24 feet across. He was advised our ordinance

states it should be at 24 feet

235 Avenue,/360 Street May 8 complaint of washout. Dave Gerads placed signs and repaired the next day.

360 Street, east of Don Krebs mail box up to hill has frost boils.

350 Street, where culvert was replaced, dip in tar. Estimates will be obtained from Tri-City and ATA to fill the dip in 350 Street.

249 Avenue / south of County Road 174, there is a washout, needs to have gravel added.

325 St, washout, this road is being repaired.

330 Street, East of County road 41, culvert needs to be cleaned or replaced.

Motion to have culvert replaced on east side of 330 St, made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Orchard Road, culvert needs to be cleaned out

Motion to have culvert cleaned out was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

330 St. /Fifth Lake Road, sign is leaning. Motion to have sign straightened was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

235 Avenue washout, needs a load of gravel

Motion to have a load of gravel placed on 235 Avenue was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

360 Street (Roering road)-needs a culvert-will check this on next years road tour.

Right of Way cutting-Supervisor Lehnen

Schmitz Mowing Service \$60 per hour.

He would be interested in starting the cutting on June 12.

A motion to have Schmitz Mowing Service, cut our Right-of-ways was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Spraying Contract -Supervisor Lehnen

We received a quote from Holmgren and Centra Sota for spraying our ditches. Centra Sota's bid was incomplete.

A motion to have Homgren do the spraying for one more year was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

We will ask to have the spraying done the week of June 23.

Bob Dunning will be doing the weed tour with Supervisor Lehnen.

Planning Commission

Monthly Report- Supervisor Lehnen-No monthly meeting

Building Permits issued-Jerry Forster

Jeff Arceneau, 25196 Co Rd 174, Albany MN, Permit for accessory building

Pine Lake -concern of building being too close to lot lines and poor construction. Because this is in shoreland,

the County was contacted, and will be inspecting the building.

The next meeting will be held on June 10—agenda items are an administrative split for Ron and Joanne Tamm, 33052 County Road 41, Albany MN

Old Business—None

New Business

Summer Short Course

The MAT Summer Short Course for the St. Cloud area will be held on June 16. A motion to approve payment of members attending was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried. Attending will be Supervisor Rosen, Supervisor Nierenhausen (attending the Board of Review), and Clerk Noll.

Request for LGA to be used for electronics

At the Annual Meeting it was approved for the Clerk to purchase a new computer/printer/copier. Clerk Noll requested the Local Government Aid we receive be used for this purpose. This would allow us to track where the money is spent.

A motion to use the LGA for electronics was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen , seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Ingress/Egress on 355 Street -City of Albany information

The City of Albany contacted us with information on a business expansion on 365 Street, East of the Wobegon Trail. This section has been annexed into the city and we have no jurisdiction over the road.

Officer Reports

Info on Webinar—**Teach Your Gravel Roads a Lesson* June 12 2 P.M.**

Upcoming Events

June 10—Planning Commission Meeting

June 12—Free Wedinar on Roads

June 16—Summer Short Course

June 23—Monthly Meeting

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved minutes signed.

Mary Rosen

Township Chair

06/23/2014

Date