

Albany Township–Monthly Meeting–July 28, 2014

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The agenda; Supervisor Rosen requested we remove 8d. Dust Suppressant–This was completed last month. A motion to accept the agenda as amended was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

Minutes The minutes from June 23, 2014 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as reviewed was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for July was reviewed; Investments–\$305,655.41; Checkbook balance–\$316,441.22 ; Deposits–\$220,439.67 .Claims–\$26,294.91; Payroll–\$2,286.30. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

Approve Claims

Payroll Claims 8377–8384 \$2,286.30

Claims

8385	ATA	\$13,300.00	8386	Gerads Const.	\$470.00
8387	Forster Exc.	\$150.00	8388	Pat Schmitz	\$1,509.00
8389	Holmgren Spraying	\$2823.60	8390	Kotzer	\$3,986.25
8391	Lakes Tech.	\$150.00	8392	M/R Signs	\$562.96
8393	Sunnybrook	\$1,700.00	8394	ITT	\$85.00
8395	Albany Phone	\$31.35	8396	Rosen, Mary	\$303.52
8397	Nierenhausen, Tim	\$39.76	8398	Noll, Diane	\$138.86
21409	PERA	\$227.02	21410	IRS	817.59

Total Claims \$26,294.91

Total Payroll and Claims \$28,581.21

A motion to approve the claims was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Guests

a. Steve and Mary Watry–360 Street Culvert–

Supervisor Rosen spoke with Jeff Miller from the county he stated we could put in the larger culvert, which is in conflict with information from the County Engineer.

Information from Jodi Teich, County Engineer – there is concerned about us enlarging the culvert. This will affect land owners down the line, at this time the county can not approve the project. We will need to contact the engineer that did the original plan, to know how much water was going through the area.

Last year the ditch running through Pioneer Park was replaced with a 30 inch culvert. This culvert is running to the smaller culvert under 360 Street, which is causing some of the back up.

Duffy Engineering did the engineering on the Pioneer Park development, unknown if there was an engineer involved when Pioneer Park put in their 30 inch culvert.

Gregg Bechtold, County Environmental Services, stated it would be acceptable to place two larger culverts above the existing 30 inch culvert.

Because we are getting conflicting information, a motion to table the discussion until more information is available was made by Supervisor Lehnen, Seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

b. Matt Abraharam–Township Property.

Ron Koopmeiners and Matt Abraham

Mr Abraham is interested in purchasing the property owned by the township located on Sand Lake Road Property # 01.00325.0500

Ordinance Administrator Jerry Forster, gave the following report.

A survey will be done by Omally or Kron. It is planned to have this completed next week, the cost is estimated at \$975.00. Because the neighbor has part of his garage on this parcel, it can not be sold until the deed is corrected. They will survey out 10 feet from the side of the garage and 30 feet from the back of Abraham's garage. The remainder will be put up for sale. Jerry will be present when the surveying is being done.

Mr. Koopmeiners does not feel this expense is necessary and would like to be present when the surveyor is working. He has also requested the town board be present. In 1980 when this was built, the township board gave permission to the property owner to place is garage on the township property.

A motion to allow board members to be present when the survey is being done was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Jerry Forster will contact interested parties when the survey is occurring.

Open Forum

207 Avenue–Janet Raedtke

Ms Raedtke was present to receive more information on 207 Avenue

Information has been received from the county stating we were given this road on July 10, 1961. Because there is no documentation stating that we have abandoned the road, legally it is still ours. The township will need to decide if the want to proceed and rebuilt the road to minimum specs, to have it as a Minimum maintenance Road, or to abandon.

A motion to table more discussion until the August meeting made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen. Motion carried.

Chris Kotzer–St. Anna Drive

Additional culverts will need to add to Lee Komis Driveway.

Andrew Kostreba, will not sign an easement to go into his field 60 feet. Only to the bottom of the ditch. The project can be done with out going into his field. This will make a steeper grade and could be dangerous. We may at some time need to re do this hill for safety reasons. We would need to have an engineer involved at that time.

Thompson's have been contacted and will sign the easement.

Excel Energy will be lowering one pole five feet,

Albany Phone Company will need to lower the fiber-optic.

We are unable to reach the Dobmeier Farms–Supervisor Lehenen will investigate contact information

Road Report

a. Road Report Update–Supervisor Rosen

350 Street–the area where the culvert was replaced last year has sunk and will need a layer of asphalt over the dip.

360 Street has rough/soft spots, contact was made with Sunnybrook to grade it. Grading has been done and it is still rough.

Sand Hill Circle–Oak Township, Supervisor Bob Timp called and stated they would like to tar Sandhill Circle, a section of Sandhill Circle is on the township line. They are requesting our involvement on our section of road.

A motion to continue this meeting to tour Sandhill Circle with Oak Township board was made by Supervisor Lehenn, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Supervisor Rosen will contact Bob Timp about the time.

Contact was made with Forster Excavating about the rotary tiller that worked up the road to repair the soft spots. He is not interested in doing it at this time.

Signs for 253 Ave/234 Street that are missing still need to be ordered.

Motion to order street signs for 253 Ave and 234 Street was made by Supervisor Lehenen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

330 Street by Ron Tamm,–where new culvert was placed there needs to be a load of gravel. A motion was made by Supervisor Lehenen to have Supervisor Rosen contact Kotzer Excavating to place a load of gravel on 330 Street where needed, seconded by Supervisor Rosen motion carried.

All other roads are in good condition.

b. Seal Coating

Two bids were received for Seal Coating 238 Avenue, 253 Avenue and 335 Street.

Astech: \$19,500

ATA- \$16,731.00

230 Avenue is also in need of Seal Coating, we did not include this in the estimates.

For 2014, \$12,000 was budgeted for Crack Sealing and Seal Coating. At this time we have spent \$13,300 for Crack Sealing.

Kayle Luberts from All Things Asphalt was present and stated they could do the seal coat of 230 Avenue and the patching on 350 Street. The patching on 350 Street could be done for \$1,750.00 and he estimated the cost to seal coat 230 Avenue would be less than \$5,000.

A motion to have ATA do the spray patching on 350 Street for \$1,750 and to send us an estimate for the seal coating of 230 Avenue was made by Supervisor Lehenen and seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Contracts will be sent to ATA for the jobs.

Crack Sealing

Work on Crack Sealing was completed on June 24. A report on all roads done will be sent to us .

Weed Spraying/Cutting

a. Update-Supervisor Lehen

Matt Schmitz will do our second cutting the first/ second week in September.

Duane Holmgren started spraying June 24.

Supervisor Rosen, contacted Holmgren to complete the jobs, because Northwind Road, Northridge Circle and 207 Avenue were not sprayed in the initial spraying.

July 9 Holmgren contacted Supervisor Rosen stating all roads were completed.

Supervisor Lehenen did a road tour and there were many spots that it looks like were missed by the spraying.

Letters were sent to the following residents.

John Stueve 34737 County Road 10, letter for Canadian Thistles

Michael/Jennifer Garding 32455 239 Avenue-letter for Canadian Thistles

Ronald/JoAnne Tamm, 33052 County Road 41, noxious weeds on property – Bob Dunning contacted owner and he will be placed on the habitual offender list.

Christine Traeger, 20136 St. Anna Drive-Bob Dunning has sent certified letter, they have attempted to remove the weeds. On the habitual offender list.

Wade Schemmelphing, 23820 325 Street, will be contacted about weeds in his pasture.

County Road Tour, Supervisor Rosen

Wild parsnip was located on 350 Street/ 249 Ave/ 330 Street west of 41/ 248 Avenue .Bob Dunning used money from a grant to spray the weed.

Leafy Spurge on 255 Avenue on East side sprayed with grant also.

Norbert Bloch, 19947330 St-thistles in pasture-He has since cut them.

CJK Partnership, 21745 340 Street-thistles in/around gravel pit-Contact has been made.

238 Avenue west side-canadian thistle not a big issue at this time.

Michael Garding, 32455 239 Avenue-weeds were cut down

Planning Commission

Monthly Report-Supervisor Lehen

No meeting in July

Building permits issued by Jerry Forster

Paul Zierden 22337 CR 156 signed off on feed lot expansion

Custom Waste 21930 360 St. -approved enlarging culvert

Harvey/John Beutz 21972 360 St.-approved enlarging culvert

Roger & Donna Lutgen 32193 Fifth Lake Rd. signed off on county permit for new house

Pete & MaryAnn Klemmer 22852 CR154 addition of breezeway and garage

Shannon Bertram 32989 249 Ave. approach permit/sign off on county permit for new house and accy. bldg.

Richard & Mary Rosen 25426 375 St. laundry rm. & bathroom addition

Derrick Dirkes 23877 350 St. Signed off on county permit for new house

LeRoy Klaphake 330 St. relocate field approach

Don & Kim Schleppenbach 23250 320 St. signed off on county permit for new house

Old Business

325 Street – received easements from all landowners except for Ralph Blenker. He will not sign.

Dave Gerads will start in August. Forster has requested we wait until the crops are harvested to not damage the crops.

380 Street–drainage construction. Permit has been requested for the culvert they are replacing. Project is being done by the county. Stearns County Soil and water. They were advised to contact Krain Township about this project. Still waiting for further information and permit .

Quaker Road–Linear Cracks not very visible, there are no concerns at this time.

New Business

a. Road closure permit for Pioneer Club

Pioneer Days will be September 11–14. They will need to have 219 Avenue closed for the pedestrian traffic that is in the area. A motion to approve the resolution for the Pioneer Club Road Closure permit was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Supervisor Rosen will do the road check on September 11 and 15.

b. No Permits required letter for Stearns County

Stearns County is requesting a letter from Albany Township stating we do not require permits for large gatherings. A motion to approve a letter be sent to the County stating Albany Township has no requirement for permits for large gatherings was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

c. Liquor License for Lions Club of Albany

Clerk Noll received the Liquor License from the Lions Club of Albany to allow them to sell Liquor at the Albany Pioneer Grounds from September 12–14, 2014. Because we do not give the license, it needed a Township signature. It has been signed and returned.

Officer Reports

Clerk Noll–Correspondence

Solar Farm–received information on the permit for the Solar farm on the Krebs farm.

August 19 District 5 meeting in Willmar

A motion approving members to attend the District 5 meeting was made by Supervisor Lehnen seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Stearns County Public Hearing on Ordinance number 501– storage centers for recycling centers.

Gary Grossinger Stearns County Assessor-retiring
Minnesota pipeline information.
Courie & Ruppe Legal Seminar information.

Adjournment

A motion to recess this meeting to tour Sandhill Circle with Oak Township was made by Supervisor Lehnen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved minutes signed: _____ *Mary Rosen* _____ 08/25/2014
Township Chair Date