

Albany Township–Monthly Meeting–August 25, 2014

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Rosen on August 25 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, and Ordinance Administrator Jerry Forster.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Minutes The minutes from July 28, 2014 and August 7, 2014 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes from July 28 was made by Supervisor Rosen and seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes from August 7 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for August was reviewed; Investments–\$305,778.59; Checkbook balance–\$290,250.00 ; Deposits–\$1,668.45. Claims–\$6,512.36; Payroll–\$1,407.14. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

The six month Certificate of deposit will mature on September 27. A motion to roll over the certificate for an additional six months was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Approve Claims

Payroll Claims 8399–8402 \$1,407.14

8403 Forster Excavating	\$195.00	8404 Albany Phone	\$31.46
8405 O'Mally/Kron	\$975.00	8406 Arceneau, Sheela	\$171.50
8407 Budde, Doris	\$157.50	8408 Goretsch, Mary Ann	\$195.00
8409 Andersen, Georgine	\$150.00	8410 Fischer, Judy	\$166.80
8411 Berckes, Elizabeth	\$197.92	8412 Sunnybrooke	\$3,782.50
8413 Noll, Diane	\$341.00	21411 PERA	\$148.68

Total Claims \$6,512.36

Total Payroll and Claims –\$7,919.50

A motion to approve claims 8399–8413 and electronic transfer of 21411 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Guests

Steve and Mary Watry–culvert under 360 Street

Contact has been made with Jodi Teich, County Engineer, she is stating we need to do a study prior to doing the enlargement of the culvert. The County will not be enlarging their culvert which runs under County Road 10 A motion to approve a study to be done, for under \$2,000 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Contact will be made with Jodi Teich, County Engineer, Greg Bechtold, County Environmental Services and Linus Meyer, Stearns County Soil and Water.

Christopher Abraham, township property

Jerry Forster, reported the survey has been completed, our next step will be issuing a Certificate of Compliance. This will be on the Planning Commissions Agenda for September.

Mr Abraham owns the property west of this lot, he would be interested in purchasing. He is also requesting we change the zoning from "Exempt" to "Residential".

In the minutes from 1961, it was stated prior to selling we need to place the question before the residents at the Annual Meeting. Clerk Noll will contact MAT attorneys with this question.

Open Forum—none

Road Report Supervisor Rosen

350 Street—dip in road where the culvert was placed last year. Work has been done on it, but it is still not level. Rosen will call and have him complete the job

249 Avenue, - needs grading

225 Street - need grading—Contact was made with Sunny brook— Dan Stommes, he will be grading this week.

Northwind Road - stop sign is missing.

Rushmeyer Lake Road - Stop sign is missing—street sign is down, needs to be repaired.

St. Anna Drive - no stop ahead sign, none needed.

330 Street East of County Road 41, by culvert, still needs to have gravel added.

A motion to have Kotzer Excavating complete the job on 330 Street was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Meadowview Drive—gravel washing down into residents lawn.

Chair Rosen toured Meadowview Drive after the last rain and noted the gravel run off in the residents lawns. Should we consider having this road tarred? This is about .3 of a mile, and we could bid it in the spring with the County bids. Borings were done on this road in June of 2012., by ITT.

Motion to have Meadowview Drive tarred next spring, made by Supervisor Rosen, Seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried. Supervisor Nierenhausen, abstained from voting.

253 Avenue needs to be patched, this will be included in the bid on Sand Hill Circle. A motion to approve bidding the repair on 253 Avenue with the work being done on Sand Hill Circle by Oak Township was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

219 Avenue needs to have some holes patched. A motion to approve bidding the repair on 219 Avenue with the work being done on Meadowview Drive was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Dust Suppressant—for the past two years, the chemical placed on our roads does not seem to be doing the job.

In touring other township's the suppressant can be identified, our roads there is no difference. We should consider researching a new vendor for 2015.

Seal Coat - waiting for a bid from ATA on the 230 Avenue, a motion to table to the September meeting was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Weed Spraying-Completed for 2014, no report

Planning Commission-No meeting in August

Permits issued

Shannon Bertram, 32989 249 Avenue, 911 Sign

Roger/Donna Lutgen, 32193 Fifth Lake Road, 911 Sign

Richard and Mary Rosen, 25426 375 Avenue-Feed lot expansion

Douglas Pelka, 20958 St Anna Drive, Machine Shed

911 signs -We may be in need of a new contractor to place our signs. Contact will be made with Kotzer Excavating to see if he would be interested in the job.

Because of Jr Forsters dedication to the township, a motion was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen to honor him with a plaque for his many years of service, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

This will be presented at the Annual Meeting in March.

Old Business

325 Street-constuction/ownership

Ralph Blenker says it is all on Foresters property and he will not sign the easement.

Ray Forster says he would be happy with just building up two feet . Request we do not damage the crops.

Delay construction until spring.

Have Dave Gerads re-bid the project and just have it built up 2 feet. 4 to One slope and seed in it.

207 Avenue - for us to rebuild this road would be a large expense for the township. We should consider abandoning the road. Further research is needed.

A motion to table until we have more information was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen.

380 Street - work being done by county, still waiting for the permit for the approach.

Sandhill Circle-Oak Township - Borings will be done on Sand Hill circle information was forwarded to board members

St. Anna Drive, Kotzer excavating is working on the road, he has had contact with the residents and was getting the easements. At this time we do not have easements from Dobmeier or Kostreba.

New Business

Agreement with the County to continue as our Assessor

A motion to approve the contract with the county was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Lehnen, motion carried.

Officer Reports–None

Upcoming Events

September 9–Planning Commission

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:48.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved minutes signed.

Mary Rosen

Township Chair

09/22/2014

Date