

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-October 27, 2014

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Rosen on October 27, 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.

AGENDA; Request to move 325 Street and 360 Street from Old Business to Road Reports, A motion to accept the agenda as amended was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES -The minutes from September 22, 2014 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes from September 22, 2014 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen and seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT- The Treasurer's report for October was reviewed; Investments-\$306,110.44; Checkbook balance-\$207,058.09; Deposits-\$2,076.94. Claims-\$9,287.43; Payroll-\$1,615.90

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried, unanimously.

A motion to renew the 9 month certificate at Central Minnesota Credit Union was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Payroll Claims 8426-8432 \$1,615.90

CLAIMS

8433 Albany Phone	\$31.45	8434 Comm. Tech. Cent.	\$1,492.65
8435 Jerry Forster	\$39.79	8436 Holmgren Spraying	\$3,239.60-Not Approved
8437 ITT	\$85.00	8438 MAT	\$165.00
8439 Rosanne Lehnen	\$43.38	8440 MN Comp Syst.	\$30.83
8441 Stearns Auditor	\$101.00	8442 Mary Rosen	\$216.44
8443 Sunny Brook	\$2,890.00	8444 Diane Noll	\$26.88
21413 PERA	\$140.16	21414 IRS	\$785.25

Total Claims \$6047.83

Total Payroll and Claims \$7663.73

A motion to approve claims 8426 to 8444 and electronic transfers 21413-21414, omitting 8436 Holmgren was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.

Supervisor Lehnen did not hear from Holmgren when/if he did or did not spray. Contact will be made with Holmgren to the dates when he completed the spraying.

GUESTS-NONE

OPEN FORUM

Steve Watry, 35716 219 Ave, Albany MN asked if we have heard from the Engineer about doing a water study on the ditch running from North Lake road to 360 Street.

Supervisor Rosen-has not heard from the Engineer about doing the job. We are continuing to work on this.

Janet Radeke, 36202 207 Ave, Albany MN-Because the neighboring farmers are using the remaining 207 Avenue, Ms Radeke is requesting we post the road as closed until we make the decision to abandon the road. Ms Radeke was advised to post her property with no trespassing signs. The Township will not post the road until we speak to our attorney. Posting the road may state that we are responsible for it.

ROAD REPORT-Update by Supervisor Rosen

325 Street- Ralph Blenker, 125 Fairway Dr, Albany, the owner of the property south of 325 Street has not signed an easement, to approve the original plans. The drian tile from Mr. Blenker's field is in the Township right-of-way. Supervisor Rosen, Dave Gerads and Ray Forster (25065 325 St, Albany) met at the road on Sat. October 25 to decide on changes. It was decided to build up the road but not encroach on the south side ditch. Because of the changes on 325 Street, a second bid has been received from Dave Gerads. Supervisor Nierenhausen will contact Mr. Blenker to advise him of the work to be done. He will contact Mr. Gerads prior to construction beginning. The new bid was for \$16,700.00 which is \$10,000 less than the original bid. A motion to approve the bid was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehenen, motion carried.

St Anna Drive- Construction on St. Anna Drive has been completed. Complaints have been received about the quality of the work. There are uneven, unstable, soft spots in the construction area. The right-of-ways have rocks in them.

Lee Komis, 49503 St Anna Drive was presents and is not satisfied with the construction. The ditches are washing away, there was very little black dirt put down in the ditches, the seed that was planted has more weeds than grass. The Komis's are willing to work with the contractors when they are out there, to have it done correctly. Pictures of the work done were reviewed. Komis's thought the area would be restored to original condition. This is not what the easement stated, but it did state that there would be six (6) inches of black dirt and grass seed placed in the right-of-ways. It was also noted that two new approaches were placed and were not approved by the board.

Kotzer Excavating will be contacted and area reviewed.

249 Avenue -work has not been started; this will be rebuilt when we do 325 Street.

Rushmeyer Lake Road-The stop sign, stop ahead sign and street signs were received and replaced by Kotzer Excavating.

334 Street/253 Avenue—signs have been received and will be replaced.

239 Avenue/ 25 Street —street signs are needed

225 Avenue,—stop ahead sign is leaning, needs to be straightened.

St. Anna Drive—Left curve sign/Right curve signs have been painted with black paint.

Supervisor Nierenhausen, stated Sheriff department should be contacted.

St. Anna Drive—hole above the culvert on west end/south side of the road. Have Kotzer check on it.

330 Street —west end Stop sign and curve sign need to be straightened.— new post should be put in.

Orchard Road— curve sign needs to be replaced, re post

230 Ave/360 Street Stop sign needs new post

230 Avenue— Stop Ahead sign needs to be replaced

All gravel roads need to be graded – have washboards

WEED SPRAYING/CUTTING—Update by Supervisor Lehnen

a. Weed Report—We have received the invoice from Holmgren, but there was no contact saying when he sprayed, what he sprayed or when he completed. Contact will need to be made with him prior to paying the latest invoice.

Because of the resignation of Supervisor Lehnen, Supervisor Nierenhausen will contact Holmgren.

b. Yearly Weed Spraying Report—

The 2014 Weed Report needs to be completed and sent to the county. This year the spraying expense was \$6,063.20 and mowing expense was \$3,010.00. Report was signed and will be sent to County.

Planning Commission

a. Monthly Report—Supervisor Lehnen

All information from meeting is following:

b. Certificate of Compliance for Hanauska

Robert Hanauska, 21576 Quaker Road was present, requesting the approval of a Certificate of Compliance. This was reviewed at the Planning Commission meeting and they recommended approval, with the needed easement to allow the second lot to have access.

A motion to approve the Hanauska Certificate of Compliance with the needed easement was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried unanimously.

c. Building Permits Issued

Jeff Schemmel, 23602 325 Street, Albany, MN permit for storage bin

d. Selling of Township Property Expenses

The expenses for allowing us to sell the Township Property is at \$1,744.75, this does not include the attorney's fee. It was discussed to wait until all expenses are in before deciding what we will charge for the

property. Supervisor Nierenhausen moved to rescind his motion from last month to sell the property to Abarham for \$500, seconded by Supervisor Rosen., motion carried.

Old Business

- a. *325 Street*- discussed under Road Reports
- b. *Sandhill Circle*-Oak Township-no updates have been received from Oak Township
- c. *255 Avenue* – the work needing to be done was in Oak Township, they are enlarging the approach for the Bus turn around.
- d. *Meadowview Drive*-Clerk Noll is working on a grant for this project.

New Business

a Supervisor Lehnen Resignation

Supervisor Lehnen has presented a letter of resignation. The resignation was accepted by the Board. A supervisor will need to be appointed to fill the position. Supervisor Rosen will contact Dean Berckes to see if he is interested in completing the term.

Officer Reports

Clerk Noll attended the Fifth Monday meeting and gave a report.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 29-Testing of Election Equipment
- October 30-Stearns County Meeting in Freeport
A motion for members to attend meeting the Stearns County Supervisors Meeing in Freeport was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Lehnen, motion carried.
- November 4-General Election
- November 20-22 Annual Meeting-Duluth
- November 24-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 9:30

Respectully Submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Board Chair: _____ *Mary Rosen* _____ Date: _____ November 24, 2014 _____