

Albany Township–Monthly Meeting–December 22, 2014

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Rosen on December 22, 2014, 7:35 P.M. at the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors, Mary Rosen, Tim Nierenhausen and Dean Berckes were present; Also present, Diane Noll, Clerk.

THE PLEDGE of allegiance was recited.

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 the November 24, 2014 meeting 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 December was reviewed – Investments–\$306,357.61 Checkbook Balance \$311,073.06 Deposits \$122,378.17; Claims \$9,839.29; Payroll \$1,237.61. The December Treasurer's report was approved with a motion made by Supervisor Nierenhausen seconded by Supervisor Berckes, motion carried.

Motion to roll over to a nine month certificate made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Berckes, motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Payroll 8466–8470 Total Payroll \$1,237.61

Claims

8471 Albany Phone	31.47	8472 Bloch, Gary	\$35.25
8473 Herdering, Inc	\$1,700	8474 Kotzer Exc.	\$2,707.75
8475 Noll, Diane	\$468.38	8476 M/R Signs	\$26.42
8477 SunnyBrook	\$4,700	51416 PERA	\$170.02

Total Claims \$9,839.29

Total Claims and Payroll \$11,076.90

A motion to approve claims 8466 to 8477 plus electronic transfer of 21416 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Berckes, motion carried, unanimously.

GUESTS

Barthel Administrative Split

Michael Barthel was present to discuss the Administrative split which is under 9.Planning Commission. It was requested this agenda item be moved up.

Michael Barthel is requesting a split of Property 01.0026.0000, which has a total of 69.14 acres. The split would have Tract A with the buildings and 29.20 Acres. Tract B would have the remaining 39.99 acres which

are mostly farm land. Michael is interested in purchasing Tract A from his father, Charles Barthel. Both parties understand that the split would not allow another building credit. There is an easement through Tract A to gain access to Tract B.

Motion to approve the Administrative Split was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Berckes, motion carried

Two Rivers Information

Guests present–Ben Ruley, GIS Conservationist, Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District
Tom Schnieder, John Greer and Tom Kasner–City of Albany

Information was presented to the board on the needs for Two Rivers and Two Rivers Lake. At this time they are looking for partnership and funding with the Township and City. Will keep us informed on further projects.

No action was taken by the board.

OPEN FORUM–NOTHING

ROAD REPORT

Road Update–Supervisor Rosen

The following roads have been reported as icy:

St. Anna Drive; Intersection of St. Anna Drive and 205 Avenue; Intersection of 239 Avenue and 330 Street;
253 Avenue and 334 Street;

Roads have been icy, but with all the rain, the ice is melted off the roads.

Sunnybrook (Leo Gerads) will check these areas tomorrow

Sunnybrook–Leo Gerads, reported the following:

Jeff Schwinghammer called requesting SandLake Road be sanded–the road was very icy, he was hauling crops and was afraid they would slip into the ditch.

St. Anna Drive–there are still issues on this road, Kotzer will be responsible for the repairs in the spring.

249/ Avenue/325 Street no construction was done on this road in 2014. Will continue to work on it in 2015

350 Street– Cal from ATA contacted Mary to go out and repair the road. No further work has been done on it.

The “DIP” signs are ordered on received, we are waiting for Kotzer Excavating to place the signs.

249 Avenue – on December 15 received a call from Shannon Bertram, stating the bus was unable to make it up the hill, Kotzer Excavating was called to place crushed cement on the hill.

207 Avenue–we received an additional request to post the abandoned piece of 207 Avenue. Our attorney has advised us to not post. It is abandoned and belongs to the property owners.

State Road Grant

Clerk Noll submitted a grant for the pavement of Meadowview Drive. Stearns County Engineer Jodi Teich stated Meadowview Drive would be a difficult grant to obtain, but there is a chance we could get grant assistance for 251 Avenue. Both grants were submitted to the County Board and we have received Resolutions of support.

To complete the State Grant, cost estimates will be needed from an engineer and letters of support from members of the community.

Supervisor Nierenhausen will contact Shane Nelson from Hakanson/Anderson to be our engineer.

It was requested to have letters of support emailed to Clerk Noll by December 29, 2014.

Planning Commission

Monthly report-

Barthel Administrative split-under **Guests**

Zoning Administrator Forster will be out of the state December 29 to February 7, he will be available by email.

Building Permits

Jeff Schwinghammer-32998 County Road 41, Albany MN-Replace work shop

Selling of Township Property

The final deed is not completed. Jerry Forster is working with the attorney on the deed. There have been interested parties in purchasing the lot.

OLD BUSINESS

Renewal of Contract with Account

Contact was made with Schlenner Wenner & Co. They stated an RFP is not necessary and we could continue having their firm do our audit. We have received a three year contract that would need our approval.

Motion to approve the three year contract with Schlenner Wenner was made by Supervisor Berckes, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

OFFICERS REPORTS

Clerk Noll has received emails from the County concerning the permitting of the Solar Farm. All information will be forwarded to the Board members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 30-January 15-Filing for Township Supervisor

January 13-Planning Commission-no meeting scheduled

January 26-Monthly meeting-Annual Audit

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 9.30 P.M.

Holiday treats were provided by Board members.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes signed: *Mary Rosen* Date: January 26, 2015
Township Board Chair