

Albany Township–Monthly Meeting–February 23, 2015

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Rosen on February 23, 2015, 7:30 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 Molly Thompson not attending moving Kotzer to guests A motion to accept the agenda as amended was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen , seconded by Supervisor Rosen , motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES The minutes from the January 26, 2015 and February 3, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as reviewed was made by Supervisor Berckes, seconded by Supervisor Rosen , motion carried, unanimously. Made by Nierenhausen, seconded by Berckes carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's Report for February was reviewed – Investments–\$306,633.57; Checkbook Balance \$313,790.18 Deposits \$342.57 Claims \$3,755.40; Payroll \$765.77. The February Treasurer's report was approved with a motion made by Supervisor Nierenhausen seconded by Supervisor Berckes, motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Payroll 8495–8498 (Void check number 8496) \$765.77

Claims

8499	Albany Phone	\$31.44	8500	Couri & Ruppe	\$382.50
8501	Herdin, Inc	\$850.00	8502	Sunny Brook Ent.	\$2,177.50
8503	Envir. Services	\$200.00	21503	PERA	\$113.96

Total Claims \$3,755.40

Total Claims and Payroll \$4,521.17

A motion to approve claims 8495 to 8502 plus electronic transfers of 21503 was made by Supervisor Berckes , seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried, unanimously.

GUESTS

Chris and Johnny Kotzer owners of CJK Partnership were in attendance requesting to open a gravel pit at 34026 207 Avenue (parcel number 01.00257.001). ITT has drilled the area and have found gravel suitable for mining. The permit for the pit will need to be done through the county, but they are requesting a letter of recommendation from the township.

A motion to send the county a letter of approval/support, with an agreement on use of the township road was made by Supervisor Berckes, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried.

CJK is planning to start reclaiming the pit on SandLake road, they will continue to use this sight to crush concrete.

OPEN FORUM

Brian Schneider, 21502 322 Street–is requesting the township clear out the right–of–way on Sand lake road. There is a downed tree in the right of way and it is a hazard. He hit a deer in the area, because could not see the deer sooner.

ROAD REPORT

Road Report–Supervisor Rosen

Salt/sanded on on February 20 all roads

219 Avenue is still very slippery, could use more salt/sand

322 did not receive any salt/sand

Northwind Circle was not salted

Supervisor Nierenhause inquired about our signs, have they all been returned from Forster? At this time, all signs are at Chair Rosen's residence.

GRAVEL BIDS FOR 2015

A motion to gravel the southeast quarter of the township from county road 10 to the east end of the township was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Berckes, motion carried

A notice for 5000 yards will be placed in the paper.

REVIEW OF ANNUAL ROAD

The 2014 Annual Road report was presented and will be given at the Annual Meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Monthly report –Supervisor Nierenhausen

Kurt Schneider has purchased parcel 01.00229.001, which consists of 42.59 acres. This property is zoned as A40. He is requesting to have the property rezoned to build more houses on the property. He is questioning what the Township would allow. He was advised to go to county and see what their ideas are, and then come back to us.

Building Permits

Michael and Judy Gondringer–20185 Quaker Road–Permit for an approach

Sale of Township Property

Total expenses at this time are \$1636.25

Requested we add this item to the agenda at the Annual Meeting to keep our residents informed of the sale of this property.

Public hearing for Loren Pelzer, 35508 County Rd 10, Albany MN

Mr Pelzer is requesting to rezone parcel # 01.00347.0000 from A/40 to R/1. He is requesting to split off 2 of the three acres to build a house. The second parcel will need an easement to gain access. This request requires a public hearing. The hearing is scheduled for March 17 at 7:30 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

Review and approval of 2016 budget

Motion to recommend the General Fund of \$55,450 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Berckes, motion carried.

Motion to recommend the Road and Bridge Fund of \$274,000 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Motion to recommend the Fire Fund of \$50,550 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Berckes, motion carried.

Total levy for 2016 is \$380,000 which is a \$15,000 increase over 2015. This will be recommended at the Annual Meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

Supervisor Rosen-spoke with Mark Evenson, Stearns County Corrections Division. His request is to have public service workers to jobs in the township. They could clean ditches, hang signs, etc. Payment is \$100 per day for the supervisor and each worker is \$10 per day. The supervisors had numerous questions about the liability and working with power tools. It is requested Mr. Evenson attend the March meeting.

Supervisor Nierenhausen-Fire Department Report was given

Clerk Noll-Aurora Solar Hearing Paynesville -A report was given on the hearing.

Spring Short Course will be on March 24-

A motion to approval members attend the Annual Short Course was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried. Three are planning on attending

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10-Election/Annual Meeting

March 17-Planning Commission-Open hearing on Pelzer re-zoning

March 23-Regular Meeting

March 24-Spring Short Course

April 6-Board of Appeal

April 8-Noxious Weed Training

March-Organizational Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to recess this meeting to the Annual Meeting on March 10 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Berckes motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E Noll

Clerk/Treasurer

Approved minutes signed.

Township Board Chair

March 23, 2015

Date

