

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-July 27, 2015

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on July, 27, 2015, 7:30 P.M. at the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors Tim Nierenhausen, Mary Rosen, and Loren Pelzer were present; also present, Diane Noll, Clerk.

THE PLEDGE of allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVAL A motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES-The minutes from the June 22, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes from June 22, was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report for July was reviewed: Investments-\$307,380.36; Checkbook Balance-\$461,210.32; Receipts-\$209,747.12; Claims-\$113,074.07; Payroll-\$2,039.44. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously. Received check today from the state which will be deposited for August. We also received a check from Community Technology Center, for the refund of the computer/printer that was returned. It was not for the correct amount and we are waiting for the correct check.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Check numbers 8574 to 8577 will be voided, because of a printer problem.

Payroll for July are check numbers 8578 to 8585, Claims are 8586 to 8602 with electronic transfers of 21509 and 21510.

PAYROLL 8578-8585 Total \$2,039.44

CLAIMS

8586 Albany Fleet Supply	\$77.98	8587 Albany Phone Co	\$32.02
8588 ATA All Things Asphalt	\$14,000.00	8589 Central MN Dust Cont.	\$27,548.15
8590 Couri & Rupp	\$350.00	8591 Herdering	\$405.24
8592 Kotzer Exc.	\$54,939.35	8593 MN Computer Systems	\$1,469.99
8594 Noll, Diane	\$404.39	8595 Pelzer, Loren	\$133.95
8596 Schmitz, Pat	\$1,494.00	8597 Star Publication	\$62.10
8598 Stearns Auditor	\$6,572.50	8599 SunnyBrook	\$3,910.00
8600 Stearns Recorder	\$94.00	8601 David Gerads Const.	\$152.50
8602 Stearns Auditor	\$170.16	21509 IRS	\$1,032.80
21510 PERA	\$224.94		

A motion to approve payment of payroll and claims and electronic transfers was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

GUESTS-NONE

OPEN FORUM

Chris Kotzer-Had some concerns about items being said in the community.

This is another reminder to be on guard when talking to residents. Advise them if they want to know something they should attend our meetings.

ROAD REPORT

a. Road Update-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Northridge Circle/322 Street-In reviewing the road, it was decided to re-gravel the road and not to use the crushed granite. Gravel was done along with dust control.

Orchard Road-Kotzer Excavating replaced culvert

255 Avenue -(Oak Township Road) Herdering did work on the dead end piece. The area was still blocked and more work needed to be done.

251 Avenue-borings have been completed.

July 6-Dennis Christen, 33231 249 Ave, requested dust control. Check was received today, dust control will be placed on road

July 9-Meadowviw Drive-Harddrives inspected the road for paving.

July 15-325 Street-Met with owners (Ralph Blenker) He was advised the tile/drain is in the Township Right-of-way. The Road will be repaired.

Supervisor Pelzer asked if there is a map of the tile plan? Will the MAT attorney help us with this, or will we need to contact our attorney. Have an attorney tour the area with the supervisors, advise Mr. Blenker of the tour. Clerk Noll will contact the MAT office for more information.

July 16 - 219 Ave/330 St/350 St – toured these roads with Tri-City to inspect repairs that need to be completed. The following two bids have been received:

Tri City-\$29,680.00

The Asphalt Company, Inc-\$11,397.00 -additional \$2,000 for removal of asphalt for a total of \$13,397.00.

A motion to have a contract with The Asphalt Company to repair the needed streets was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried.

Contracts will be done for The Asphalt Company and Kotzer.

251 Avenue was bored by ITT, No map was attached to the borings. Contact will be made with ITT to obtain the boring sights. To continue the work, an engineer will need to be contacted, County Environmental Services and the Army Corp of Engineering.

A motion to contact Shane Nelson, Hakanson Anderson Engineering was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

July 13-ATA started the crack sealing, job completed on July 15. Repair was done on the damage done last winter. Raods that were sealed 360thStreet, 207th Ave, Sandlake Road, Northwind Road, 253 Ave, 350 Street, Fifth Lake Road, Quaker Road, Half of 330 Street.

July 20-245 Avenue -Dave Gerads replaced culvert.

July 27-249 Avenue- Repair on north end started, new culvert will be needed.

360 Street/230 Ave- Large hole in road, someone put load of gravel in hole.

239 Avenue- large hole in road needs to be repaired. Hole is on the Farming section of the road, they will be contacted to repair the road.

207 Avenue-Owners have placed bales in at the end of the road. This is their property and they have the right to place them.

August 17-28 360 Street will be worked on

Discussion was had on how we record work done on roads. We need to have documentation on dates and areas of repair or rebuilds done to roads. Kotzer has a GPS program that can do the marking. He will check on the possibility

of doing this work.

b. 330 Street Asphalt repair

July 10- 330 Street-Asphalt is breaking up will need to be repaired. Received call from the Sheriff's department to have it marked. Will be repaired by The Asphalt Company.

c. 350 Street -Culvert Repair

No work has been done

d. 219 Avenue-Asphalt Repair

Will be repaired by The Asphalt Company.

e. Sandlake Road-asphalt repair

No further work has been done.

f. Meadowview Drive-pavement

Road will need to have a lift, easements need to be signed, prior to work being done.

Supervisor Rosen reported that all signs were transported to Sunnybrook, a list of signs to be replaced will be given to them.

SIGNS NEEDED

373 Street on 251 Avenue, will need to have the 911 sign straightened

Orchard Road and County Road 41 curve sign is now missing

207 Avenue-place dead end sign

Fifth Lake Road/330 Street Stop sign has paint on it.

Northwind Road/FifthLake Road – stop sign is missing

SPRAYING RIGHT OF WAY

Update of Spraying-Supervisor Pelzer

Spoke with Holmgren and St. Martin co-op for estimates;-St. Martin has declined the request.

Holmgren would run about \$2,500 will also spray for small trees that would cost us about \$4-5,000

He is available the week of August 10-14.

A motion to enter into a contract with Holmgran to do the weed spraying and include pesticide for the small trees, was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried unanimously.

Noxious weeds update-Supervisor Pelzer

Received a call from Christine Traeger, this was referred to the County Weed Inspector.

Made Contact with Ron Tamm- He promised weeds would be cut this week.

Had calls from other residents-did follow up on them.

Brush needs to be removed from Right of way on 238 Avenue and Northridge Circle contact will be made with Kotzer excavating.

A second cutting of Right-of-ways will be done again this fall.

PLANNING COMMISSION

a. Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen

Mr. Paul Eisenschenk, 14724 325 Street, St. Joseph MN was in attendance requesting a split of the Schwinghamer farm and an expansion to Trestle Ridge. There may be a purchaser for the Schwinghammer property a split is no longer being requested. He was, however, requesting to transfer a building credit to the Schneider property. At this time our ordinance does not allow TDR's.

The board advised Mr. Eisenschenk that at this time our Zoning Ordinance does not allow cluster developments and he is unable to expand the Trestle Ridge development.

Dale Overman-Recycling Center was approved with the following recommendations:

Location-is good.

Request a privacy fence be installed around the entire perimeter

Assure all run off from the property will be addressed

Designate parking or have a circle drive to not impede traffic on County Road 10

All recommendations were forwarded to the County.

b. Building permits issued

Viking Co-William Koenig, 20008 330 Street, Albany MN Permit to build a lean to on existing building

Jeff Schwinghammer-32998 County Road 41, Albany MN -feed lot expansion (signed off by Supervisor Nierenhausen)

John Peternell, 22610 360 Street, request for 911 sign

John Peternell, 2610 360 Street, House permit (signed off by Supervisor Nierenhausen)

c. Sale of Township property

Letter was sent to Tim and Mary Sauerer with a spread sheet of expenses incurred by the Township. As of today we have received no response.

d. Administrative Split-Sharon Seiler, 17203 County Road 54, Avon MN 56310

Parcel number: 01.00294.0000-40 acres,

Notes from the Planning Commission:The Planning Commission did a sight visit to this parcel prior to meeting. It was noted were the stakes for the parcel were located. The current approach is on parcel 01.00287.0000 which is owned by Joe and Janet Christen. The approach will need to be moved for resident to have access to parcel. When a permit request is made for a new approach, Jerry Forster will meet with owners to decide on location and leveling. Joe Christen, 33001 County Road 10 was in attendance and was questioning if a residence is placed on the east end of the property will it affect expanding his farming operation? He also questioned our setbacks.

At our last meeting it was stated we have a 1000 foot feedlot setback. According to our ordinance, we abide with the County setback and that is set at 700 feet. If a house is at the east end of this property and we increase the set back to 1000 feet, it would limit his ability to expand in the future.

A motion to recommend to the Township Board approval of the 40 acre split with the following recommendations:

The house will need to abide with the 700 foot feed lot setback

The approach will need to be built to not cause more drainage issues on 249 Avenue, with an adequate culvert, and will not impose on the neighbors field.

This will be a 20 acre split off of the 40 with only one building credit. Tract A will include the building credit, Tract B will be deed restricted and no building will be allowed.

Motion to approve the Administrative Split was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

e. Rezoning of properties

A Public Hearing was held on July 21 with residents in attendance. Information was given on which parcels will be changed from Commercial to either A/40, R1, or R5.

A motion to approve the rezoning recommendations was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

The Public Hearing at the County will be held on August 20. All information will be forwarded.

OLD BUSINESS

a. CJK Haul Road contract

207 Avenue was drilled by ITT. We are still waiting for an engineer to check the road for the contract.

b. Road Platting

A motion to table the road platting was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried.

c. Sandhill Circle

Oak Township reports the paving of Sandhill Circle has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Lions liquor license for Pioneer Days

The Albany Lions are requesting approval of a liquor license for Pioneer Days. The permit needs to be approved by the Township and given to the County.

A motion to approve the requested license by the Lions was made by Supervisor Pelzer seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

b Gambling license

Clerk Noll signed off on the Gambling Application Permit for the Stearns County Pioneer Days.

OFFICER REPORTS

Supervisor Pelzer attended the Fire Board on meeting on July 16.

- rates went up 2.9% workman's comp because of injury on the job
- Fire Department received a FEMA grant for \$64,000
- ISO rating is now down to a 7; Fire insurance rates should be reduced because of this rating
- buying another pumper for \$219,000 , they have \$120,000 in city account and fire dept gambling etc will put in \$100,000.

Clerk Noll-reported when approving an administrative split for Sharon Seiler we allowed a building credit transfer. She requested to transfer a building credit from Oak Township to Albany Township; we mistakenly approved the transfer. Our Zoning Ordinance does not allow TDR's between townships. It was suggested we send a letter to the County of our error.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:54

Respectfully submitted,
Diane E Noll

Diane Noll
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes signed: _____ *Tim Nierenhausen* _____ Date: August 24, 2015