

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-August 24, 2015

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on August 24, 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 Chair Nierenhasen requested we move guests to beginning of agenda and do the minutes and Treasurer's reports after the guests are completed. A motion to accept the agenda as updated was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

GUESTS

Tom Schnieder/John Harlander-City of Albany/Ben Ruley-Stearns County SWCD

Ben Ruley presented the problems with run off to North Lake from the farm land. There are no buffers from the farm land. In May of 2014 with the extensive rain, there were issues with drainage from North Lake. Albany is researching how to avoid these issues in the future and improve the water quality in North Lake.

The estimated cost for the project is \$200,000. This would include engineering fees and construction of holding ponds, but it is uncertain what the entire project will include.

Stearns County SWCD has applied for a federal grant; the decision to receive the grant will be made in December or January. If they receive the grant, they will have three years to complete the project.

At this time the City of Albany is budgeting \$60,000 on the project. The City is requesting Albany Township assist with paying for the project. We would have three years to raise the money for the project.

Concerns:

~Landowners have not been contacted.

~On December 22, 2014, Mr, Ruley presented to the Township on the work that needed to be done on the South Branch of Two Rivers, will this need to be funded in the future?

~ Will this improve the drainage going north through Pioneer Park?

Township will discuss the issue and advise the City of if we are interested in assisting with the project.

Bob Roelike/Pete Welle-Oak Township

The Road Maintenance Contract with Oak Township concerning 255 Avenue needs to be reviewed. At this time both parties are satisfied with the procedure. Clerk Noll will draw up the new contract with the new dates. The new contract will expire in July 2018.

Discussion was held on work needing to be done on an approach on the north end of 255 Avenue.

The work will be completed by Kotzer Excavating and he will bill both townships.

Sand Hill Circle-pavement is completed and we will be billed for our portion.

Brennan Shay-Pioneer Club

A resolution to close 219 Avenue for the duration of Pioneer Days September 16 to the 20 was presented. Supervisor Nierenhausen will need to inspect the closing on Wednesday, September 16. The fee will be \$60.00.

A motion to approve the Resolution to close 119 Avenue for the duration of Pioneer Days was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

Per request of Hank Schreifels at Environmental Services, a letter stating the Township does not require Large Gathering Permits will be completed and sent to the county.

Sharon Seiler/Ben Christen

Sharon Seiler, 17203 County Road 54, Avon MN 56310, was present concerning the Township Planning and Zoning Ordinance not allowed the Transfer of Development Rights. At the April 14, 2015, Planning Commission meeting, Ms Seiler requested to have a building credit transferred from an Oak Township lot to a lot in Albany Township. The PC stated she should leave the credit on the Oak Township lot. At the Board meeting on April 27, Ms Seiler again requested to transfer the credit. In error the Township Board approved the transfer. When Ms Seiler requested to have the completed paperwork signed, PC Chair Noll, could not sign, because it would have been against our ordinance.

Zoning Administrator Jerry Forster was present and explained our ordinance on TDR's. At this time our Township does not allow to have TDR's.

The Township Board requested the Planning Commission review the ordinance on TDR's.

OPEN FORUM-None

MINUTES-The minutes from the July 27, 2015 meeting were reviewed, with the following corrections: Under Road Report, Northridge Circle, crushed cement would be used; Dust Control was done only on 322 Street. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected, was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report for August was reviewed: Investments-\$307,504.36; Checkbook Balance-\$348,56.463; Receipts-\$2,559.16; Claims-\$33,650.98; Payroll-\$2,557.07. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

Nine month Certificate at Central Minnesota Credit Union will renew on August 25, 2015 @ .75%
\$53,632.25

Nine month Certificate at Central Minnesota Credit Union will renew on September 29, 2015 @ .75%
\$53,503.29

Six Month Certificate at Stearns Bank will renew on September 27, 2015 @ .40% \$55,018.69

A motion to roll over all certificates was made by Supervisor Rosen, Seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Payroll for July are check numbers 8603 to 8610, Claims are 8611 to 8617 with electronic transfers of

21511.

PAYROLL 8603-8610 Total \$2,557.07.

CLAIMS

8611	Albany Phone	\$32.12	8612	Cent. MN Dust Cont.	\$1,150.50
8613	Dave Gerads	\$24,270.40	8614	ITT	\$2,060.00
8615	Star Publications	\$131.10	8616	Mn Computer Syst.	\$74.56
8617	Sunny Brook	\$5,690.00	21511	PERA	\$242.30

Total Claims \$33,650.98

Total Payroll and Claims \$36,208.05

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

ROAD REPORT

Road Update-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Supervisor Nierenhausen toured the roads today and they are in good shape.

360 Street construction was started on August 20. Both Fire Chief Gary Winkels and KASM were notified about the road closure.

Contractor will be rebuilding the road to a 24 foot road. It will then be shouldered and seeded. Seed and mulch were not included in the initial contract. A Change Order will be done.

251 Avenue, Supervisor Nierenhausen, met with Shane Nelson, Engineer-Hakanson Anderson to inspect the proposed construction. He has noted there is a gas line under the road; telephone poles will need to be moved; swamp will need to be worked around. Mr Nelson will attend the September meeting to give us a report.

Meadowview Drive-nothing further on pavement. Township will need a contract prior to paving commencing.

Fifth Lake Road/Northwind Road-still missing Stop sign.

365 Street-resident, Doug Kerfeld, is requesting we clean out a culvert on 365 Street and move it to the east. At this time the 365 Street project is on hold. Because the culvert is near a wet land, Environmental Services would need to be contacted prior to any changes being made.

325 Street- letter has been received from attorney to send to Ralph Blenker. Construction on the road will be held until 2016.

Sand Lake Road-Dip in road by Farming Township line will need to be repaired.

219 Ave, 330 Street, 350 Street- The Asphalt Company will work on these roads to repair the broken pavement in the upcoming weeks.

RIGHT-OF-WAYS

Right-of-way Update-Supervisor Pelzer

Spraying will be done this week

Cutting -will be done in the next two weeks

PLANNING COMMISSION

Because of the School Referendum election, the Planning Commission meeting on August 11 was not held.

The Township Board is requesting to have Environmental Services send a representative to the September Planning Commission meeting to discuss TDR's and Cluster Developemnt. The Township

board will also attend. Jerry Forster will contact the county to set up the representative.
Building permits-none issued this month

Information

Shannon Bertram-has done some road work on the approach.

OLD BUSINESS

CJK Haul Road, 207 Avenue-Shane Nelson will be inspecting the road and bring a report next month.

Road Platting

A motion to table this to the winter months was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by supervisor Pelzer, carried.

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

OFFICER REPORTS

Supervisor Nierenhausen and Clerk Noll, represented the Township at the County Planning Commission Meeting held on August 20. They approved our request to re-zone the township properties with the exception of parcel number 01.00351.0100, owner Dale Austin. This parcel will remain as commercial.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11-Planning Commission
September 28-Monthly Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to recess this meeting to the September 8 Planning Commission meeting was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes signed: _____*Tim Nierenhausen*_____ Date: September 28, 2015
Chair Signature