

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-October 26, 2015

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on October 26, 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 Pelzer seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

MINUTES-The minutes from the September 28, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes, was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer , motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report for September was reviewed: Investments-\$307,865.81; Checkbook Balance-\$187,506.08; Receipts-\$359.50; Claims-\$91,033.89; Payroll-\$1,573.20. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Payroll for September 8629-8635 Total \$1,573.20

Claims 8636-8644 with electronic transfers of 21513 and 21514

8636-Hardrives	\$70,065.75	8637 Schmitz, Pat	\$1,616.00
8638 Kotzer Excavating	\$13,093.30	8639 Forster, Jerry	\$54.94
8640 Pelzer, Loren	\$10.35	8641 Noll, Diane	\$19.55
8642 Rosen, Mary	\$14.66	8643 SunnyBrook Ent	\$5,227.50
21513 PERA	\$130.15	21514 IRS	

Recommend to not pay Hardrives, Per Supervisor Nierenhausen until the job is completed.

A motion to approve claims omitting Hardrives was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

GUESTS

a. Fred Schlangen, 34496 255 Avenue

Mr Schlangen, is requesting to enlarge the culvert under his driveway. Sauk River Watershed has advised him if he enlarges his culvert, then the Township would need to enlarge the culvert under 255 Avenue. Schlangen's culvert is 4 feet, the culvert under 255 Avenue is a 5 foot culvert. Schlangen is having flooding problems north of his driveway. If he enlarges his culvert, and we maintain ours, he will have flooding on his southern acreage. Schlangen states he has permission from Jeff/Sheila Arceneau to enlarge his culvert. The Arceneau's have property south of Schlangen and could be affected by the larger culvert.

Before the Township can make any decision, contact will need to be made with Oak Township and Sauk River Watershed.

A motion to contact Oak Township and Sauk River Watershed was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Lee Komis, 19503 St Anna Drive, Avon MN 56310

Road ditch on St. Anna Drive needs to have the rocks cleaned out and grass planted. Job was not done to the specifications that he was initially told.

A motion to have Loren Pelzer remove the debris and place black dirt and seed the area was made by Supervisor Nierenhusen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

ROAD REPORT

a. Road update-Supervisor Nierenhausen

360 Street-Transition spot from Krebs driveway, there is a soft spot. Kotzer Excavating will check this tomorrow

350 Street-Complaint of rough road from the bus driver. This was graded yesterday and is in better shape today

Many signs need to be straightened on the North West section of the township. This list will be given to Sunnybrook.

238 Avenue- Brush cleaning-Kotzer Excavating notified

360 St/230 Avenue- one inch saplings will need to be removed – Kotzer Excavating notified.

280 Street chevrons on east end need to be added-will be added to Sunnybrook list.

b. Meadowview Drive

Hardrives was to blend the driveways from the asphalt to the cement. At this time, it has not been done. They are not answering the questions, or doing the jobs that need to be done. We will hold the check until the work is completed.

Jason and JoAnn Hendrickson, 34215 Meadowview Dr. were present stating they are not satisfied with the job done on Meadowview Drive, they have an 8 inch drop from the asphalt to the driveway.

Because of the drop, there has been damage to their vehicles. They are requesting we place crushed gravel/concrete in the driveway for this fall and then next spring put in the concrete. Supervisor Nierenhausen is stating the work we do will be deducted from Hardrives payment.

c. County Road Mileage Report

The County Road report was received from Stearns County Highway Department. It is correct and Chair Nierenhuasen signed the report.

WEED CONTROL REPORT

Weed update-Supervisor Pelzer

The County Weed Report was completed and signed, will be forwarded to the Stearns County Highway Department.

PLANNING COMMISSION

a. Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen

The Planning Commission is working on TDR's and how we can include them in our ordinance. Some of the ideas that were discussed are as follows:

1. Transfer of Building Credits between contiguous acreage
2. Building Credits to property owner only
3. Township has the right to deny a transfer of building credit
4. Place the building credits on the least productive acreage.

5. Find a method of evaluating what is the best farm land-using LESA and a sight visit
6. Options will be decided on a case by case basis.
7. We will need to set up guide lines as to why credits can be transferred or not be transferred.
8. We are not interested in doing cluster developments in our township
9. If it is nonbuildable 40 acreage it can not be transferred.
10. The Land has to be in continuous ownership by same owner for 10 years before they have the right to transfer credits.

More work will be done at the December meeting.

b. Building permits issued

Randy Tamm, 23201 330 Street- Accessory building

Bruce Hinnenkamp 36784 251 Avenue- Accessory Building

Ben Christen- TBD 249 Avenue- Upgrade approach for residential use.

OLD BUSINESS

CJK Haul Road Contract

We have not received the needed data from the Engineer for the contract.

A motion to table the contract was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, Motion carried.

City of Albany Two Rivers Funding

A motion to table to November meeting was made by Supervisor Pelzer seconded by Supervisor Rosen motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

OFFICER REPORTS

Clerk Noll reports the check received from Community Technology Center for the refund on the computer equipment was returned because of Stop Payment. Supervisor Pelzer has received an additional check which he suggests we cash immediately.

Information has been received from Sauk River Watershed District about our assessment, will have further information at November meeting.

Chair Nierenhausen-Received a letter from Attorney Ruppe to send to Ralph Blenker concerning his use of the Right-of-ways. Letter was reviewed.

A motion to approve sending the letter was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 29-County Meeting

November 17-Planning Commission-only if public hearing

November 19,20,21 Annual Meeting ArrowWood, Alexandria

November 23-Monthly Meeting

A motion to allow board members to attend the Annual Meeting in Alexandria was made by Supervisor Rosen, Seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Rosen, Seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E Noll
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes signed: _____ November 23, 2015
Township Board Chair Date