

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-November 23, 2015

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on November 23, 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 was made by Supervisor Rosen seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

MINUTES-The minutes from the October 26, 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-\$307,990.01; Checkbook Balance-\$174,699.82; Receipts-\$9,617.88; Claims \$8,875.28; Payroll-\$1,280.98. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.
Outstanding checks-Tim Nierenhausen, 01/02/2014 #8285; Ryan Pratt 06/23/2014 #8383. Clerk is requesting these be cashed before the next meeting.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Payroll for October Check numbers 8645-8651 Total \$1,280.98

Claims

8652 Albany Phone	\$32.09	8653 Hakanson Anderson	\$1,987.00
8654 Loren's Tree Servic	\$1,060.00	8655 M&R Sign	\$876.29
8656 MN Assn Twp	\$165.00	8657 MN Computer	\$90.00
8658 SunnyBrook	\$4,430.00	8659 Stearns Auditor	\$104.00
21515 PERA	\$130.90		

Total Claims \$8,875.28

Total Payroll and Claims \$10,156.26

A motion to approve claims 8645-8659 and Electronic Transfer 21515 was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

GUESTS

Ralph Blenker Family concerns 325 Street

Present at meeting: Ralph Blenker, Pam Loehr, Bev and Tom Lieser, Cory and Jim Blenker

Mr. Blenker received a letter from Attorney Ruppe, stating he is farming in the township right-of-way. The Blenker family is in attendance disputing this fact. Mr. Blenker has been farming this property for more than 30 years and there has never been an issue, this is a cart way, not a township road.

Chair Nierenhausen has approached Mr. Blenker about him farming in the right-of-way and he has refused to sign the easement allowing the Township to repair the road and bring the right-of-way back to standards.

The Blenker family is requesting the following:

- Have the property surveyed to show where the road should be.
- Place the approach on the west end of the road nearest to the neighbor's driveway.
- clarify the easement stating the right-of-way is to be 33 feet from center.

Township statement:

- This has been a township road and maintained by the township for more than 7 years, which, by law, makes it a township road.
 - Mr. Blenker or his renters are not to be driving off the field onto the road through the right-of-way, they are to use the approach.
 - Township has requested to place the approach on the east end of the road near the cemetery.
- No further action was taken at this meeting.

OPEN FORUM-None

ROAD REPORT

a. Supervisor Nierenhausen-

Because of the rain prior to freezing, our roads have many potholes. All roads are in fair to poor condition.

365 Street-washed out; grading has helped.

239 Avenue/320 Street wash out

330 St/Fifth Lake Road 15 tires in ditch will need to be removed

320 Street by Scott Hamann, culvert under driveway is getting plugged will need to watch in the spring

370 Street/251 Avenue signs are missing have been ordered.

350 Street/ 248 Avenue, signs missing

235 Ave/360 Street signs missing

380 St/Upland Road-raise the stop sign.

245 Ave/ Tires have been removed.

b. Meadowview Drive

All the easements and the contract have not been returned. Hendrickson is not happy with the outcome of the paving. He would like to have the cement taken out . But then he wants the cement replaced. No further action will be taken until spring. Harddrives offered the pavement, Hendrickson was not interested.

All other driveways have been feathered in.

Table to next month until all have the opportunity to tour the driveway

c. St. Anna Drive

Work in the right-of-way was completed by Pelzer, at this time it has been repaired, will check in the spring.

d. Oak Township billing / contract

Received the invoice for Sand Hill Circle, our portion of the cost is \$13,785.89, this will be paid on the December claims.

e. Sign inventory

At both the County and State meeting they advised townships to have a complete road sign inventory.

Leo Gerads and Clerk Noll will do the inventory.

PLANNING COMMISSION

- a. Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen
No Meeting
- b. Building Permits – Jerry Forster signed off on two County permits:
Ron Bromenschenkel-County permit for spec house on Trestle Ridge
Recycling Center-County permit for addition to shed.

OLD BUSINESS

CJK Haul Road – Report has not been received from the engineer to complete the contract. A motion to table was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

City of Albany-North Lake/Two Rivers Funding- A motion to table until we have further information was made by Supervisor Rosen, Seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried.

255 Avenue Culvert -At this time Sauk River has not given permission for this culvert to be enlarged. A motion to send a letter to Fred Schlangen, 34496 255 Avenue, advising him that no further action will be taken was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Sauk River Assessment -further information was received and reviewed. The County will bill us for the amounts.

NEW BUSINESS- NONE

OFFICER REPORTS

Clerk Noll gave a report on the Stearns County Officers meeting and the Annual State Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 8-PC Meeting

December 28-Monthly meeting

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 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes signed: Tim Nierenhausen _____ Date: December 28, 2015