

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-January 25, 2016

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on January 25, 2016, 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 December 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 January was reviewed: Investments-\$308,141.33; Checkbook Balance-\$195,436.57; Receipts-\$0.00; Claims \$9,506.30; Payroll-\$1,182.41. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen , motion carried, unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Payroll for November- Check numbers 8673-8679 Total \$1182.41

Claims:

8680 Albany Phone	\$32.25	8681 Couri/Ruppe	\$87.50
8682 Herdering	\$2,380.00	8683 Noll, Diane	\$230.88
8684 Rosen, Mary	\$36.22	8685 Star Publication	\$75.90
8686 Strns Townships	\$1,081.68	8687 Strns Auditor	\$125.00
8688 Sunnybrook	\$4,600.00	21601 PERA	\$136.10
21602 IRS	\$720.77		

A motion to approve claims 8673-8688 and electronic transfers of 21601 and 21602 was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

GUESTS

Mark Koehn-County Appraiser-

Mr. Koen gave a summary report of building and assessment in our Township. He will be doing the random 20% of appraising in the upcoming weeks.

There has been minimal new construction in the township.

We have one new house and three cattle/storage sheds. There are some permits that were approved, but construction has not started.

There have been some calls on the Krebs farm in regards to starting the solar farm.

Jeff Johnson has been transferred to do our commercial property.

Land values: farm land down 3-4%, the state is forecasting that they will go up in the next coming years, but at this time, Ag land market is flat. It also foretasted that residential properties may increase 2-3%. Overall tax rate is 1.2% in Albany Township, which is a very average tax rate. Mark will have complete report at the equalization meeting.

Mark Rodenwald and Taylor and Ashley Carbert, 32329 Fifth Lake Road, Avon MN 56310

The Carbert's are requesting an Administrative Split of their property.

01.00330.0008, Section 35, Township 125, Range 031

Owned by Taylor and Ashley Carbert, 32329 Fifth Lake Road, Avon MN 56310

The total parcel is 54.58 acres. This acreage has one building credit.

Carbert's are proposing to split off Tract A 11.2(+/-), this area has the existing buildings including a residence. This Tract will include an easement for the driveway to the new Tract.

Tract B will be the remaining 42.9 (+/-) Acres and will be a non build-able parcel.

The Planning Commission has recommended we approve this Administrative Split.

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

OPEN FORUM-NONE

ROAD REPORT-

a. Road Update-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Because of the recent snow fall, no road tour was completed.

380 Street-complaint of hill being icy and unable to navigate, hill was sanded.

It was questioned when we maintain 380 Street-Each year on April 1, the Townships switch maintenance duties. Albany will resume in odd years. 2016 is Krain Township's responsibility.

b. Meadowview Drive

5% of payment was held until job is completed in spring.

c. 325 Street

Clerk Noll received correspondence from Blenkers questioning if we were advancing on the survey of the road.

Supervisor Nierenhausen has contacted three different surveyors and we are waiting for quotes on the project.

d. Gravel bids for 2016

2016 section to be graveled is the south west quarter. A motion to place notice in paper for 5,000 yards of gravel was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously. We will plan to open at the March meeting.

Plan to discuss Crack Sealing at the February meeting.

Discussion was had on having Kotzer Excavating GPS our roads that have had current construction. They will provide us with a quote.

PLANNING COMMISSION

a. Monthly report-Mary Rosen

Jennifer Buckentine, Environmental Services was present to answer any questions we had on cluster developments and TDR's. This was a very informational meeting. The PC is continuing to move forward with updating our Ordinance. The Supervisors will plan to attend the next PC meeting on February 9.

Discussion was held on moving our permitting to the County, abolishing the PC and returning to a 5 man Township Board. Research will be done and info returned to the board.

b Building permits-none

c. Administrative Split-Carbet's

See above

OLD BUSINESS

a. CJK Haul Road

Waiting for language to complete contract

NEW BUSINESS

a. Absentee Ballot Board Resolution

A resolution appointing members to an Absentee Ballot Board for the Township election being held in March to process all absentee ballots was presented to the supervisors.

Georgine Andersen, Mary Ann Groetsch, and Sheela Arceneau have agreed to be members of this board. A motion to approve the Absentee Ballot Board Resolution was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

b. Election Judges

A motion to approve Gerogine Anderson, Mary Ann Groetsch and Sheela Arceneau as the election judges for the March 8, 2016 Annual Election, was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, Motion carried, unanimously.

c. Internal Audit

The Board examined the financial records of the Albany Township for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and found them to be in good order. This examination was performed by the Township Board. Based upon examination, we consider the financial statements for this period to be an accurate summary of the transactions conducted during that period.

Motion to approve the internal audit was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried unanimously.

d. 2017 Budget Meeting

Supervisors have set February 15 6:00 p.m. for the Budget Meeting.

e. Resolution from County Township Association

The Town Officers Association of Stearns County is requesting our support of a resolution that is requesting Stearns County re-consider their five (5) year road plan to turn roads back to township's. A motion to endorse the resolution was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried unanimously.

