

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-May 23, 2016

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on May 23, 2016, 7:30 P.M. At the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors Tim Nierenhausen, Loren Pelzer, and Mary Rosen, 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 April 25-Monthly 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 May was reviewed: Investments-\$308,861.80; Checkbook Balance-\$161,758.67; Receipts-\$453.90; Claims \$13,728.73 Payroll-\$2,492.19. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Payroll 8741-8747 Total \$2,492.12

8748	Albany Phone	\$32.23	8751	Kotzer Exc.	\$2,618.25
8749	Sunny Brook Ent	\$7,144.50	8752	Albany Area Comm. Ed.	\$380.00
8750	Kotzer Exc.	\$3,298.25	201607	PERA	\$255.50

Claims 8748-8752 and 201607 total \$13,728.73 Total Claims and Payroll, \$16,220.85

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

APPROVAL OF CORRESPONDENCE

Monthly correspondence was presented to the board.

A motion to dispose of the junk mail was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS

a. Sharon Seiler-Administrative Split-(Ms Seiler was not present)

01.00293.0010, Section 30, Township 125, Range 031; A 60.99 Acre Parcel

01.00368.0008, and 25.15305.0034 (not to be sold separately)Section 30, Township 125, Range 031;

A 1.7 Acre Parcel

Owned by Sharon Seiler Trust, 17203 County Road 54, Albany MN 56310

Ms Seiler is requesting to add a 2.8 acre parcel taken from 01.00293.0010 to parcels 01.00368.0008, and 25.15305.0034 to make it a total of a 4.5 acre parcel. There will be a 33 foot easement along the

southern edge of the parcel for the ability to access other properties. The Township Planning Commission has recommended approval.

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

b. Jason Sypchala-Variance Request

A request for variance submitted by Jason Sypchala-21417 Pioneer View Road, Albany MN from sections 7.26 B. of the Stearns County Land Use & Zoning Ordinance #439 to build a pool with out a fence and use a Pool Cover. Said Ordinance requires a six (6) foot fence with lock.

The proposed cover will be locked at the residence and a code will be needed for access. The pool cover is able to hold 2,000 pounds and will stay over the pool unless adults are present.

Planning Commission recommends approval of the request.

A motion to approve the variance for a pool cover instead of a fence, was made by Supervisor Pelzer seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

c. Brian Geise-Variance Request

A request for variance submitted by Brian Geise, 23523 330 Street, Albany MN 56307 from sections 6;6.01;H-6.02;C of the Albany Township Town Road Construction Standards Ordinance number 2009-01 to build an additional approach on a two acre plot and to have it within 75 feet of two additional approaches.

Recommendation from the Planning Commission is to remove existing driveway and create a new approach giving him access to the house/garage and the new shed.

To build the new storage shed, Geise will need to swap land with Ryan Pratt to give him the needed set backs on the west side of his property. At this time there is a power pole in front of the house which makes removing the existing driveway difficult.

Supervisor Pelzer-requested to have the power pole moved and create the one approach.

Brian Geise-is trying to use what he has to the best of his ability, and is not interested in moving the power pole.

Supervisor Nierenhausen-would it work to have Pratt share the field approach?

Brian Geise, this would be at an angle making it impossible to drive in his semi.

A motion to approve the variance to allow the additional approach was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, vote Nierenhausen-yes, Rosen-Yes, Pelzer -No, Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM -None

ROAD REPORT

a. Road Report-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Roads are in good condition

251 Street-work on the culvert has been completed. The 16 inch culvert was enlarged to an 18 inch, it was placed at an angle to accommodate the drainage ditches. The west end will need some packing, but work looks good.

St. Anna Drive-the Township received a call stating there was a hole through a culvert. This needed immediate attention, Kotzer excavating was called and work was completed.

375 Street-culvert needs to be replaced-both culverts will be checked.

360 Street/248 Ave culvert on curve is buried will need to be located and ends cleaned

A motion to have the culvert on the corner of 360 Street & 248 Avenue, and 375 Street be checked and replaced if necessary was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried unanimously.

22610 360 Street-the approach to this parcel has a culvert on the west end that will need repair. It is sticking out and could be a hazard/liability to the township, it will need to be cut off. The east end of the approach has been widened and a plastic culvert was used. Owner is requesting the township replace the culvert. This was not put in by the Township and will not be replaced by the Township. A motion to have the west end of the culvert cut and to leave the remaining culvert as is was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

245 Avenue just north of 360 St-the west end of the culvert has been smashed down and will need to be straightened.

Supervisor Nierenhausen will contact Kotzer on the repair of the culverts on 360 Street/248 Avenue, 375 Street, 245 Avenue and the approach at 22610 360 Street.

230 Avenue near water plant and 360 Street, have holes in the asphalt. Sand Lake Road, near the farming line has a dip by the culvert. Supervisor Nierenhausen will contact ATA to have the work done.

Supervisor Nierenhausen has been in contact with ATA. They have a new product for overlayment, they will meet with Supervisor Nierenhausen to demonstrate.

911 sign has been placed at 23505 360 Street, Aurora Land Holdings.

CJK has been working on a report of where fabric has been laid on our roads. A report will be brought to the board.

b. Meadowview Drive-Pavement

No further information, will continue to work with residents for a resolution.

c. 325 Street-Survey

The survey for this road is scheduled for Thursday, May 26 at 9 A.M. Blenker and Forster will be notified.

d. Dust Suppressant

Suppressant will be applied at a full rate (.3%) on the south west quarter where the roads have been newly. Suppressant will be applied to the south east quarter at a reduced rate (.2%) where the roads were graveled in 2015. Contract and map will be completed prior to application starting.

e. Road Grading Billing

The Township is requesting Sunnybrook give more complete grading reports. The time sheets provided by the Township is to be completed by the person doing the grading.

f. Removal of Brush on Northridge Circle/ 322 Street

Letters were sent to all residents to advise them of the removal of Brush/Trees in the right-of-ways. At this time we have had no response. They have until June 20 to respond.

g. Right of Way cutting

Supervisor Pelzer has heard from Math Schmitz, cutting will occur the week of June 6.

h. Road Graveling

Kotzer Excavating reports that graveling the roads will begin this week

i. St. Anna Drive

The area where crushed cement was placed is creating dust and will need about 10 loads of gravel to cover.

A motion to have Kotzer Excavating place 10 loads of gravel on St. Anna Drive was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

j. Orchard Road

The culvert under Orchard Road is again washing out. Kotzer will redo the culvert at no expense to the Township.

k. Weed report

Supervisor Pelzer will start the road tours with the weed inspector this month. We will only be needing to spray once per year.

PLANNING COMMISSION

a. Monthly report-Supervisor Rosen

For the two variances it was necessary to have a public hearing. The meeting was posted/published and held on May 19.

Work is continuing on updating the TDR for our ordinance.

b. Building Permits

Aurora Solar, 23505 360 Street-request for approach with culvert

County Issued; Brian Simon 37377 Cty Road 10-one bedroom addition, in shore land

c. Administrative Splits/Varinces-See above

OLD BUSINESS

a. CJK Haul Road Contract

Supervisor Nierenhausen has had contact with an Engineering firm and will have the information for the June Meeting.

b. Review of Right-of-way Ordinance

c. Paving Ordinance

A motion to table the work on these ordinances to the June meeting was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Our existing fireproof file cabinet is full and a new one is needed.

A motion to approve Clerk Noll purchasing a new fireproof file cabinet was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS

Clerk Noll gave a report on the spring County Officers meeting

Supervisor Pelzer-received complaint of 330 street being used as a haul road by Scepaniak, He spoke with the contractor and requested they no longer use it.

360 Street-the city was contacted and they were advised to not use 360 Street as a haul road.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 20-St. Cloud Short Course

A motion to approve members attending the Summer Short Course was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried.

Clerk Noll will register all members to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes: _____ *Tim Nierenhausen* _____ Date: June 27, 2016

Township Board Chair