

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-November 28, 2016

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on November 28, 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 was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

MINUTES-The minutes from the October 24,2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as presented, was made by Supervisor Rosen , seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report for November was reviewed: Investments-\$309,719.89 Checkbook Balance-\$170,911.97; Receipts-\$7,956.88; Claims \$7,469.26 Payroll-\$2,539.74 A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Pelzer seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Payroll 8834-8841 Total \$2,539.74

8842	Anderson, Georgine	\$270.00	8843	Arceneau, Sheela	\$392.34
8844	Berckes, Elizabeth	\$352.50	8845	Budde, Doris	\$307.50
8846	Fischer, Judy	\$255.00	8847	Groetsch, Mary Ann	\$442.50
8848	Mareck, Larry	\$17.50	8849	Noll, Diane	\$562.50
8850	Albany Phone Co	\$32.73	8851	Couri Ruppe	\$45.00
8852	M R Sign	\$25.17	8853	Stearns County Auditor	\$104.00
8854	Star Publication	\$71.10	8855	Sunny Brook	\$4,010.50
8856	Tim Nierenhausen	169.56	201615	PERA	\$271.36

Claims 8834-8856, and Electronic transfer 201615 total \$7,469.26

Total Claims and Payroll, \$ 10,009.00

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. Letter was received from Angie Berg in reference to Public Hearing to enact Ordinance Number 546 to be held on Tuesday, November 29. Informational letter was received from Jennifer Buckentine notifying us about the decision of the

County Board on the Skalicky/Scepaniak Gravel pit.

A motion that members were advised of the mail we received and to dispose of the junk mail was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS

Jerry Forster, Zoning Administrator, was in attendance to request the following:

Josh and Kate Bartkwoicz, 35693 219 Avenue, Albany MN 01.00368.0194

The Bartkowicz's have requested a permit for an approach/driveway into their property on 219 avenue. This approach is in conflict with our Road Ordinance 2009.01; Section 6; Subpart 6.02; Paragraph B. Access onto township roads shall have a minimum separation distance of 125 feet.

The request is in an area that is zoned R-1, which has parcels closer together than the 125 feet allows. 219 Avenue is a 30 MPH zone and it is in a residential area. The additional approach is necessary for him to have access to his parcel.

Motion to approve the request for the approach was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

Chair Nierenhausen welcomed students from the Government class at Albany Area Schools: Michael Iverson, Cody Finken, Jossie Fourie and Bethany Christian.

OPEN FORUM

John Peternell, 22610 360 Street, Albany MN

Mr. Peternell owns the lots of 01.00368.0208 and 01.00368.0209 which totals about 16.25 acres. He is requesting to split off 3.79 +/- acres which has a residence located on it. The remaining acreage he would like to sell to the Stearns County Pioneer Club which has property adjacent to this acreage.

Mr. Peternell was advised to make contact with Jerry Forster and attend the Planning Commission meeting on December 13, final approval will be at the December 26 meeting.

ROAD REPORT

Road Update-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Math Abraham, 21566 Northridge Circle, has placed an additional approach onto Sand Lake Road. This is an additional approach from a parcel which is not in compliance with our ordinance.

Building Administrator Forster has sent an abatement notice and also charged him a \$60 fee.

Abraham is using the additional approach to remove sand from the parcel. He was advised the approach will need to be removed by August 1, 2017 or he will receive a fine.

365 Street – the area that was rebuilt by Dave Gerads has a soft spot and will need to have gravel hauled in. Contact will be made with Dave Gerads to have him place crushed cement from Kotzer in this area.

Gordy Schwinghamer, 34892 238 Avenue, Albany, made contact with the board about the trees that were pushed out of the right-of-way into his field. It is uncertain who did the damage, but the township will need to clean up the debris.

35793 230 Avenue-The City of Albany has received bids on the project, from Langes in Avon; the bid came in at \$1, 800.00.

Kotzer Excavating will be meeting Joe Mergen at the site for a bid.

The City is requesting we share the cost of the repairs and both City and Township pay half of the expense.

A motion to approve paying ½ of the cost up to \$1,200 was made by Supervisor Pelzer, second by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

325 Street, Sam Delano from the Engineering Company is drawing up all the waivers. He is planning on being in attendance at the December 26 meeting.

Meadowview Drive- We have received a letter from the Hendrickson's attorney, about the dissatisfaction with the approaches off of Meadowview Drive. This will be forwarded to our attorney. Hendrickson's were in attendance at the meeting and were advised to wait to hear from our attorney.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Monthly Report-no meeting

Building permits-none issued

Increase in Plat fees

The Planning Commission is in the process of reviewing our fees and they may be making more changes.

A motion to table this discussion to the December meeting was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Centra sota, 21825 County Road 54-abandoned building

Supervisor Rosen has had contact with Pat Breth from Centra Sota, they are requesting permission to have the building removed from the head office; they hope to have it done by next spring. Supervisor Rosen will contact the head office directly, this is a potential hazard and we need to have it removed before there is an accident.

General Election Report-Clerk Noll

There were 566 registered voters at 7 A.M. On election day, we had 71 new voters register for a total of 637 registered voters. 523 votes were cast on election day, there were 30 absentee voters for a total of 553 voters. This is an 86% of voter turn out. The total expenses for elections for 2016 was \$3,090.00 which is \$510 less than what was budgeted.

NEW BUSINESS

Agreement with Tri-County Humane Society

Tri-County has extended an invitation for us to contract with them to house our stray animals.

A motion to not have a contract with Tri-County Humane Society was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS

Clerk Noll-the notice for opening of candidacy will be published in the Enterprise in December. There is only Supervisor Rosen's position open in 2017.

Supervisor Pelzer-there have been many trucks with lumber going into Shannon Bertram's has he added an additional building? Administrator Forster will check into this.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 13-Planning Commission

December 26-Monthly Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectful Submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes signed: Tim Nierenhausen Date: December 26, 2016

Township Board Chair