

Albany Township-Monthly Meeting-January 23, 2017

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on January 23, 2017, 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 December 26, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as presented, was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report for January 2017 was reviewed: Investments-\$309,986.74 Checkbook Balance-\$302,760.85; Receipts-\$148.59; Claims \$17,491.49; Payroll-\$1,715.70 A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

A nine (9) month certificate at CMFCU matures on February 25, 2017, a motion to roll over the CD to another 9 months was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

8868-8875	December Payroll	\$1,715.70			
8876	Albany Mutual Phone	\$32.68	8877	Herdering, Inc	\$3,655.00
8878	Kramer Las DeLeo	\$2,650.00	8879	Lang Trenching	\$640.00
8880	Stearns County Twp	\$1,093.86	8881	MCSI	\$71.19
8882	Nierenhausen, Tim	\$92.88	8883	Noll, Diane	\$232.52
8884	Star Publication	\$78.22	8885	Stearns County Auditor	\$394.00
8886	Sunnybrook	\$7,300.00	201701	PERA	\$201.95
201702	IRS	\$1,049.19			
				Total Claims	\$17,491.49
				Total Claims + Payroll	\$19,207.19

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

APPROVAL OF CORRESPONDENCE

Monthly correspondence was presented to the board.

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-NONE

OPEN FORUM-NONE

ROAD REPORT

a. Road Report-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Sunnybrook has been contacted to sand gravel roads. They are dangerously icy.

Wade Schimmelpfenning 23820 325 Street, Albany MN: Called requesting to have his road sanded. This is a private road, Sunnybrook was contact and he will sand at owners expense.

Spring Road tour items:

Many signs bent/tipped

St. Anna drive-rocks in right of way

Oak tree in 320 Street in right-of-way may need to be removed

Quaker Road-Hole in Culvert

b. Meadowview Drive-

The letter was emailed to their attorney; no further correspondence has been received.

c. 325 Street-Road Work

Supervisor Nierenhausen has had contact with Wayne from Stark Engineering. They are meeting at 325 Street to discuss further work needed. Meeting will be held on January 25, 1 P.M. At the sight; the supervisors are able to attend.

d. Miscellaneous

Clerk Noll received a message from Aurora land Holdings, 23505 360 Street, the area of the Solar Farm. They called stating a rock from our snowplow broke a window on their trailer. They are requesting our snow plow slows down in this area. A message was left with them stating they could attend our meeting or call back with further information. No one present at meeting and no response from them.

Friday, January 20-the roads were dangerously icy and school buses were going into the ditches. Clerk Noll was contacted, she contacted Sunnybrook to sand the roads.

PLANNING COMMISSION

January meeting was moved to January 26 because of snow storm.

No building permits

Michael Gondering, 20185 Quaker Road, Albany MN

Mr Gondringer has applied for a Variance to build a stock pile within 75 feet of a stream. Ordinance requires 100 feet separation.

After discussion the board has requested a letter be sent to the County with the following information:

The Township board is not in favor of the 75 foot separation. It is too easy for this to become less than 75 feet and encroach on the stream, this does/will impact wetlands. The Clean Water Act has put these restrictions in place to reduce the amount of pollution in our lakes and streams, we feel it is necessary to comply with these restrictions.

Following are options that should be considered:

1. Move the entire operation further to the west to allow for the 100 foot separation.
2. If it is allowed at the 75 foot mark, we are requesting to require a cement pad with cement berms on the east side to prevent further encroaching on the stream.
3. The berms should be no less than four feet and be adequate to the amount of manure estimated with this size of a chicken unit.

Clerk Noll will send correspondence to the County.

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Election Judges

A motion to approve Elizabeth Berckes, Doris Budde, Diane Noll and Sheela Arceneau as the election judges for the March 14, 2017 Annual Election, was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, Motion carried, unanimously.

b. 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. Elizabeth Berckes, Doris Budde 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 Pezer, motion carried, unanimously.

c. Internal Audit

The Board examined the financial records of the Albany Township for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 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 Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Noll reports that the State report has been sent to state auditor.

d. 2017 Budget Meeting

Supervisors have set February 21, 7P.M. for the Budget Meeting. A five year road plan will also be discussed at this meeting.

OFFICE REPORTS-NONE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 25-Meeting at 325 Street
- January 26 Planning Commission
- January 30-Fifth Monday Meeting – A motion to approve members attend the Fifth Monday meeting was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried. Supervisors Rosen, Pelzer and Clerk Noll are planning on attending.
- February 14-Planning Commission
- February 21-Budget Meeting
- February 27-Monthly Meeting
- March 14-Election and Annual Meeting
- April 3-Board of Appeal

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to continue this meeting to Wednesday, January 25 1:00 P.M. At 325 Street and to February 21 7 P.M. For the budget meeting was made by Supervisor Rosen, Seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E Noll
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Approved Minutes: *Tim Nierenhausen* *Date:* February 27, 2017
Township Chair