

Albany Township Monthly Meeting June 26, 2017

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on June 26, 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 Add weed tour to agenda , a motion to accept the agenda as modified, was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

MINUTES-The minutes from the monthly meeting of May 22, 2017 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 June 2017 was reviewed: Investments-\$310,669.48; Checkbook Balance-\$377,424.20; Receipts-\$161,025.82; Claims \$20,459.49; Payroll-\$2,984.32 A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

8942-8945	May Payroll	\$2,984.32			
8963	Albany Phone	\$33.20	8967	Stearns County Auditor	\$7,030.00
8964	Kotzer Excavating	\$2,430.00	8968	Schmitz, Math	\$1,731.00
8965	M & R Signs	\$369.79	8969	Sunnybrook Enterprises	\$5,362.50
8966	Stark Engineering	\$3,150.00	201708	PERA	\$353.00
				Total Claims	\$20,459.49
				Total Claims + Payroll	\$23,443.81

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

Math Schmitz, (Contractor for cutting Right-of-ways) was present to discuss the cutting done in June. He was advised he did a good job for the township.

OPEN FORUM-NONE

ROAD REPORT

Road Update-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Gravel roads are in good shape.

219 Ave-We have received one bid from Bertram to patch the road, or rebuild and repave. The bid to patch the worn sections is \$50,814.50. To build up and repave the entire road will cost \$178,000.00.

A motion to research a second bid for cutting and patching, and post the road at 5 ton, was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

The garbage service will need to be advised of the road posting. They are to pick up when trucks are empty. Supervisor Nierenhausen will contact others for bidding the project for the July meeting.

Chip Sealing

Quaker Road and Rushmeyer Lake Road are scheduled to be chip sealed this year.

A motion to have Bertram Asphalt Company chip seal Quaker Road and Rushmeyer Lake Road at the cost of \$38,784.60 was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

253 Avenue, 334 Street, and Sandhill Circle are in need of chip sealing to add to the longevity of the road.

A motion to have Bertram Asphalt Company chip seal 253 Avenue, 334 Street and SandHill Circle at the cost \$18,716.58 was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

Other Road issues

245 Avenue is getting a lot of traffic because of the 238 detour. This has been graded and is holding up with the extra traffic.

330 Avenue-Beaver is back and rebuilding the dam. The ditch on the south side of the road is not sloped and is dangerous. To repair the right-of-way the culvert will need to be extended and then the road will need to be re-paved.

350 Street-where the culvert was replaced, there is still a dip in the road.

23275 360 Street -after 360 Street was rebuilt, the water does not drain from the right-of-way.

251 Avenue – because of the additional traffic on the avenue, ITT recommends we add additional aggregate to compensate. It is recommended we add a total of 6.5 inches of gravel to this road.

A motion to approve the additional aggregate was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Kotzer excavating will add the extra aggregate and will bill separately for the additional cost.

Meadowview Drive

Our attorney contacted Chair Nierenhausen asking the Township if they would consider paying the first offer of \$3,000. Our attorney stated that the time for appeal has expired and we are not obligated to pay any restitution.

325 Street/249 Avenue bid openings

Dave Gerads-\$58,310.00

Kotzer Excavating-\$52,390.75

Craig Bardsen Excavating- \$58,098.97

The bid sheet sent from Stark did not have any cost for the 249 Avenue work. It also was missing costs for permits.

Will we be fixing 249 Avenue with this project? It was not included in the bid.

A motion to award the bid for 325 Street to Kotzer Excavating and to have a bid in for 249 Avenue before construction begins was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Chair Nierenhausen will meet with Kotzer Excavating at the sight to review the additional work to be done.

Noxious Weeds

Weed Report-Supervisor Pelzer

A tour of the township was done the week of June 19, following are the findings:

23101 350 Street-has parsnip, was sprayed by County.

No additional parsnip located in the Township.
33052 County Road 41-thistle from last year has been destroyed, very little remaining
33765 County Road 41-thistle in pasture
31745 330 Street-thistle in gravel pit
20134 St. Anna Drive-thistle is better than last year.
36192 State Hwy 238-thistle in pasture
20497 County Road 154-thistle in pasture
32989 249 Avenue-thistle in pasture
No letters will be sent at this time, all owners have been advised to control the thistle.

The township has a concerned amount of thistle in the right-of-ways, Bob Dunning recommends we spray for thistle now. Contact has been made with Centra-Sota, they are busy with farm work and unable to spray at this time.

Pelzer could have his crew spot spray and have Centra Sota do a complete spray in the fall.

A motion to have Loren's Tree and Lawn Service spot spray, not to exceed \$1,200 was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried. Supervisor Pelzer abstained from voting.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen

Public hearing-no residents attended the public hearing. Sent to board for approval.

Traeger not in attendance, survey was not completed, will be brought to the July meeting.

Building Permits Issued

Jeff Schwinghammer, 32998 County Road 41, Albany MN 56307- moved approach on Sand Lake road
County Permits

John Massman, 21267 Pioneer Road, Albany MN 56307-Solar garden

OLD BUSINESS

Centra Sota Building-Supervisor Rosen

The building has not been removed, Bardson Excavating has been hired to have it removed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution for Joint Powers with County Attorney

According to the BCA, there will be no fees associated with the resolution.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

The resolution will be forwarded to the County Attorney's Office and the BCA.

Approval of changes to Road Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance

Following are the proposed changes:

The following shall be adopted from County Ordinance Number 439:

7.22.1 *Any manufactured home to be used as a residential dwelling unit shall be no less than fourteen (14) feet in width and shall bear a Seal of Compliance issued by the State of Minnesota.*

7.22.2 *No accessory building or recreational vehicle shall be used at any time as a dwelling unit, unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance.*

7.22.3 *No manufactured home shall be moved into the unincorporated areas of Stearns County that does not meet the Manufactured Home Building Code as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 327.31, subdivision 3; or successor statute.*

The following **sections are repealed:**

Residential District R-5 (R-5 District)

That Section 9.7.15 is hereby added to read as follows:

9.7.15 No accessory building shall be permitted in a location closer to a road than the principle residential dwelling unit.

Residential District R-1 (R-1 District)

That Section 9.9.14 is hereby added to read as follows:

9.9.14 No accessory building shall be permitted in a location closer to a road than the principle residential dwelling unit.

Town Road Standards No.2009-01. The following sections shall be added:

Section 6;Subpart 6.02 B. Access onto Township Roads shall have a minimum separation distance of 125 feet. In the R1 Zoned areas one access per parcel will be allowed.

-Stronger Language in county MOU

NOW THEREFORE IT IS AGREED, by the County of Stearns and the Town of Albany that those sections of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 439; or successor ordinance enacted by reference as a part of Albany Township Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 6 shall apply within the Town of Albany.

Change to:

NOW THEREFORE IT IS AGREED, by the County of Stearns and the Town of Albany that those sections of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 439 or successor ordinance are subject to review by the Township prior to being enacted by reference as a part of Albany Township Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 6 . ~~shall apply within the Town of Albany.~~

Motion to approve the ordinance changes recommended by the Planning Commission was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS

Clerk Noll gave a report on the Short Course attended in St Cloud on June 19.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11-Planning Commission

July 25- Monthly Meeting

August 24-District Meeting, Willmar MN

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes: Tim Nierenhausen Date: July 24, 2017

Township Board Chair