

Albany Township Monthly Meeting July 24, 2017

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on July 24, 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 as presented, was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

MINUTES-The minutes from the monthly meeting of June 26, 2017 were reviewed. Corrections needed: Road Report: Meadowview Drive: Chair Nierenhausen was contacted by our attorney, not the plaintiff. Planning Commission; Building permits: Jeff Schwinghammer, name misspelled A motion to approve the minutes as corrected, was made by Supervisor Rosen seconded by Supervisor Pelzer , motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report for July 2017 was reviewed: Investments-\$310,807.33; Checkbook Balance-\$422,714.05; Receipts-\$68,911.68; Claims \$97,064.10; Payroll-\$1,960.93 A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

8970-77	June Payroll	\$1,960.93			
8978	ITT	\$1,400.00	8983	Sunnybrook	\$4,207.50
8979	Kotzer Excavating	\$89,200.80	8984	Noll, Diane	\$188.56
8980	MCS	\$69.00	8985	Pelzer, Loren	\$104.59
8981	M-R Signs	\$25.97	8986	Rosen, Mary	\$39.59
8982	Star Publication	\$88.88	201709	PERA	\$235.16
			201710	IRS	\$1,504.05
				Total Claims	\$97,064.10
				Total Claims + Payroll	\$ 99,025.03

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

Jim and Sandy Traeger, 20218 St Anna Drive, Albany MN

Plat Approval-Jim and Sandy Traeger

The Traegers own 4.3 acres on St. Anna Drive. They are proposing to split off a parcel with the house/septic/well and build a second house on the remaining acreages. This is in an A40 section. Their daughter Christina Traeger owns the farm land around the parcel and has two building credits. Christina is able/willing to split off a 2 acre parcel and deed restrict the remaining acreage as non-buildable. Jim and Sandy would purchase this parcel, add it to their existing parcel to gain a

building permit on their parcel. This has received an approval recommendation from the Planning Commission. A motion to approve the proposed lot was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried unanimously.

Community Energy Solar-Rick Ahern and Joan Bredeck

Mr Ahern is in attendance to provide information on the CUP application at Stearns County for a solar farm on Joan Bredeck property, located at 36502 County Road 10, Albany MN

The initial application had the solar farm on the southern piece of the property. This will need to be moved, because of wetlands in the area.

All wiring will be underground.

There is a similar solar farm near Freeport that is in the completion stages.

The area will be fenced in and there may be addition of additional trees around the project.

The county will hold a public hearing prior to the approval of the CUP.

Mr Ahern will return in August with the final plat.

OPEN FORUM

Leo Gerads-We received a complaint from Frank Forster, 36253 235 Avenue that the culvert under 360 St was plugged. Leo has checked the culvert, it is clear; the problem is a culvert under a field road on the solar farm that is plugged. Contact will be made at the solar farm.

ROAD REPORT

Road Update-Supervisor Nierenhausen

251 Ave/365 St. the corner has damage from vehicles

360 St/245 Ave-trees need to be removed from the corner, they are blocking the view.

373 St/245 Ave-trees need to be removed from right-of-way. Robert Ramler, 37254 245 Avenue will need to be notified prior to work commencing.

360 st/248 Ave, clean out the brush in the corner.

23505 360 Street, Aurora Land Holdings-rocks in the right of way, these will need to be removed.

330 Street-beaver problem, the beavers have not returned, at this time culvert is clear.

21566 Northridge Circle, has approach on Sand Lake Road that will need to be removed.

245 Avenue, is not a designated detour, but is being used as a detour for State Hwy 238. At this time the road is in good condition.

219 Avenue-resurfacing

Only one bid has been received. Because the amount is above \$50,000 a second bid is needed. A motion to table was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Crack Sealing

ATA has completed the crack sealing on all the roads that are chip sealed. We have not received a quote from ATA and we do not have a contract with him.

Chip Sealing

Chip sealing has been completed. There is a discrepancy on the amount we paid for Sandhill Circle. Supervisor Nierenhausen will contact Bertram Construction for clarification.

325 Street/249 Avenue Contract

The contract that was approved in May, was signed by the contractor. At this time no further work has been decided for 249 Ave. All easements from the landowners will need to be signed prior to the work beginning.

Street Signs

All the street signs that needed repair have been replaced. The Fire Department is requesting we check into the 911 signs on 360 Street, there is confusion on the placement

WEED REPORT

Weed update-Supervisor Pelzer

All of the problem properties have been revisited and they are complying with the removal of the noxious weeds.

Because of the large amount of thistle in our right-of-ways, it was approved that Supervisor Pelzer have his employees from Loren's Tree Service spray the ditches. Because of the product used and the large amount of thistle, the total bill comes to \$3,388.

A motion to approve payment of this to Loren's Tree Service of \$3,388 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Pelzer refrained from voting.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen

The only business at the July meeting was the Plat approval for Jim and Sandy Traeger-see above.

Building Permits Issued

Shawn and Kristi Imdieke, 36735 251 Avenue, Albany MN -replace 911 sign

Jeff and Nancy Schmidt, 23275 360 Street, denied permit because it exceeded the maximum allowable building on a lot.

Mike and Diane Noll, 20929 330 Street, Albany MN -911 sign

OLD BUSINESS

Centra Sota Building removal-Supervisor Rosen

The building has been removed. Area has been filled in.

NEW BUSINESS-None

OFFICER REPORTS -None

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25-Emergency Planning meeting St. Cloud

July 31-Fifth Monday Meeting at Albany Elem. Tour of secondary

A motion to pay for Supervisors to attend the Fifth Monday Meeting at Albany Area Schools was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Pelzer, motion carried, unanimously.

August 8-Planning Commission

August 24-District Meeting-Willmar MN

August 28-Monthly Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes: *Tim Nierenhausen* Date: August 28, 2017
Township Board Chair