

## Albany Township Monthly Meeting August 28, 2017

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mary Rosen, on August 28, 2017, 7:30 P.M at the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors Mary Rosen and Loren Pelzer were present absent, Tim Nierenhausen; also present, Diane Noll, Clerk.

**THE PLEDGE** of allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** Clerk Noll requests an addition to the agenda of check 8999 to Bertarm Asphalt. A motion to accept the agenda as corrected, was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

**MINUTES**-The minutes from the monthly meeting of July 24, 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 August 2017 was reviewed: Investments-\$310,918.65; Checkbook Balance-\$329,211.08; Receipts-\$5,816.11; Claims \$117,568.46; Payroll-\$1,395.89 A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

### APPROVE CLAIMS

8987-8992	July Payroll	\$1,395.89			
8993	Kotzer Excavating	\$51,452.75	8997	M & R Sign Co	\$192.93
8994	Kotzer Excavating	\$470.00	8998	Sunnybrook	\$4,370.00
8995	Loren's Tree Service	\$3,388.00	8999	Bertram Asphalt	\$57,478.58
8996	MCS	\$50.00	201711	PERA	\$166.20
				Total Claims	\$117,568.46
				Total Claims + Payroll	\$118,964.35

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

Community Energy Solar Information-Rick Abel and Joan Bredeck-were not present

#### John Peternell-Re-Zone Approval for Property

PIN: 01.00368.0208 and 01.00368.0209 both parcels total approximately 16.25 acres. From parcel 01.00368.0208 they would like to split off 3.79 +/- acres which has a residence located on it. The remaining acreage would be sold to the Stearns County Pioneer Club which has property adjacent to this acreage. This is two separate requests. The first is to split off acreage which has a residence and additional out buildings. The second is to sell the remaining property to the Pioneer Club. Both parcels are zoned as R-1, the property being sold to the Pioneer Club will need to be rezoned to Commercial. The administrative splits were approved in January 2015, Mr Peternell is now requesting we recommend to the County the property being zoned as Commercial.

A motion to approve the rezoning requests from R-1 to Commercial was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

#### Brennan Shay-Pioneer Club Permits

##### a. Road closure permit for Pioneer Club

Pioneer Days will be September 15-17. They will need to have 219 Avenue closed for the pedestrian traffic that is in the area. The road can be closed, but the cement barriers can not be placed in the roadway. A motion to approve the resolution for the Pioneer Club Road Closure permit with the addition of no cement barriers was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried. Supervisor Nierenhausen will do the road check.

##### b. No Permits required letter for Stearns County

Stearns County is requesting a letter from Albany Township stating we do not require permits for large gatherings. A motion to approve a letter be sent to the County stating Albany Township has no requirement for permit was made by Supervisor Pelzer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

### **OPEN FORUM-None**

### **ROAD REPORT**

#### Road Update – Supervisor Nierenhausen

Supervisor Nierenhausen is absent but has called stating he did a road tour on Friday, August 25, roads are in good shape

*Dennis Dirkes, 350 Street*, called Supervisor Rosen and requested brush be removed on 350 Street, and that the road needs to be graded.

Sunnybrook graded today, brush will be inspected by the board.

*350 Street*-culvert still has a dip, will need to be inspected.

*330 Street*-beaver dam, water is not moving. Kotzer Excavating will check the area.

#### 219 Avenue-Opening of Bids

No further bids were presented, no further action at this time.

#### State Road Grant

Clerk Noll has received information about the State grants for road improvement.

It was decided we should pursue the grant. Clerk Noll will contact the Fire Department for the name of their grant writer.

### **WEED REPORT**

#### Weed Update-Supervisor Pelzer

There was one field that needed to be cut, resident has complied.

St. Martin Centra Sota will be spraying this week. It has been requested no spraying at Tom and Sharon Fischer, 24638 360 Street, because they are now organic. A map will be made for Centra Sota's information.

Cutting of Right-of-ways will start after September 8.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

No Meeting in August

#### Building Permits

Jim Traeger 20218 St Anna Drive-New Approach and 911 sign

Corey Blenker-31629 263 Ave, Rebuild existing approach on 249 Avenue

Received notice from county for 2 911 signs-no permits have been completed.

## OLD BUSINESS-NONE

## NEW BUSINESS-NONE

### OFFICER REPORTS

Supervisor Pelzer gave the following report on the Fire Department meeting:

- money from gambling and fund raisers will be used to purchase 4 door pick up
- suburban will be sold, because the back boards no longer fit in the suburban.
- their will be an increase of 4.04% to the budget
- calls are up about 40 from last year
- total of 152 calls this year.

Clerk Noll attended the following meetings and gave reports:

July 25 -County Emergency Meeting-ground floor decisions on what the county would do if a major emergency occurred in our area.

July 31-Fifth Monday Meeting-board members were give a tour of the new secondary school

August 17-Fifth District Meeting- discussion was had on the fact that the state is not spraying their right-of-ways and how townships can be compensated. A review was given of some of the new laws or changes in laws.

August 24-Eection Equipment meeting-discussion was had on which equipment the county/townships will purchase and what the cost may be. Still in the planning stages.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12-Planning Commission

September 25-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 9:00

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane E Noll*

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes: *Tim Nierenhausen* Date: September 25, 2017  
*Township Board Chair*