

Albany Township Monthly Meeting September 25, 2017

The regular monthly township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on September 25, 2017, 7:30 P.M at the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors Tim Nierenhausen, and Mary Rosen were present. Loren Pelzer was absent. 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 Nierenhausen, motion carried, unanimously.

MINUTES-The minutes from the monthly meeting of August 28, 2017 were reviewed. Because Supervisor Pelzer was absent, we were unable to approve, this will be moved to the October meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report for September 2017 was reviewed: Investments-\$311,031.96; Checkbook Balance-\$210,658.29; Receipts-\$802.48; Claims \$9,228.82; Payroll-\$1,510.75 A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Rosen seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried, unanimously.

6 Month Certificate at Stearns Bank matures on September 27. amount \$55,239.59 next mature date March 27, 2018. A motion to roll over to an additional 6 months was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS

9000-9003	August Payroll	\$1,510.75			
9004	Centra Sota	\$3,058.03	9007	Schmitz, Math	\$1,706.00
9005	Couri & Ruppe	\$832.50	9008	Sunnybrook	\$1,978.00
9006	MATIT-Insurance	\$1,448.00	201712	PERA	\$206.29
				Total Claims	\$9,228.82
				Total Claims + Payroll	\$10,739.57

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

GUESTS

Thomas and Melissa Lashinski, 603 Chinook Ave SE, Avon MN 56310

Dave Lashinski, 14279 County Road 52, Avon MN 56310

Request to rezone parcel 01.00078.0004 from A-40 to Commercial zoning district.

The Lashinski's are interested in building a storage unit on the property. The location is good, and near other commercial property. This parcel was zoned as commercial up to 2013. At that time the Township rezoned properties to make them consistent with there tax assessment. This parcel was being taxed as agriculture, and the township rezoned it from commercial to A-40. Because this will now be used as commercial property the Township has not objection to it being rezoned to commercial.

Stearns County is aware of this request and has no objections.

Preferred access would be from County Road 53.

It was suggested to have a fence around the storage unit, have significant lighting, and cameras.

Motion to approve the rezoning of this parcel from A-40 to Commercial was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM-NONE

ROAD REPORT

Road Update – Supervisor Nierenhausen

All roads are in good shape.

360 Street-Pioneer days has a handrail that comes right up to the ditch. Pioneer Club will need to be notified, to have it removed.

245 Avenue/372 Street-Brush at the intersection has been removed, but there is still blockage. Kotzer Construction will be contacted to remove brush further.

Meadowview Drive-Contractor doing cement work on driveways has requested we fill in the area between the cement approach and the asphalt. This will be the length of the cement butting up to the tar and the width of a 2"x4". A motion to approve having this area filled when we do crack sealing was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried.

325 Street- the extensive work done on 325 Street has been completed. Approaches were added to the northern and southern fields. All easements were signed and received prior to work commencing.

249 Avenue is not completed. The hill will need some work and the approach across from 325 Street will need to be removed. A motion to approve \$2,500 to complete this project was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

360 Street, Solar Farm There are rocks remaining in the the right-of-way which will need to be removed. The culvert under there field road will need to be cleaned out. Contact will be made with The Aurora Company.

251st Avenue-Complaint from Paul Luethmers (37426 251st Ave.) requesting the road be graded. Grading has been completed.

St Anna Drive-Fred Zeis (16881 400th St, Avon MN) Called concerning a culvert under a private approach that has a hole. He was advised the Township does not cover private approaches.

Crack sealing

ATA-All things Asphalt will be doing crack sealing this week. There price is \$1.40 per pound, the same as 2016. A contract will need to be completed prior to work being done.

WEED REPORT-SUPERVISOR PELZER

Due to Supervisor Pelzer being absent, this will be tabled to next month.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Monthly report-Supervisor Rosen

Approval of the Lashinski Rezoning

Building permits

Curtis Leyk 24575 CR 174, Albany MN Field Approach

Lashinski Rezoning-See above

OLD BUSINESS -NONE

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

OFFICER REPORTS

Clerk Noll-Election Equipment-Attended meeting about the counties election equipment proposal. The cost to the

Township will be approximately \$1,500 per year. This will cover all expenses for the election equipment and include set up costs. The 2018 budget has budgeted for the added expense.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10-Planning Commission
October 23-Monthly Meeting

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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes: *Tim Nierenhausen* Date: October 23, 2017
Tim Nierenhausen Chair