

Albany Township
Monthly Meeting
April 22, 2019

The regular monthly Albany Township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on April 22, 2019, 7:30 P.M at the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors Tim Nierenhausen, Mary Rosen, and John Greer were present, also present, Diane Noll, Clerk.

THE PLEDGE of allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVAL A motion to accept the agenda as reviewed, was made by Supervisor Greer , seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-The minutes from Monthly Meeting March 25, 2019 and Board of Review, April 1, 2019, were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes From the March 25,meeting, as reviewed was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, Board or Review was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report for April 2019 was reviewed: Investments-\$314,733.16; Checkbook Balance-\$276,689.22; Receipts-\$1,800.13; Claims-\$9,328.97, Payroll -\$3,009.12 A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Rosen , seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS

9255-9261	March Payroll	\$3,009.12			
9262	City of Freeport	\$2,096.00	9269	Stearns Auditor	\$126.00
9263	Forster, Jerry	\$39.89	9270	SunnyBrook	\$3,845.00
9264	Brian D Koehn	\$1,600.00	9271	Rosen, Mary	\$4.64
9265	Mac's Hardware	\$113.94	9272	Noll Diane	\$51.04
9266	Mn Computer Syst.	\$77.41	201905	PERA	\$311.61
9267	Star Pub.	\$48.56	201906	IRS	\$641.68
9268	Randy Schreifles	\$343.20			
				Total Claims	\$9,328.97
				Total Claims + Payroll	\$12,338.09

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

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.

Information was received about the Stearns County Township Officer meeting, a motion to approve

members attend the officers meeting on April 25, at the Freeport Community Center was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried. Clerk Noll will make the reservations for the meal.

Information was received about the Fifth Monday meeting being held at Albany Area Schools on April 29, a motion to approve members attend was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried. Clerk Noll will RSVP to the school district.

GUESTS

Tom Lashinski, 14279 County Road 52, Avon MN was present to have his final draft signed for his proposed changes to parcel 01.00078.0004, 36087 State HWY 238, Albany MN. This was previously approved, Chair Nierenhausen signed the request.

Under Planning Commission b Approach Request

Tom Dixon and Sam Quackenbush from Novel Energy Solutions

Approach request at 23247 350 St-for Solar garden

Approval of approach for the Community Solar Garden at George Reber, 23247 350th St, Albany MN Tom Dixon, Sam Quackenbush with Novel Energy Solutions were present regarding an entrance approach to the solar garden. Novel Energy has a 25 year lease on the 9 acres of property and does all the construction for the garden. Excel has given approval for the garden, the county permit is being completed and they are requesting the approach permit from Albany Township.

There was an existing field approach near the homestead. The new one will be about 680 feet from the original approach. They are allowed one approach per 40 acres. Road ordinance.2009-01

Approach will be built to Township standards with a steel culvert.

The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the additional approach.

A motion to approve the recommendation made by the Planning Commission was made by Supervisor Greer, second by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

CONTRACTS

a. Snow Plowing Contract

Sunnybrook- Snowplowing and sanding \$120.00 per hour

Monthly Guarantee for Dec/Jan/Feb/March \$700 per month

Shed rental for storage of winter sand/salt \$1,200 per year

There were no other bids for this contract.

A motion to approve Sunnybrook for a three year contract to plow and sand the township roads was made by Supervisor Greer, second by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

b. Grading Contract

Sunnybrook Grading roads \$95.00 per hour

There were no other bids for this contract.

A motion to approve Sunnybrook for a three year contract to grade all township roads was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

c. Dust Suppressant Contract

Quotes were received from the following:

Kotzer Excavating Inc: Full concentration \$.69 per foot, Partial concentration \$.52 per foot.

Knife River Corp.: Full concentration \$.78 per foot, Partial concentration \$.58 per foot

Central MN Dust Control: Full concentration \$.52, Partial concentration \$.345 per foot
With additional Dustgard Full \$.56 per foot , partial \$.374 per foot

A motion to have Central Minnesota Dust Control, LLC apply the dust suppressant at the rate of full \$.56 and partial \$.374 per foot was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried.

d. Gravel Bid Contract

Quotes were received from the following:

WDS: \$9.35 per cy, total \$46,750.00

Kotzer Excavating: \$9.80 per cy Total \$49,000.00

A motion to have WDS for the 2019 gravel application at the price of \$9.35 per yard was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

e. Right of Way Cutting Contract

Math Schmitz \$70 per hour plus payment for fuel for a one year contract.

There were no other quotes for this contract.

A motion to have Math Schmitz continue to cut our right-of-ways was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried.

The cutting of our road side ditches will occur about June 13.

OPEN FORUM

Mary and Steve Watry-35716 219 Ave, Albany MN

Stan and Mary Jane Kortenbush 35587 219 Avenue

Property owners on 219 Avenue continue to have water issues. The water coming from North Lake continues to drain through their property. Residents are requesting the culverts be enlarged under 360 Street and County Road 10. If an additional 18" culvert were placed under 360 Street, it would handle more of the run off. The culvert under County Road 10 could handle more water.

Chair Nierenhausen will contact the Pioneer Club to ask them about the enlargement of the culvert. This enlargement would affect the property on the north side of 360 Street.

Residents of 219 Avenue are questioning when the construction will be completed on 219 Avenue. Shouldering and seeding is still not completed. Chair Nierenhausen stated construction is planned to be completed this spring. A message will be sent to owners when the work will commence.

Neil Rosen, 150 6th St, Albany MN-

Received damage to vehicle when driving on 360 Street. This spring, large rocks are being pulled to the surface causing damage to his vehicle. He is requesting the township pay for a new tire that was damaged.

A motion to approve paying \$159.92 for replacement of his tire was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion died for a lack of a second.

A motion to pay pay for ½ of the damages amounting to \$80.00 was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried.

Supervisor Rosen refrained from voting on this motion.

PLANNING COMMISSION

a. Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen

The Planning Commission have some concerns about a County Variance proposed by the owners of 36162 207th Avenue. They are planning on splitting off a 1 acre lot to allow the building of an additional residence. This residence would be within 700 feet of three feed lots.

The Planning Commission have noted the following conflicts with our ordinance:

1. Distance from feed lots needs to be 700 feet with owner and neighbor, there are three feed lots, all under the 700 foot requirement
2. Minimum lot size of 2 acres-to split off the area where the proposed house would be located a 2 acre lot is required.
3. Unable to do a TDR unless owned for 10 years-owner is selling a small lot without a building credit. Ordinance stated must be in same ownership for 10 years before a TDR can occur.
4. Future Home owner concerns, if sold to someone else in future years. Will new owners be as accepting of all the feed lots.
5. Sceptic and well, are they being shared.

A letter with the Township concerns will be forwarded to the Stearns County Planning Commission. The meeting for the variance will be held on Thursday, April 25.

There were concerns from the PC about the placement of the approach for the Lange Gravel pit on 330 Street, and when the load restriction signs will be placed.

PC is requesting we clean out the trees along St. Anna Drive.

The May meeting of the Planning Commission will be a public hearing for the request for re-zoning of a parcel from Commercial to Industrial.

b. Approach request at 23247 350 St-for Solar garden-See above

c. Building Permits for March

Ralph Finken, 37429 251 Ave, Addition to office, Conference Room

Rosanne and John Lehnen, 33221 Cty Road 10, Accessory Building

Tom and Dawn Blattner, 21571 Trestle Ridge Road, Closet addition to residence

Lange Properties PO Box 70 Avon, moving gravel pit approach to east end of the gravel pit- existing approach will be removed in a reasonable amount of time.

Anthony & Melissa Ebnet, Parcel #01.0005.0000 on St Anna Drive -Accessory Building

ROAD REPORT

a. Monthly report-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Contact has been made with ITT to continue boring of the roads

Pioneer View Road-residents have requested this be tarred. Will have it bored; this is approximately 1,700 feet

Rushmeyer Lake Road-borings have been completed; plans are to tar the east end of 1,650 feet.

Sand Lake Road-the culvert needed to be steamed, work completed by Kotzer Excavating

Disking of roads will need to be completed this spring, will contact Herdering to do the project.

b. Items for Road Tour

350 street-tar busted up and dip in road

360 Street-check on the rocks coming through, check culvert by Pioneer Club

380 Street-will check what is needed; should crushed cement be placed?

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS-None

OFFICER REPORTS

Clerk Noll submitted her letter of resignation going into affect on June 30, 2019.

A motion to approve the resignation of Clerk Noll was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30- 4 pm Road Tour

May 14- Planning Commission

May 27-Memorial Day-no meeting

May 20 -Monthly Meeting -Because of the conflict with Memorial Day falling on our regular scheduled meeting night, the meeting has been moved to May 20. Clerk Noll will post and publish the change in meeting date.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to recess to April 30 4 P.M. for the 2019 Road Tour was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen , motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes: Tim Nierenhausen Date: May 21 , 2019

Township Board Chair