

Albany Township  
 Monthly Meeting  
 Monday August 5, 2019 7:30 P.M.

The regular monthly Albany Township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen, on August 5, 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.

**ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA**

Agenda, Minutes from June 24 and July 22,2019, July Treasurer's report  
 Investments-\$315,372.47; Checkbook Balance-\$390,876.29; Receipts-\$237,474.56. Additions to agenda Evan Carlson,IPS Innovative Power Systems New Energy Equity and Brennan Shay, Pioneer Club.

**Payroll and Claims**

9314-9320	June Payroll	\$1,949.54			
9321	Craig Bardson Exc	\$3,622.50	9327	Stearns Auditor	\$7,155.75
9322	Cent. MN Dust Control	\$1,988.00	9328	Sunnybrook Ent	\$3,042.50
9323	Couri & Ruppe	\$200.00	9329	Rosen, Mary	\$5.80
9324	ITT	\$450.00	9330	Noll, Diane	\$113.00
9325	Kotzer Exc.	\$480.00	201909	IRS	\$1,286.44
9326	MCSI	72.95	201910	PERA	\$213.60
				<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>\$18,630.54</b>
				<b>Total Claims + Payroll</b>	<b>\$20,580.08</b>

A motion to approve above the consent agenda with the additions to the agenda was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CORRESPONDENCE**

A motion that members were advised of the mail we received and to dispose of the junk mail was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried.

**GUESTS**

**Brennan Shay-Pioneer Club**

Mr. Shay was in attendance to request permission to close portions of 219 Avenue for the duration of Pioneer Days and a Large Gathering permit for the event.

A motion to approve Resolution 2019-13 allowing the closure of 219 Avenue for the dates of Wednesday, September 11 to Monday September 16, 2019 was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

A motion to allow a larger gathering for Stearns County Pioneer Days was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

**Evan Carlson,IPS Innovative Power Systems New Energy Equity**

Information on the new Solar farm project at Gordon & Carol Schwinghammer, 34892 238 Avenue, Albany MN.

The project is a 1 mega watt community solar garden and has the approval of Stearns County. At this time the property is in CRP and will need to be removed from the program. This project will consume approximately 9 acres, some of the ares are in wetlands and will not be used.

There is a \$25,000 decommission fee that will need to be in place. This will be a 25 year lease with options to renew for an additional 10 years.

An approach will be needed for the parcel and contact will be made with the township.

### **OPEN FORUM-none**

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

#### **A. Mark Rodenwald-Approval of Administrative Split**

Mark Rodenwald, PO Box 536, Albany MN 56307

**Ref:** PIN: 01.00168.0010 Section 18, Township 125, Range 031

Total Acres: +/- 40 acres-has building entitlement.

PIN: 01.00168.0015 Section 18, Township 125, Range 031

Total Acres: +/- 40 acres -does not have full building entitlement

PIN: 01.00168.0020 Section 18, Township 125, Range 031

Total Acres: +/- 44.9 acres-has building entitlement

Mr. Mark Rodenwald is requesting to combine the parcels and do the following split:

**Tract A:** 86.5 +/- Acres- 37.2 acres will be deed restricted as non-build able to offset the building entitlements in tract B & D.

**Tract B:** 23.1 +/- Acres- has building credit and access by easement to 350 Street

**Tract C:** 12.5 +/- Acres-no building credit

**Tract D:** 2.8 +/- Acres-has building credit

Albany Planning Commission has recommended approval of the Administrative split.

Albany Township has reviewed the proposed Administrative Split for the above parcels and find it to be in compliance. A motion to approve the Administrative Split was done by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen , motion carried.

#### **B. Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen**

A public hearing has been scheduled for Matthew Abraham, 21758 North Ridge Circle, Albany MN on August 13. This hearing is for a Variance requested by the County, allowing a 6 foot porch roof encroaching on the road right-of-way.

The PC is continuing discussion on the addition of Industrial Zoning for the Township and reviewing the County Ordinance including Industrial Zoning.

#### **C. Information on Change in Zoning**

Information was shared on pending changes to the zoning ordinance. Concerns were had on salvage or junk on the property.

Justin and Dale Overman were present and stated they have sold off a number of cars to keep them in compliance. They have also signed the Compliance agreement with the county. The Cease and Desist order from the June meeting has been completed.

#### **D. Building Permits for Month**

Township-none

County- Thomas Lashinski, 22048 County Road 53, Albany-New 48 X 168 Storage Shed  
 -Thomas Lashinski 22018 County Road 53, Albany-New 25 X 130 Storage Shed

**ROAD REPORT**

Road Report-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Signs for 330 Street and the 5 Ton Road signs were ordered from IDS, but have not been received  
 Brushing needed on 330St/Fifth Lake Road, St Anna Drive, East end of 380 Street, 372 Street  
 251 Ave-Resident called requesting better gravel, and being used as a 9 ton road.  
 360 Street culvert-working with Stearns Pioneer Club on the needed change  
 Quaker Road-shouldering may need to be completed  
 230 Ave-Pot holes need repair  
 360 Street-Pot holes need repair

**WEED REPORT**

Weed Report-Supervisor Greer  
 No report

**OLD BUSINESS**

a. Rushmeyer Lake Road-Paving Quotes

b. Repairs to 330<sup>th</sup> Street, 350<sup>th</sup> Street, Quaker Road and Sand Lake Road

The quotes for all of the road were reviewed as follows:

Rushmeyer Lake Road-Three quotes received:

Bertram Asphalt \$71,000  
 Mn Blacktopping \$74,500  
 MPM \$76,826.45

Repairs to 330<sup>th</sup> Street, 350 St, Quaker Road and Sand Lake Road-Four quotes received as follows:

Vendor	330 Street	350 Street	Quaker Road	Sand Lake Road	TOTALS
Bertram Asphalt			All Combined		\$41,987.00
Knife River	\$73,830.00	\$25,530.00		\$2,100.00	\$101,460.00
MN Blacktopping	\$4,950.00	\$22,860.00	\$1,295.00	\$500.00	\$29,605.00
MN Paving	\$9,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$1,900.00	\$42,100.00

In reviewing all the quotes, MN Blacktopping totals the lowest price of \$104,105. Supervisors agreed to have one contractor do all the work.

A motion to have Mn Blacktopping at the cost of \$74,500 do the paving on Rushmeyer Lake Road was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

A motion to have MN Backtopping at the cost of \$29,605.00 do the work on 330 Street, 350 Street, Quaker Road and Sand Lake Road was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

350th Street, 330<sup>th</sup> Street and Quaker Road

The above roads will need preparation work prior to pavement. Areas will need to be dug out, class 5 placed and leveled prior to paving. Supervisor Nierenhausen will meet with Kotzer Excavating to have the work completed.

A motion to have Kotzer Excavating complete the needed prep work on 350<sup>th</sup> Street, 330<sup>th</sup> Street and Quaker Road was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

360 Street

Motion to table to next meeting made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

Supervisor Nierenhausen will meet with Stearns Pioneer Club to review the drainage issue.

**NEW BUSINESS-none**

**OFFICER REPORTS**

Supervisor Greer-Albany Fire Department report

Calls from Jan 1-June 30

Medical 78-None in Albany Township

Auto accidents 9 -7 in Albany Township-included interstate

Fire Calls total 21 - 10 in Albany Township

At this time if a resident has an accident in Albany Township, they do not receive a bill from the fire department. The ruling has been changed to state all involved in the accident will be charged equally for the cost of fire department coming to accident.

Increase of 3% for 2020.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 13-Planning Commission and Public Hearing

August 15-Regional Meeting-Willmar

A motion to approve members attend the MN Assn of Townships Regional meeting was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

August 20-9 AM Stearns County Ditch 28

August 26-Monthly Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Diane E Noll*

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes: Tim Nierenhausen Date: August 26, 2019

*Township Board Chair*