

**Albany Township
Monthly Meeting
Monday September 28, 2020 7:30 P.M.**

The regular monthly Albany Township meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mary Rosen, on September 28, 2020, 7:30 P.M at the Albany City Council Chambers. Supervisors Mary Rosen, John Greer, and Clerk/Treasurer Diane Noll, were present. Absent, Supervisor Tim Nierenhausen.

THE PLEDGE of allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda/ Minutes August 24, Monthly Meeting: September Treasurer's report Investments-\$218,331.90; Checkbook Balance-\$205,997.03; Receipts-\$127,365.34.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

9562-9565	August Payroll	\$2,479.35			
9566	Couri & Ruppe	\$57.50	9570	M & R Sign	\$190.98
9567	Dan Schmidt Printing	\$304.00	9571	MATIT	\$1,448.00
9568	Kotzer Exc.	\$13,251.25	9572	sunnyBrook Ent	\$3,595.00
9569	Schmitz, Math	\$1,879.00	2020013	August PERA	\$68.88
				Total Claims	\$20,794.61
				Total Claims + Payroll	\$23,273.96

ACTION: A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

ACTION: A motion to roll over the Stearns Bank CD for an additional 6 months was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried, unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION: 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, unanimously.

GUESTS- Loren Pelzer

Loren Pelzer presence was requested by the township board to discuss the brush removal contract for 2020. There were some questions on the billing, Mr. Pelzer did not attend.

Supervisor Greer requests we pay him the lowest bid amount of \$8,000, and for the work done on Sand Lake Road and 380th st, the total for all work completed will be \$16,050.00.

ACTION: A motion to pay Loren's tree service a total \$8,000 for the contracted work and the balance due on the Sand Lake road and 380th Street was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

PLANNING COMMISSION

6a-Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen

6b-Administrative Split of Commercial Property

Paul Osborn

Midwest Property Solutions LLC (Champion Milking Supplies), 1906 244th Ave, Paynesville MN

Property Address: 23218 350th St, Albany MN

PIN: 01.00133.0000

Acres: 4.72

Request of administrative split of commercial property

Split: Lot 1: +/- 2.97 Acres

Lot 2: +/- 1.75 Acres

The Planning Commission recommends approval of the Administrative Split.

Further Information: Midwest requested two variances from the County for the following:

Create a lot that exceeds the impervious lot coverage standard, Lot 1 has 9.5% over maximum lot coverage

County denied

Owner will need to remove some parking lot, or storage area to be in compliance.

Request for a holding tank for septic on Lot 2

County approved

ACTION: A motion to approve the Administrative Split with approval of the county language added was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

6C-Building Permits

Kevin and Linda Hall, 21602 322 St, Albany 911 sign

Dave Sabrowsky, 23588 330 St, Albany-Accessory building

County Permits

Midwest Property Solutions, 23218 350th St

County Hearing on Monday, September 21

Create a lot that exceeds the impervious lot coverage standard

County denied

Lot 1 has 9.5% over maximum lot coverage. Owner will need to remove some parking lot, or storage area to be in compliance.

Request for a holding tank for septic on Lot 2

County approved

Albert & Joyce Winter Rev Trust, 36702 Pine Lake Road Avon

Public hearing, Thursday, September 24

Request for a house within 30 feet of ROW and 200 feet from Lake

Place septic/holding tank within 150 feet from Lake

County approved

Michael and Judy Gondringer, 20185 Quaker Road

Public hearing, Thursday, September 24

Request to build a house within 700 feet of a feed lot

County Approved

Gondringer's will need to apply for an administrative split to split 3 acres to place a house on this property.

ROAD REPORT

7a-Road Report-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Denis Dirkes, Brush in right-of-way Supervisor Rosen will check the area,

A motion to call Carr's Tree service to remove the tree/brush was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

WEED REPORT

8a- Final Report to County-Supervisor Greer

Final report was sent to county, total spent on cutting this year was \$3,758.00, no spraying was done.

Final mowing was done on September 14 and 15, Driver noted a Couch and chair on 225 Ave was a couch and chair. DNR located the owner and he will remove it.

OLD BUSINESS

9a-Update on 360 Street project

Final request for payment has been received. At this time the invoices are coming in \$17,173.35 under Original Contract bid and project was completed before completion date.

9b-Change in Meeting location for October meeting

We are able to have our October meeting at Pioneer Park. From November to February the water is turned off to the church, no bathrooms would be available during that time. The change in place will be posted and published.

9c-COVID Funding update

COVID funding may be used to purchase computers for all members, allowing them to have access if we would need to have an electronic meeting. For the September Planning Commission, the clerk could not attend because she had been tested for COVID, Commissioner Noll also could not attend and Commissioner Bloch was absent. Members were able to contact Commissioner Noll via phone call, which allowed them to have a quorum and proceed with business. Because of the upcoming surge with the Corona Virus the lack of a quorum could occur at another time. Purchasing computers for all members would allow them to be virtually at the meeting and business can continue as usual.

ACTION: A motion to order 7 new computers for all board members and an upgraded computer for the clerk at the estimated price of \$5,350.00 was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

The Township has been approached by the Albany Fire Department to assist with purchasing COVID equipment for the firemen. At this time we will send \$7,800 for additional radios for the firemen.

ACTION: A motion to approve sending \$7,800 COVID funding to the Fire Department for their use was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

9D-Ditch 28 information

Residents of Albany Township affected by Ditch 28 received information from the county to complete a survey requesting we spend \$175,000 on re-determination and a possible \$200,000 in ditch repairs.

A video is available for us to view, this will be forwarded to board members

NEW BUSINESS

10a-County-Township Recommendation form

The County's new comprehensive plan committee have created additional forms for Townships to complete when building requests are submitted. Supervisor Greer requests this be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review.

OFFICER REPORTS

Fifth Monday report Given by Clerk Noll and Supervisor Rosen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13, Planning Commission Meeting
October 26, Monthly Meeting
November 3-General Election

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Greer , seconded by Supervisor Rosen , motion carried, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes: Tim Nierenhausen Date: October 26, 2020