

**2020 ALBANY TOWNSHIP
March 10, 2020
ANNUAL MEETING**

Thank you all for coming this evening.

The Annual Township Meeting was held on March 10, 2020 at the Albany City Fire Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. By Town Clerk Diane Noll. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 11 Residents were in attendance.

Introduction of Township and Planning Board Members

Supervisors; Mary Rosen, and John Greer-Absent Tim Nierenhausen
Commissioners; Gary Bloch -Absent Mike Noll and Joe Peternell,
Zoning Administrator Jerry Forster.

Nomination of Meeting Moderator-

A motion to have Gary Bloch be the meeting moderator was made by Dean Berckes, seconded by Rick Rosen, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda-

A motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Rick Rosen seconded by Dean Berckes , motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the March 12, 2019 Annual Meeting were read by Clerk Noll. A motion to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes as read was made by Jerry Forster, seconded by Ryan Brietbach , motion carried.

Audit and Financial Report

The Township was Audited by Brian Koehn and reviewed by the Township Board, there were no outstanding issues on our financial statues.

The Albany Township Annual Financial Statement ending on December 31, 2019 was read by Clerk/Treasurer Noll.

A motion to approve the 2019 Annual Financial report was made by Dean Berckes seconded by Jerry Forster, motion carried.

Time of motion: **8:45 P.M.**

Sheriff Report-Deputy Dennis Kern and Deputy Adam Johnson

Deputy Kern and Deputy Johnson have been assigned to Albany Township by Sheriff Soyka. They introduced themselves and gave a report of calls in the township.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission report was given by Zoning Administrator Jerry Forster.

In 2019, The Planning Commission had 9 meetings 3 were public hearings

Permits issued in the township:

20 township permits issued; 0 Permit Complaints; 7 County permits issued.

Road Report

The road report was given by Supervisor Mary Rosen
Completed Rushmeyer Lake Road- rebuilt and asphalt
Double seal coating on some roads
The wet summer caused us to have to grade more.
PLANS FOR 2020

- Disk shoulder one side of each road.
- Replacing signs in the SE quarter
- Graveling the SW quarter
- 360 Street will be rebuilt along with a walk way on the north side.

Please call with any questions or attend a monthly meeting with any questions or concerns.

Weed Control

The weed report was given by Supervisor John Greer
With the help of Bob Dunning we targeted 5 properties. We worked with the owners to have the weeds cut and/or sprayed. Wild parsnip, Canada thistle are our biggest issues.
We spent \$2,474 on spraying our right-of-ways. Centra sota from St. Martin did our spraying.
Supervisor Greer will be attending the local weed meeting this spring.
\$70,000 is available from the state to assist with the cost of spraying up to \$900 per property owner.
PLANS FOR 2020

- focus again this year on the wild parsnip to keep out of township roads.
- Trees and shrubs will be sprayed if they are in the right-of-ways.
- Brush will be removed from right-of-ways this spring.

Fire Department

Fire Department Report was given by Supervisor John Greer.
Number of call in township 21 medical, 9 fire calls, 11 auto accidents-(mostly on interstate)
We pay 28% of the bill for the Fire Dept.
Fire Department Gambling revenues has received \$77,000. Donations were received from the Blattner fundraiser, \$19,500 and the dance fundraiser brought in\$17,000
The fire department is budgeting for a new fire engine, at the cost of \$500,000. They are considering a ladder truck, but the expense is very high.

Appropriation of Township Levy for 2021

General Revenue Fund - \$61,950

A motion to approve \$61,950 for the township General Revenue Fund was made by Rick Rosen, seconded by Jerry Forster, motion carried, unanimously.

Road and Bridge Fund - \$350,050

A motion to approve \$350,050 for the township Road and Bridge Fund was made by Jerry Forster, seconded by Dean Berckes, motion carried, unanimously.

Fire Fund - \$52,200

A motion to approve \$52,200 for the township Fire Fund was made by Rick Rosen, seconded by Gary Bloch, motion carried, unanimously.

The Total Levy for 2021 is \$464,200 a 4.5% increase over 2020

Time of motion: **9:16 P.M.**

Community Education \$1,000

2019 we were billed for \$1,000 in scholarships for students taking classes through Community Education. This was paid in January of 2020.

A motion to approve paying up to \$1,000 for scholarships in 2020 to Community Education was made by Dean Berckes, seconded by Jerry Forster, motion carried.

Time of motion: **9:18 P.M.**

Room Rental \$700

We are again asking to pay the City of Albany \$700 for renting the Council Chambers for meetings.

A motion to approve paying the City of Albany \$700 for room rental was made by Brian Breitbach , seconded by Robert Wittkopf , motion carried.

Time of motion: **9:21 P.M.**

Posting Places

A motion to approve having Stearns Bank, Albany Branch of the Central Minnesota Credit Union and Albany City Hall as our official posting places was made by Rick Rosen, seconded by Robert Wittkopf, motion carried.

Time of motion: **9:22 P.M.**

Official Newspaper

A motion to continue having Albany Star Post as our official newspaper was made by Brian Breitbach, seconded by Dean Berckes, motion carried.

Time of motion: **9:23 P.M.**

Official Bank Depositories for the Township

A motion to have Stearns Bank and Central Minnesota Federal Credit Union as our official depositories, was made by Gary Bloch, second by Jerry Forster, motion carried.

Time of motion: **9:23 P.M.**

Decision on poll hours

Date March 9, 2021 Election 4-8 P.M. Board of Canvass 8:15, Meeting to follow at 8:30. A motion to have the 2021 Election and Annual Meeting on March 9, 2021, with elections from 4-8 pm, Board of Canvas at 8:15 and the Annual Meeting to follow at 8:30 pm. All to be held at The Albany Fire Hall was made by Jerry Forster, seconded by Robert Wittkopf, motion carried.

Time of motion: **9:25 P.M.**

Decision of Election

26 Voters today

3 Year term for Supervisor, Mary Rosen

2 Year term for Clerk/Treasurer Diane Noll

Open Forum

Rick Rosen-Why doesn't Sunnybrook use his wing when plowing snow?

A request to send the News letter in the fall and spring was made.

A request to start a facebook page might get more information out to residents. Information was distributed on the upcoming events at Albany Area Schools: Lake Wobegon Community Expo and the Farm Safety Event sponsored by local Fire Departments. Both events will be held on March 21. Information on Shape Stearns County, the county's Comprehensive Plan was discussed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Breitbach , seconded by Diane Meier , motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer
Albany Township

Approved Minutes Signed: Gary Bloch March 9, 2021
Meeting Moderator Date

Approved Minutes signed: Tim Nierenhausen March 9, 2021
Township Chair Date