

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

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

THE PLEDGE of allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda/ Minutes November 23, 2020 Monthly Meeting: December Treasurer's report; Investments-\$218,971.86; Checkbook Balance-\$254,884.02; Receipts-\$135,751.60.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

9627-9631	November Payroll	\$2,748.72			
9632	Albany Comm. Ed.	\$40.00	9636	Stearns Co Auditor	\$1,700.00
9633	Albany Recycling	\$44.54	9637	Sunnybrook	\$2,707.50
9634	Herdering Inc.	\$108.00	2020017	November PERA	\$144.52
9635	Lorens Tree Service	\$775.00			
				Total Claims	\$5,519.56
				Total Claims + Payroll	\$8,268.28

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

GUESTS

Pioneer Club Board-Brennan Shay

Discussion was had on considering building a town hall on Stearns County Pioneer Park grounds.

Questions were as follows:

What location on park grounds would this be built?

Approximately 300 feet inside of gate 1, on Pioneer Park Main Street

Would a separate well need to be drilled?

Can a holding tank for septic be added?

Can the east side, rear of the building have handicap accessibility?

Will opening the gates on meeting nights be an issue?

Will there be parking for residents attending meetings?

Can a bulletin board be placed on the exterior of the fence for township postings?

Will a long term lease/easement paperwork -legal description of property be required?

Attorney will be contacted.

What will be building look like? slab on grade-stick building 10 foot side walls?

The building will need bathroom; mechanical room for furnace, AC, water pump, water softener; office; storage; meeting room with small kitchenette.

Pioneer Club has lumber from old parish house that can be used to complete the interior of the building.
Bids would need to include well/septic/plumbing/electric/internet.

The building will be approximately 30 feet by 50 feet in size

Mr. Shay, as representative of Pioneer Club, will draw up plans for the building.

Chair Nierenhause will take the plans to area lumber yards for estimates.

If completed in time, this can be an addition to our Annual Meeting.

ACTION: A motion to authorize Mr Shay to draw up plans, have Chair Nierenhausen acquire bids with the goal to have the question on the annual meeting, was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

PLANNING COMMISSION

6a-Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen-No meeting in December

ROAD REPORT

7a-Road Report-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Some drifting on roads after last snow fall

245th Ave and 365th St-culvert repair completed by Kotzer Excavating

245th Ave and /360th St received calls on the ruff roads-will have Sunnybrook grade

225th Ave/State Hwy 238 street sign is missing – State will replace sign

330th St and County Road 41 stop ahead sign needed

375th St and 251th Ave Street signs have not been replaced.

350th St and 207th Ave pop holes have been filled with crushed cement.

Debri- a recliner and couch were picked up and brought to Albany Recycling. In the future when we bring items to Albany Recycling, please have them record the location of the pick up and the supervisors name that brought it in. We can then be reimbursed with SCORE grant money.

OLD BUSINESS

8a-Schlenner Wenner contract signature-approved at the November meeting

Contract reviewed and signed

8b-New Building Information

See above

8c-Review County Aggregate Payment

Contact made with MAT attorney, requested we approach the Township Assn and approach the county as a unit. Contact was made with the County and they sent bills to Lange and WDS. Payment should be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

9a Stearns County Parkland Dedication Funds

More research in needed

9b Town Officer Association email addresses

All officers will have new email addresses, these will be the emails shared with the Town Officer Association.

9c Local Road Improvement Program

251st Ave extend to County Road 157

ACTION: A motion to apply for the LRIP to extend 251st Avenue, and allow for \$2,000 for engineering fees by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried, unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS

Fifth Monday Meeting-Supervisor Rosen

Superintendent Johnson gave report on the number of COVID cases in the school district including staff and students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 29-January 12: Filing for office open

January 12-Planning Commission Meeting

January 25-Monthly Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: There being no further business to come before this meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen , seconded by Supervisor Greer , motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes: Tim Nierenhausen Date: January 25, 2021

Township Board Chair