

**Albany Township  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday May 24, 2021, 7:30 P.M.**

The regular monthly Albany Township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen on May 24, 2021, 7:40 P.M at the City of Albany Council Chambers. Supervisors Tim Nierenhausen, Mary Rosen, John Greer, and Clerk/Treasurer Diane Noll, were present. Guests-Nathan Haakanson, Ron Bartels, Deputy Adam Johnson, Michael Noll

THE PLEDGE of allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA**

Agenda: Minutes April 26, Monthly meeting; May 3, Road Tour; May Treasurer's report; Investments-\$219,405.83 Checkbook Balance-\$227,413.22; Receipts-\$1,169.70

**PAYROLL AND CLAIMS**

9703-9709	April Payroll	\$2,599.73			
9710	Kotzer Excavating, Inc	\$11,240.50	9713	Sunnybrook Ent.	\$4,752.50
9711	MR Signs	\$65.59	2021008	April PERA	\$85.62
9712	Stearns Cty Auditor	\$7,187.25			
				<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>\$23,331.46</b>
				<b>Total Claims + Payroll</b>	<b>\$25,931.19</b>

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Deputy Adam Johnson as a guest, 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 Rosen seconded by Supervisor Greer , motion carried, unanimously.

**GUESTS – Deputy Adam Johnson**

Deputy Johnson as been a Deputy with Stearns County for 15 years, for the past 5 years he has had a K9 as his partner. Deputy Johnson has been assigned to watch over Albany Township.

There have been no items of large interest occurring in the Township, some accidents, numerous traffic stops, false alarms.

Deputy Johnson brought Jax (K9) in for a drug demonstration.

**OPEN FORUM -NONE**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

6a-Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen-No monthly May Meeting

6b-NHM Properties, Nathan Haakanson Fifth Lake Road, Albany

PIN 01.00330.0007 Permit for application for approach (after the fact)

Mr. Haakanson has completed an approach for a driveway prior to completing a permit.

Planning Commission passed with following recommendations:

Approach on North end of property is removed

Line of sight measurement/testing is completed

At the April meeting, a motion to extend this to our road tour to have all board members present to

check the sight standards, was made.

Tim contacted engineer Jeremy Mathison, Stantec Engineering for his perspective on the approach. Mr Mathison stated for a 40 or 45 MPH this would be acceptable and the owner would be responsible for adding a blind entrance ahead sign.

It is still in question which standards the township is using, we will need to add the standards to our ordinance.

The Township allows one approach per 40 acres, but they have made exceptions in the past, there have been two allowed per forty acres.

When touring the site during the road tour, it was noted that an existing driveway apron is located across from 32598 Fifth Lake Road and aerial photos show a makeshift road at this location. In inspecting the new approach, Supervisor Greer and Rosen felt their was not the needed footage to stop for vehicles.

Across from 32598 Fifth Lake Road, an approach exists, this would be on top of the hill and be a better place to have the approach.

**ACTION:** A motion to deny the permit request and to have the illegal approach removed was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

For Mr Haakanson to be in compliance with the County requests, he will need to request a permit for an approved approach.

**ACTION:** A motion to allow an approach across from 32598 Fifth Lake Road was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

Approving this new approach would have 2 approaches on this 40 acre parcel.

**ACTION:** A motion to leave the north end approach as is, was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried, unanimously.

Approach on north end will stay.

#### 6c-Building Permits

John Kotzer-33504 Co Rd 10-4 season porch

William Hause/Jason Iverson-911 signs 21255 & 21245 County Road 154

Anthony Ebnet 19502 St Anna Dr-Pole Building

John Beutz, 21972 360 St, Accessory building

Ralph Finken, 25183 375<sup>th</sup> St, 911 sign

#### ROAD REPORT

##### 7a-Road Report-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Patching of tar—areas that need to be completed

350 St-west of Albany City limits.

8 small pot holes, plus 2 areas, 160 x 22 feet and 45 X 22 feet,  
Sand Lake Road

2 pot holes, plus 20 x 10 feet dip on south end

330 Street

120 x 22 feet area east of Fifth Lake Road

230 Ave/13 Street

Two sections, 415 x 22 feet and 730 x 22 feet

The Township Board will make a decision on these projects, after the decision of the State on the requested road grant.

The signage for the Lange pit has not been installed.

Most gravel roads are in good shape will need to be graded.

Graveling of the North/West quarter will be hauled this week.

Dust suppressant will be applied the following week.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

8a-Brush Removal/Seal coating

no bids received will be considered at the June meeting

8b Lange-330 St request to haul during road restrictions

**ACTION:** A motion to deny the request for Lange hauling during road restrictions was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

9a-911 sign damaged

911 Sign at 21684 County Road 54 was damaged in an accident. Sign was disposed of when fire department was cleaning up the scene. Owner is requesting a new sign and is questioning if owner or township will pay for the cost.

**ACTION:** A motion to have the owner pay the \$40 for the 911 sign was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

9b-Pilgrim's Pride Overweight Permits

Fee of \$300 per permit total of \$1,200, still waiting for the fee.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the four (4) permits for Pilgrim's Pride of Cold Spring, for the following farms:

Tim Gerads, 20959 St Anna Drive

Viking Company, 20008 330 St

Fred Schlagen, 34496 255 Avenue

Michael Gondringer, 20195 Quaker Road

was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried unanimously.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

Clerk Noll reported on the MAT monthly meetings

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 31-Memorial Day

June 8-Planning Commission

June 28-Monthly Meeting

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Rosen, 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: June 28,2021

*Township Board Chair*