

**Albany Township
Monthly Meeting
Monday February 22, 2021 7:30 P.M.**

The regular monthly Albany Township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen on February 22, 2021, 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. Also present, Jeremy Mathison, Engineer, Evelyn, Kurt and Kristine Krebs, Michael Gondringer. Present via Zoom, Jodi Teich and Molly Thompson

THE PLEDGE of allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda /Add Hildebrandt Overweight permit to Old business/Minutes January 25, 2021 Monthly Meeting and February 15 Budget meeting: February Treasurer's report; Investments-\$219,126.06 Checkbook Balance-\$284,084.62; Receipts-\$34,548.99.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

9652-9657	January Payroll	\$1,963.43			
9658	Couri & Ruppe, Inc	\$275.00	9661	Star Publication	\$81.60
9659	Herdering, Inc.	\$1,045.00	9662	Sunnybrook Ent.	\$13.22
9660	Kotzer Excavating	\$450.00	2021004	January PERA	\$87.00
				Total Claims	\$5,128.60
				Total Claims + Payroll	\$7,092.03

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

GUESTS -None

OPEN FORUM -NONE

PLANNING COMMISSION

6a-Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen

6b-Evelyn Krebs/Kristine Krebs/Kurt Krebs, 23336 Orchard Road, Albany MN

23336 Orchard Road, Albany Mn

Request for an Administrative Subdivision

Parcel number: 01.00270.0000 Section: 21, Twp 125; Section 21

The owner of the property, Evelyn Krebs is requesting to split off 20 acres located on County Road 10 adjacent to Central Livestock Assn, and includes a chicken barn, which she would like to sell to her son.

Tract A Acres +/- 20 Acres includes existing chicken barn

Planning Commission recommendation is to approve the subdivision.

ACTION: A motion to approve the 20 acre subdivision was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor

Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

6C-Krebs Rezoning

On December 10, 2020 Albany Township received a request from Evelyn Krebs, Kurt and Kristine Krebs to rezone a 20 acre parcel from A40 to Commercial. Kurt and Kristine are planning to purchase 20 acres from Evelyn Krebs which currently has a chicken barn being used for storage. They are planning to turn the barn into more storage units and will need the property to be zoned commercial to be compliant. They are requesting to change zoning on only 5 acres of the parcel, the remaining 15 acres will remain A40 and be non build-able for residence. Some adjacent property is zoned A40, but taxed as Commercial. This has no bearing on the decision to rezone this parcel as commercial. Attorney Couri and Heidi Wenkowski, Stearns County Environmental Services both state this is a separate issue.

The closest Commercial property is the Stearns County Highway Department located 850 feet to the north of this property on County Road 10. 1,780 feet east of this intended parcel are the City Sewage Ponds.

Because of the timing of the request, a 60 day extension letter has been sent to applicant. This 60 day extension will expire on April 7, 2021. A Public Hearing was held on February 9 by the Planning Commission. They recommended approval on a vote of 2 to 1.

ACTION: A motion to recommend to the Stearns County Commissioners approval of the rezoning of 5 acres of the 20 acre parcel from A40 to Commercial was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhuasen, motion carried unanimously.

6D-Everett/Towner-variance for Little House

On January 6, 2021 Albany Township received a request from Heidi Everett an Emil Towner for a variance regarding the minimum residential dwelling size for a Tiny House they have purchased and placed on their property. Albany Township Requires a minimum square footage of 840 Square feet the current tiny house has a square footage of 388 Square feet. This is located in "Betty's West Pine Beach" subdivision. There are 12 build-able lots in the subdivision, of the 12 lots, 7 have seasonal residents and 2 are permanent houses. The other permanent house is 936 square feet. The remaining seasonal houses are smaller in nature. In 2018 the applicants contacted the county and were advised the structure could be no more than 400 square feet. In September of 2019 the tiny house was moved to the lot in accordance with the maximum size allowable for the location. In December of 2020 they were advised they were not in compliance with the Township regulations. A Public Hearing by the Planning Commission was held on February 9, they recommend approval of the variance.

ACTION: A motion to approve the variance for the minimum residential dwelling size was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

6E-Groetsch Administrative subdivision

Parcel number: 01.00013.0002 Section 02, Twp 125 Range 031, Acres +/-190.36

Split to the following:

Tract A, +/- 20 acres, administrative subdivision for new building site

Tract B, +/- 25.13 acres and Tract C, +/- 20 acres; Both tracts will remain together with the farm-site

Tract D, +/- 113.28 acres, Administrative Sub division for non-building entitlement.

This acreage is set aside for tracts A,B,C & E to have building compliance.

Tract E, +/- 8.38 acres, administrative subdivision for non-building purposes. If the owner requests to build on this tract, a one-lot plat will be required.

Planning Commission recommends approval of administrative subdivision.

ACTION: A motion to approve the above administrative subdivision was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried, unanimously.

6D-Gondgringer Administrative subdivision.

Parcel number: 01.00099.0000 Section 13, Twp 125 Range 031, Acres +/-60.00

Split to the following: Block 1/Lot 1, +/- 2.84 acres, administrative subdivision for new building site
Mr Gondringer is requesting a subdivision of 2.84 acres for Block 1, to build a dwelling 37
Acres of remaining parcel will be set aside as non-build for Block 1 to be in compliance with A40
Zoning.

ACTION: A motion to approve the above administrative subdivision was made by Supervisor Greer,
seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

ROAD REPORT

7a-Chair Nierenhausen-Road Report

360 St/230 sign painted

Roads in the northwest corner and St Anna Drive are in need of grading, very rough.

239th Ave, has a depression in need of gravel

For our annual road tour: north side of St. Anna Drive is having drainage issues, brush removal?

OLD BUSINESS

8a-Local Road Improvement Program Resolution

Jeremy Mathison, Engineer was present to answer questions

Jodi Teich, County Engineer was present via Zoom to answer questions

Current estimate is just over \$1M estimate maximum we can request is \$1.25m

For Albany Township to be accepted for the grant, we will need to hire an engineer at our own cost, estimated
cost of engineer \$200,000.

All funding would be sent to the county and they would be the fiscal unit for paying the expenses.

Jeremy suggestions:

Request letters of support from area residents

Check with property owners for the right-of-way permission

Jodi suggestions: Upgrade this road to a 10 ton.

ACTION: A motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 Apply for LRIP Funding for Roadwork on 251st Avenue was
made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

8B-New Town Hall Information

Chair Nierenhausen presented the initial drawing of the Town Hall, changes were submitted, he will be
contacting area lumber yards for building estimates.

8C-Parkland Dedication Funding

Contact was made with the Stearns County Park Association and they would approve of using our funds
for a parking area on Wobegan trail. The information sent to us was for approval so it can be presented to the
County Board. Hopefully in April/May they will receive County approval on disseminating the funds.

8D Request for Overweight permit

Hildebrant Trucking LLC, 10531 165th Ave, Becker MN, 55308

Request for overweight permit, they have paid the \$300 fee

ACTION: A motion to approve the overweight permit for Hildebrant was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded
by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

9a Schlenner Wenner 2020 Audit

Molly Thompson was present via Zoom. There were not outstanding issues present with the

audit.

ACTION: A motion to accept the audit as presented was made by Supervisor Rosen , seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried unanimously.

9B-Annual Meeting Information-agenda was presented for approval

9c Appointment of Planning Commission Member

One letter of intent was received from Joe Peternell.

ACTION: A motion to approve Joe Peternell continue on the Planning Commission for an additional three years was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 9, Annual Meeting
- March 15 6 P.M. Organizational Meeting
- March 22, Monthly Meeting
- April 12, 7pm -Board of Appeal

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to recess to March 9 for the Annual meeting and March 15 for the Organizational meeting was made by Supervisor Greer, Seconded by Supervisor Rosen , motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E Noll

Diane E Noll
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes: Tim Nierenhausen Date: March 22,2021

Township Board Chair