

**Albany Township
Monthly Meeting
Monday April 26, 2021, 7:30 P.M.**

The regular monthly Albany Township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen on April 26, 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.

THE PLEDGE of allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda-move old business prior to Road report : Minutes March 22, Monthly meeting, April 12, Board of Review: April Treasurer's report; Investments-\$219,348.68 Checkbook Balance-\$246,207.76; Receipts-\$593.12.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

9683-9689	March Payroll	\$4,119.25			
9690-9692	Election Payroll	\$306.00	9699	Stearns Cty Auditor	\$122.00
9693	Design Specialists	\$56.25	9700	Star Publication	\$114.24
9694	Kotzer Excavating, Inc	\$3,134.50	9701	Sunnybrook Ent	\$6,827.50
9695	Mn Computer Systems	\$107.82	9702	Stantec	\$2,168.00
9696	Herdering, Inc	\$1,260.00	2021006	March PERA	\$252.26
9697	Noll, Diane	\$62.00	2021007	IRS	\$922.87
9698	Randy Schreifels, Aud.	\$348.20		Total Claims	\$15,375.64
				Total Claims + Payroll	\$19,800.89

ACTION: A motion to approve the consent agenda with the change in the 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 Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

GUESTS -None

OPEN FORUM -NONE

PLANNING COMMISSION

6a-Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen

Officer Election-Joe Peternell-Chair, Michael Noll Vice-Chair

6b-Loren Pelzer, 35512 County Road 10, Albany MN

History: in 2016 Mr. Pelzer requested to have this property rezoned from A40-R1. His request was approved and he split the 3 acre parcel as follows:

01.00347.0005 Acres: +/-1.96 and 01.00368.0180 Acres +/- 1.72

Pelzer is now requesting to adjust the lot lines as follows:

New acreage:

01.00347.0005 Acres: +/-1.01 and 01.00368.0180 Acres +/- 2.77

ACTION: A motion to recommend approval of the adjustment of the lot lines made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer. Motion carried, unanimously.

6c-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

On April 20, Chair Nierenhausen, Commissioner Noll and Administrator Forster completed a sight study using standards from Stearns County Highway Department. Chair Nierenhausen has the following measurements: County has 550 Feet minimum, from approach to first line of sight is 335 Feet which is less than County/Mndot standards.

Administrator Forster is recommending we use NHTSA for road design, needing 265 feet for stopping distance, which will give the needed distance for stopping. Forster presented his statement for approval of the approach.

Mr. Haakanson is requesting we do not remove the existing approach that is on the north end of the property. He also has a requested a shed permit from the county. There has been some misunderstanding about too much dirt being moved on the property. An After The Fact Conditional Use Permit will have a Public Hearing at the County.

ACTION: A motion to extend this to our road tour to have all board members present to check the sight standards was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

6d-Duane & Elaine Ebensteiner, 21190 Pioneer View Road, Albany MN

Certificate of Compliance-Administrative Subdivision

Parcel number: 01.00104.0030 Section 14, Twp 125 Range 031, Acres +/-40.00

The Ebensteiners are proposing the following:

Split to the following:

Block 1/Lot 1, +/-5.18 acres, administrative subdivision for new building site

ACTION: A motion to approve of the administrative split was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried, Roll Call vote Nierenhausen-yes, Greer-yes, Rosen-no.

6e-Duane & Elaine Ebensteiner, 21190 Pioneer View Road, Albany MN

Rezoning request from A40-R5

On December 10, 2020 Albany Township received a request from Duane & Elaine Ebensteiner to rezone a 5 acre parcel from A40 to R5. Duane & Elaine are planning on selling this parcel to their daughter, Leah Reding to build a house. To the north of this parcel are ten (10) five (5) acre lots in the Tower View Acres subdivision, zoned as R5. The original parcel is a parcel of record prior to April 21, 2000. To the East of this parcel is an active farm with a feed lot.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC- Richard and Lois Klug, 20789 County Road 154, the neighbor adjacent to the east has contacted Clerk Noll and are against this proposal.

ACTION: A motion to recommend to the Stearns County Commissioners approval of the rezoning of 5.18 acres of the 40 acre parcel from A40 to R5 was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen , seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried Roll Call vote Nierenhausen-yes, Greer-yes, Rosen-no.

6F-Building permits issued

Randal Klaphake, 27874 225th Avenue, Albany: Lean on existing building/widen driveway

ROAD REPORT

7a-Road Report-Supervisor Nierenhausen

230 Avenue-by water tower treatment plant, 3 soft spots put in crushed cement.

249 Avenue/County Rd 174 north end has a soft spot

Orchard Road/County Rd 10- 2 loads crushed cement for soft spots

238th Avenue at North end, needs crushed cement

Pine Lake Road-is a private road in need of repair. Residents have complained to township about the status of the road. It is their responsibility.

235 Ave/360 St-Street sign was damaged, Sunnybrook will replace

Sandhill Circle-complaint of snowplow digging up some sod on edge of road.

360th St (north of Albany, West of City limits) needs work to be done. Crushed cement needs to be placed and gravel to repair the road. Kotzer Excavating estimated the cost to be Concrete \$5,833, Gravel \$4,120, with additional \$2.85 per foot for repair.

Chair Nierenhausen will contact the city of Albany to decide if they would like work done on their section of road.

ACTION: A motion to have Kotzer Excavating repair 360th Street at the cost of \$2.85 per foot plus the cost of concrete and gravel made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

7b-Lange 330 St

Lange is requesting to have the rights to haul on 330th Street when road restrictions are in place.

ACTION: A motion to table this decision until the road tour is completed was made by Chair Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Gravel Contract/Opening Bids

Supply Deliver, Place and Grade 5,000 yards

Kotzer Excavating: \$10.30 per CU total \$51,500

WDS-Scepaniak: \$10.99 per CU total \$54,950

Lange: \$10.80 per CU Total \$54,000

ACTION: A motion to award to Kotzer Excavating the 2021 Gravel Contract, was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried, unanimously.

b. Dust Suppressant Contract/Opening Bids

Central MN Dust Control: Full \$.62 per foot; maintainer \$.42 per foot

Herdering: Full \$.76 per foot; Maintainer \$.60 per foot

Random sampling will be done of the product being placed.

ACTION: A motion to award to Central Minnesota Dust Control the 2021 Dust Suppressant Contract, was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried, unanimously.

Dust suppressant for residents has been at \$.60 since 2012. Should this amount be increased?

ACTION: A motion to increase the amount charged to our residents to \$.62 was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried, unanimously.

City has also requested to have 2000 feet done, contact will be made with the city.

c. ROW Cutting Contract

Math Schmitz has submitted a bid to do our ROW cutting in the amount of \$75 per hour plus fuel.

This is a \$5 increase over the past two years.

ACTION: A motion to approve the 2021 ROW cutting to Math Schmitz, was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried, unanimously.

d. Crack Sealing contract/Opening bids

Crack Filling Estimate of 8,000 pounds

Contractors submitting bids:

Astech Cracks blown \$1.35 per pound

New cracks routed \$1.40 per pound

Lawrence Schreffler

Routed \$1.45 per pound

ACTION: A motion to approve the 2021 Crack Sealing bid to Astech, was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

e. Seal Coating contract/Opening bids

ACTION: A motion to table this decision until we have further information about the LRIP grant was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried, unanimously.

f. Road Tour

The date set for the annual road tour will be May 3, rain date, May 5 meet at 3pm at City Hall. After the road tour decisions will be made on brush cutting in right-of-ways.

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

OFFICER REPORTS

Clerk Noll gave reports on the MAT monthly meeting

Supervisor Rosen gave report on the Fifth Monday Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3 - Road Tour

May 11-Planning Commission

May 24-Monthly Meeting

May 31-Memorial Day

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: A motion to continue to May 3, 3 PM for the annual road tour, with a rain date of May 5, was made by Supervisor Rosen, Seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes: Tim Nierenhausen Date: May 24,2021

Township Board Chair