

Albany Township
 Monthly Meeting
 Monday, February 28, 2022 7:30 P.M.

The regular monthly Albany Township meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Nierenhausen on February 28, 2022, 7:35 P.M at the City of Albany Council Chambers. Supervisors Tim Nierenhausen, Mary Rosen, John Greer, and Clerk/Treasurer Diane Noll, were present.

In attendance: Ashley Meagher

THE PLEDGE of allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA February Agenda Request to move Ashley Meagher to Guests; Minutes January 24, 2022-monthly meeting, February 7-Budget meeting; February Treasurer's report; Investments-\$274,940.00 Checkbook Balance-\$412,029.65; Receipts-\$10,172.94.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

9813-9819	January Payroll	\$2,127.64			
9820	Herdering	\$3,800.00	9822	Sunnybrook Ent, Inc.	\$7,480.00
9821	Strns County Assn	\$1,027.86	2022003	PERA	\$103.12
				Total Claims	\$12,410.98
				Total Claims + Payroll	\$14,538.62

ACTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda as updated was made by Supervisor Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Greer, motion carried, unanimously.

RENEWAL OF 6 MONTH CERTIFICATE

ACTION: A motion to renew the CD at Stearns Bank for an additional 6 months 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 Rosen, seconded by Supervisor Nierenhausen, motion carried, unanimously.

GUESTS-

- Schlenner Wenner & Co-Ashley Meagher- 2021 Audit
- Audit went smoothly, nothing unusual in the audit
- Internal controls-lack of segregation of duties having a combined clerk/treasurer
- Non-compliance with Annual Delegation of Authority for Electronic Fund
- Transfers-this will be corrected at the Organizational meeting

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

OPEN FORUM-None

PLANNING COMMISSION

a-Monthly Report-Supervisor Rosen

Commissioners continue to work on the changes to the County Ordinance. Discussion was had on not allowing solar garden/farms near the city limits. Have the county notify us when a solar garden permit is requested in our township. Will continue with discussions on TDR and Section 6.9.5 Setback Provisions

ROAD REPORT

a-Road report-Supervisor Nierenhausen

Residents are looking at Pine Lake Road, trying to convince new residents that township will maintain the road. We do not maintain the road.

When is plowing of roads done? There was no plowing done after the storm until after Tuesday morning. Why wasn't snow removed earlier?

207 ave/Math Hendrickson, he would like us to review his road going up to the stop sign. Request we build up the road a bit on the south end to prevent having to speed up to get out of the road.

Some drifting around different areas, 255th street, Reed Nelson home owner got stuck backed out of Lemke driveway, Sunnybrook will look at damages when snow is gone.

Some mail boxes were damaged in the snowplowing after the storm. Sunnybrook has contacted owners to repair the mail boxes.

230 Avenue update-Received information from ITT on the borings done on 230th Avenue.

Reclaiming the tar would be sufficient to redo the road and add an additional 8 inches
More information will be on March agenda

b- Brush removal contract

Will check ditches during road tour to decide brush removal for 2022-2023.

OLD BUSINESS

a-NMH Approach Update

Continue to fine him at \$200 per month-total for February \$1,400.

b-Approach Permit Policy

Will be discussed at the Organizational Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a-Lange Hauling-Request to haul during spring road restrictions

Discussion was had on the damage done to the road because of hauling the heavy loads. Not allowing hauling during the road restrictions will extend the life of the road. This will give us some time before we have to rebuild the road.

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.

b-2021 Audit Schenner Wenner-Ashely Meagher

See Guests above

c-Annual Meeting Information-

Annual meeting Agenda and proposed budget was presented for review.

Because of an increase in runs for Albany Fire Department we will need to increase our 2023 Fire Fund.

ACTION: A motion to recommend to the town residents an increase for the Fire fund to \$57,400 was made by Supervisor Greer, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried, unanimously.

d-Appointment of Planning Commission Member

One letter of intent was received from Gary Bloch.

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

OFFICER REPORTS

Supervisor Greer-Albany Fire Department- For 2022 Albany Township had the following calls: Medical 15/Fire 10/Auto Accidents 9/Gas leak 1. The new fire truck has arrived and the department is negotiating purchasing the lift truck from Sauk Rapids for under \$20,000. There have been 25 firemen on the department for many years. They are looking at increasing the number of firemen that are active. Maybe increase in personnel. Looking at hiring some females for medical calls.

Supervisor Nierenhausen-Freeport Fire Department responded to 2 medical calls in Albany Township for the year 2022. Freeport has an increase of total calls from 85 to 108 for the year. They are considering acquiring a new rescue truck. Janelle Kendall was present at the meeting and gave a report

Supervisor Rosen and Clerk Noll-Fifth Monday Meeting

-Meeting dates have been changed from the fifth Monday to a date more consistent.

Dates for 2022 are April 21, July 21, October 20.

-The City of Albany discussed the proposed changes to State Hwy 238; they are planning on repaving the alley behind the downtown businesses.

-Townships gave reports on upcoming annual election

Stearns County Township meeting

-Michael Williams presented on the Stearns County Broadband proposal, Albany Township ARPA funding \$118,207/Population 1,038/Unserved broadband 0/Funding request \$0.

-Jodi Teich gave an overview on the upcoming road improvement and bridge funding

-Bob Dunning gave information on a Cooperative Weed Management Grant and the invasive weeds in the county.

Clerk Noll-Legislative and Research Committee Meeting, Township Tuesday Meetings

-MAT is requesting an additional \$37 million for township roads

-Discussion on vehicle tax on electric cars

-Funding for fire department radios

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 8, Annual Meeting
- March 21 6 P.M. Organizational Meeting
- March 28, Monthly Meeting
- April 7, Stearns County Twp Board meeting
- April 11, 7pm -Board of Appeal
- April 21, Fifth Monday Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: _Motion to recess to March 8 for the Annual meeting and March 21 for the Organizational meeting was made by Supervisor Nierenhausen, seconded by Supervisor Rosen, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at _9:50_ P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E Noll

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Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes:

Tim Nierenhausen

Township Board Chair

Date: March 28, 2022