

TOWNSHIP OF AVON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Avon Township Planning Commission, County of Stearns, Minnesota, will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 beginning at 7:15 PM in the Avon Township Hall (16881 Queens Road, Avon, MN) to consider an application submitted by Rod and Laura Girodat, 33576 Shorewood Drive, Avon MN, 56310 (PID 03.01477.0000). This application requests a variance from Section 9.9.9.A(3) of Avon Township Ordinance No. 5 for their existing, non-compliant residence, which is five feet closer to the road right-of-way than is currently permitted.

All interested persons are invited to this hearing, at which time you may appear if you so desire, either in person or by agent, in opposition to, or in support of, the proposed changes. The hearing of this request is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner, who for any reason has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform him/her of this public hearing. If you cannot attend this meeting, you may direct comments to the Avon Township Clerk.

The public is invited to attend. Avon Township meetings are handicap-accessible and available via Zoom (see website for login).

Stephen Saupe, Clerk
16881 Queens Road, Avon, MN 56310
Email: clerk@avontownship.org
Website: www.avontownship.org
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Notice of Election Township of Oak

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of Oak Township that the Township Annual Election will be held on March 12th, 2024. The polls will be open from 3pm-8pm at the Oak Town Hall located at 28801 County Road 30, Freeport MN. The positions being voted on are as follows,

- (1) Clerk for a two-year term. Currently held by Tom Roelike.
(1) Supervisor for a three-year term. Currently held by Craig Viere.

Tom Roelike
Oak Township Clerk
P-2-1B

NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF OAK AFFIDAVITS OF CANDIDACY

Affidavits of Candidacy for the Township of Oak, Stearns County Minnesota, shall be filed with the Township Clerk beginning on Tuesday January 2nd, 2024 thru Tuesday January 16th 2024 at 5 PM. The Clerk's office will be open January 16th from 1 to 5 pm for filing purposes.

Offices to be filed at the Annual Meeting on March 12th, 2024 are: one Clerk for a two-year term currently held by Tom Roelike and one Su-

pervisor for a three-year term currently held by Craig Viere.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Township Clerk at 34993 County Road 172, Freeport MN 56331. The Township Clerk can be reached for appointment at (320)980-0880 or by email at oaktownship@gmail.com.

Tom Roelike
Township Clerk
P-2-1B

Albany Township
Notice of Public Hearing for the Amendment to Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 6

Albany Township residents are hereby notified of a public hearing for the purpose of amending the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 6 The following is a summary of the amendments:

The Board of Supervisors for the Township of Albany, HERBY ORDAINS that the Albany Township Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 6, shall be amended as follows:

Add to ordinance:
SECTION 6 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
6.1.1 Accessory Buildings-Agricultural

That section 6.1.1 G and H are hereby added to read as follows:

F. Shipping containers will be allowed as an accessory building, but must be permitted. They cannot be used for rental or commercial purposes without property being zoned as commercial.

6.2.1 Accessory Buildings-Residential

That section 6.2.1 M and N are hereby added to read as follows:

N. In R5 and R2 Zoning Districts, Shipping Containers will need a permit and will only be allowed for temporary storage of 6 months.

The full text of the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance is available at the Albany Public Library or by contacting Town Clerk, Diane Noll at albanytwp@albanytel.com or 320-224-9616.

The hearing will be held on January 22, 6:30 P.M. at the Albany City Hall. All interested parties are invited to attend said public hearings or submit written testimony prior to hearing date, either in support of or in opposition to the changes. Items can be sent to: Albany Township, P. O. Box 344, Albany MN 56307 Diane Noll

Albany Township Clerk
albanytwp@albanytel.com
320-224-9616

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Unadopted Minutes
REORGANIZATION/REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools - ISD #745
District Office Board Room
January 3, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kreuzer at 6 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Hansen, Kreuzer, Carbajal, Sand, Sands, Dirkes, Rueter

Late: None

Absent: None

3. Agenda- Additions or Deletions

4. Organization of 2024 Board of Education

4.1 Election of Officers

4.1.1 Chairperson

Sand nominated Kreuzer as Chair for 2024.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

4.1.2 Vice-Chairperson

Carbajal nominated Hansen as Vice-Chair for 2024.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

4.1.3 Clerk

Sands nominated Sand as Clerk for 2024.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

4.1.4 Treasurer

Sand nominated Dirkes as Treasurer for 2024.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

4.2 Establish Remuneration of Board Members

Motion by Kreuzer, seconded by Carbajal, to set annual board compensation as indicated below:

Payment for all meetings (Regular, Special, Committee) \$50.00 per meeting

Table with 2 columns: Position, Amount. Chair: \$350.00, Clerk: 300.00, Treasurer: 200.00, Workshops/Conferences/half-day or less: 50.00, Full Day: 100.00

Vote For : All

Vote Against: None

4.3 Establish Board Meeting Dates

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Sand, to hold Board meetings for 2024 on the second Wednesday of the month and the fourth Wednesday of the month for work sessions or special meetings when necessary unless changed by the School Board for good and sufficient reason. The time of each regular meeting shall be 6:00 p.m. and the time for each work session shall be 6:00 p.m.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

4.4 Authorize Bank Depositories

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Rueter, to authorize the following bank depositories:

- Stearns Bank
Magnifi Financial - Albany Branch
PMA Financial Network "MN Trust"

Vote For: Sand, Sands, Carbajal, Hansen, Rueter

Abstained: Kreuzer and Dirkes

Vote Against: None

4.5 Authorize Official Signatures

Motion by Rueter, seconded by Sands, to keep temporary signatures as is until new signatures are ready. New signatures will include Kreuzer-Chair, Sand-Clerk, Dirkes-Treasurer, Okerlund-Superintendent, Clemen-Business Manager.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

4.6 Select Official Newspaper

Motion by Sand, seconded by Carbajal, to have The Star Post as the Official Newspaper.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

4.7 Select School District Attorney and Identify Who May Contact Attorney on Behalf of the District

Motion by Rueter, seconded by Dirkes, to retain the firm Pemberton Law as legal counsel for the District and designate the Board Chair and the Superintendent as district representatives who may contact legal counsel when it is in the best interest of the district.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

4.8 Select School District Auditor

Motion by Sands, seconded by Dirkes, to continue with the firm of Schlenner-Wenner for audit services.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

4.9 Authorize Business Manager and Superintendent to Invest Excess Funds

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Dirkes, to authorize the business manager and superintendent to invest excess funds.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

4.10 Authorize Business Manager and Superintendent to Make Electronic Fund Transfers

Motion by Dirkes, seconded by Hansen, to authorize the business manager and superintendent to make electronic fund transfers.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

4.11 Authorize Superintendent to Expend Funds Within Budget Guidelines

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Dirkes, to authorize the superintendent to expend funds within budget guidelines.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

4.12 Appoint Board Committee Members

Committee Members for 2024 are as follows:

- 4.12.1 Finance & Facilities - Dirkes, Kreuzer, Carbajal, Hansen
4.12.2 Teaching & Learning - Sands, Hansen, Sand
4.12.3 Policy & Student Functions - Sands, Sand
4.12.4 Community Engagements - Hansen, Dirkes
4.12.5 Human Resources - Dirkes, Kreuzer, Rueter
4.12.6 Minnesota State High School League - Rueter
4.12.7 West Central Education District - Dirkes
4.12.8 Stearns County Collaborative - Sands
4.12.9 Meet & Confer - Sand, Sands, Rueter

5. Public Forum

6. Approvals

6.1 Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Sands, seconded by Sand, to approve the December 6, 2023, Special Meeting minutes and the December 13, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Supported by all present.

6.2 Cash Flow Reports - November 2023

Motion by Rueter, seconded by Sands, to approve the November 2023 Cash Flow Reports as presented. Supported by all present.

6.3 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations

Member Hansen introduced the Resolution Accepting Donations and was seconded by Member Dirkes.

The School Board of Albany Area Schools, ISD 745, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Table with 3 columns: Donor, Item, Designated Purpose (if any). Includes Stearns Electric (\$750.00), Stearns Bank (\$900.00), JT Electric (\$200.00), Blattner Company (\$1,000.00), Avon Lions (\$1,500.00), St. Cloud Optimist Club (\$1,000.00), FFA Alumni (\$3,500.00), Zoetis (\$150.42)

The following voted in favor of: All

And the following voted against: None

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CITY OF ALBANY, MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given that the City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Albany, Minnesota (the "City"), will receive electronic bids, until 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 1st, 2024, at which time they will be publicly opened and tabulated for consideration by the City Council at a subsequent meeting, for the making of the following improvement under Minnesota Statutes, Section 429:

General nature of improvement: Bituminous roadway mill and overlay improvements.

Proposal Forms: All bids shall be made in the form prescribed by the City and shall be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond or certified check payable to the order of the City for not less than 5 (five) percent of the amount bid.

Rejection of bids: The City Council reserves the right to reject all bids.

Plans and Specifications: Digital copies of the plans and specifications will be available for download and purchase at www.questcdn.com and will be available for viewing at City Hall or at the office of Stantec Consulting Services Inc, 3717 23rd Street South, St. Cloud, MN.

Gary Winkels
City Administrator
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CITY OF ALBANY
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Electronic Bids will be received by the City of Albany, Minnesota, on the QuestCDN.com website via the VirtuBid electronic bidding application. Only electronic bids will be accepted for this project. Bids will be received on the QuestCDN.com website, until 1:00 P.M., CST on Thursday, February 1st, 2024, at which time they will be opened electronically and reviewed for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and all else necessary for the following:

Albany 2024 Surface Improvements

In general, and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 429, the work consists of the construction of sanitary sewer, water-main, storm sewer improvements and street construction with approximately the following quantities: 67,900 SY of Mill Bituminous Pavement; 500 LF Concrete Curb & Gutter; 7,820 TN Bituminous Pavement; 160 LF 24" Striping; 60 SY Turf Restoration, Along with erosion control, and related appurtenances.

Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.questcdn.com by inputting QuestCDN eBidDoc #8915566 on the website's Project Search page. Direct inquiries to Engineer's Project Manager, Jeremy Mathiasen, at (320) 266-5232 and jeremy.mathiasen@stantec.com.

Instructions for viewing the bid opening will be made available through QuestCDN and posted on the City's website. The Engineer's Estimate of Construction Cost for this Project is \$1,000,000. Bid Security in the amount of 5 percent of the amount of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. For this project, the City will only accept online electronic bids through QuestCDN. To access the electronic bid, download the project documents and click on the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

The Owner reserves the right to retain the deposits of the 3

lowest Bidders for a period not to exceed 60 days after the date and time set for the Opening of Bids. No Bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the date and time set for the Opening of Bids.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and further reserves the right to award the Contract to the best interests of the Owner.

The successful bidder must be a "responsible contractor." The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project. A prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that makes a false statement under oath verifying compliance with the minimum criteria will be ineligible to be awarded a construction contract on the project, and the submission of a false statement may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that submits the false statement. A prime contractor shall include in its verification of compliance a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project. Before execution of a construction contract, a prime contractor shall submit a supplemental verification under oath confirming that all subcontractors and motor carriers that the prime contractor intends to use to perform project work have verified to the prime contractor, through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer, that they meet the minimum criteria for a responsible contractor.

Gary Winkels, City Administrator
City of Albany, Minnesota
P-2-2B

Absent: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

7. Consent Agenda

AFT:

Ashley Spanier - AVE LTS Preschool Teacher

AESP:

Alyssa Weber - AVE Administrative Assistant

LOA Request:

Two

Community Education:

BEAT Tech Assistant - Jessica Ruegemer, Mya Justin

Quan Li K'an Karate - Adam Patterson

Intro to Cribbage - Nikki Myogeto

HSP/Fundamentals - Aaron Schwenzfeier

Resignations/Retirements:

Troy Jansky - School Bus Driver, effective December 31, 2023

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks 106606 - 106763

Expenditures:

Table with 2 columns: Fund, Amount. 01 General Fund: \$938,339.90, 02 Food Services: \$90,877.42, 04 Community Services: \$30,806.16, 06 Building Construction: \$23,671.15, 07 Debt Redemption: \$475.00

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Rueter to approve the January 2024 Consent Agenda. Supported by all present.

8. Reports

8.1 Purple Pride

9. Business

9.1 Enrollment Report

9.2 Albany Federation of Teachers Seniority List 2023-2024

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Dirkes to approve the Albany Federation of Teachers Seniority List for 2023- 2024. Supported by all present.

9.3 Resolution Directing the Administration to Examine the Financial Condition of the District

Member Hansen introduced the resolution and moved for its adoption. The motion for adoption was duly seconded by Member Dirkes and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted

In favor of: All

and the following voted against the same: None

absent: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

9.4 Transportation Services Contract

Contract is pending due to legal review and will be set for a later date.

9.5 AFT & AESP Negotiations Strategy

9.5.1 Close the Meeting

Motion by Sand, seconded by Hansen to close the meeting.

9.5.2 Reopen the Meeting

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Rueter to reopen the meeting.

9.6 Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Transportation Employee Severance

Tabled to a later meeting.

10. Committee Reports None

11. Superintendent Report

Sandy Gruber, Director of Food Service, will be attending a future meeting to give an update on the food service program. Ashley Borth, District School Nurse, will be attending a future meeting to discuss the new state requirements that menstrual products are to be provided to students for free in private middle and high school student restrooms. The district already provides these products but will look at expanding to all bathrooms for grades 4 - 12.

12. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:39 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Carbajal, seconded by Rueter. Supported by all present

Amy Sand, Clerk P-2-1B

