

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD
July 11, 2011

The regular meeting of the Albany Village Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Larry Hanson in the Albany Village Hall. Members present were: Hanson, Virginia Detra, Kim Blumer, Rod Sutherland, John Briggs, Peggy Boeck, and Wayne Stemple. Also present was Jon Runaas and Dan Kauk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

AGENDA: Motion by Stemple, seconded by Briggs, to approve the agenda as posted. Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Stemple, seconded by Briggs, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Hanson informed everyone that Laurie Keepers is in the hospital and Chief Robert Levitt's wife was in the hospital and just released. Michelle Brewer will be resuming the duties of Keepers until she is able to return and Kristy Pryce will be helping in the office as needed. Levitt has not been around and Hanson is unsure of what he still needs off for time; however, in the mean time Levitt has made arrangements with Officer Placek to resume duties. Flowers will be sent to both Keepers and Levitt.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Dan Kauk was present to express concern with people fishing on the bridge, particularly later at night. Those who are fishing are in the road and are not moving out of the way for oncoming traffic. He is wondering about the possibility of placing a "no fishing from bridge" sign. Runaas will check the state statutes with regards to fishing on bridges. Currently, it will be the officer's responsibility to check with the people fishing and make sure they remain on the sidewalk, rather than in the road, and to keep the sidewalk accessible and free from clutter.

OPERATOR'S LICENSES: We have a new application for an operator's license for Alex Capesius for the Mini Mart. The office has not received a certification of the completion of the responsible server's course. This will be sent back to the Police Committee for approval.

There are two other operator's licenses for Lexi Flesher of the Mini Mart and Wayne Detra of Center. Both of these were previously approved and were to be added to the annual renewal and were forgotten by each place of employment. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Stemple, to approve Lexi Flesher and Wayne Detra. Detra to abstain from Wayne Detra. Carried.

BOND COUNSEL: A bond counsel is needed for the Clean Water Fund Loan. The person working with the village on the loan application gave some recommendation for firms and we have received three quotes from the law firms of Miller, McGinn & Clark in the amount of \$3200; Quarles & Brady in the amount of \$6000; and Whyte, Hirschboeck, Dudek in the amount of \$2500. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Detra, to accept Whyte, Hirschboeck, Dudek for the amount of \$2500. Carried.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following committee and commission reports were read and placed on file:
Building, Grounds & Cemetery 6/14/11
Joint Recycling 6/20/11
Personnel 6/27/11
Street & Utility 7/05/11

CEMETERY SIGN: Motion by Detra, seconded by Boeck, to purchase NO PETS signs to post in the cemetery. Carried.

FALL ELECTRONICS ACCEPTANCE DAY: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Stemple, to set the fall electronics acceptance day for September 24, 2011. Carried.

The township is unsure if they will participate in a Fall Acceptance Day.

ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Briggs, to accept the Engineer Construction Contract through Mead & Hunt. Carried.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Stemple, to approve either Jon Runaas or Lonnie Gill to attend Rural Water training in Prairie Du Chien regarding fats, oils and grease control at no cost. Carried.

Motion by Briggs, seconded by Stemple, to table Central Contract Registration training until further information is obtained. Carried.

BILLS: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland, to approve the bills as presented. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE ITEMS: Hanson explained that he recently went to a concealed weapons seminar and recommends it to anyone that may be interested in learning more about the concealed weapons law.

There was some discussion about stump removal and it was suggested to send that to a Parks Meeting.

Much discussion regarding unlicensed cats and dogs within the village as well as people with more than two dogs on their property. It was also mentioned the need for a meeting with regard to dogs in the parks.

Sutherland questioned how often we re-key our locks at the ponds. He feels there are too many keys floating around. Runaas said we could change our locks if needed. The sewer lagoon would need to be the same since it is Hannes' land. Hanson

mentioned leaving the sewer lagoon lock alone and changing all the other locks. It was recommended to keep all the locks/keys the same so there aren't too many keys to need to keep track off. Sutherland will bring this up at a Street meeting.

ADJOURN: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Boeck, to adjourn. Carried.

7:30 p.m.

MICHELLE BREWER for LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk
Village of Albany