

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD
March 19, 2012

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

AGENDA: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to approve the agenda as posted and to combine the meetings that met more than once over the last month. Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Briggs to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: There were none.

BONDS/LOAN/RESOLUTION 03-12: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Sutherland to approve Resolution 03-12 authorizing the issuance and sale of \$480,111 water and sewer system revenue bonds, Series 2012 and to accept the \$216,250 principal forgiveness Financial Assistance Agreement. Carried.

CEMETERY MOWING: Jon Runaas, Lonnie Gill, and Dan Blumer were present to discuss their thoughts and answer questions regarding the mowing of the Hillcrest Cemetery. Much discussion was held on the use of the equipment and the employees' time to do the mowing and trimming. This will be addressed later in the meeting.

ENGINEER RECOMMENDATION: Hanson explained that the committee that is looking into the downtown improvement project has reviewed several engineering firms and narrowed it down to two firms that gave presentations. The committee has made a recommendation to have Batterman proceed with the project. After some discussion and explanation of the way that the committee is pursuing this, a motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Briggs to have Batterman continue with the downtown project. Carried.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following committee and commission reports were read and placed on file:
Building, Grounds, Cemetery 2-14-12
Joint Recycling 2-20-12
Park Commission 2-20-12
Police, Fire, License 2-28-12
Street and Utility 3-05-12
Joint Recycling 3-12-12
Park Commission 3-12-12
Building, Grounds, Cemetery 3-13-12

HILLCREST CEMETERY MOWING: More discussion was held on the difference between hiring a contractor to do the mowing or to have the village crew do the mowing of the Hillcrest Cemetery. Detra suggested that we try to keep the balance of money that is in the state trust fund available for possible future cemetery needs. There was more discussion, and a motion was made by Detra, seconded by Briggs to have the village crew do the mowing and trimming of the Hillcrest Cemetery and to pay for this time out of the village's funds – not the cemetery funds so we can keep the balance that we currently have in the cemetery funds for perpetual care. Carried. This money will need to be taken into consideration for next year's budget. Also, Runaas was asked to have the public works employees keep very detailed records on their time in the cemetery this year so we will be able to make a decision for next year.

VILLAGE HALL DOORS: The front entrance door into the offices is rotting out on the bottom and needs to be replaced. It was also suggested that we look into getting a handicapped door for the meeting room. Prices were received for these two items. Discussion was then held on whether or not it would be more practical to have both doors be handicap accessible as long as there needs to be some replacements. Sutherland made a motion to have both doors automated. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Detra, seconded by Hanson to have the meeting room door equipped for handicapped accessibility and to get a bid for the front door to the offices for a replacement door and automation. Carried.

CEMETERY PESTICIDE CONTRACT: Motion by Detra, seconded by Blumer accept TruGreen's bid of \$556.20 for which includes three sprays; late spring, early summer, and late summer. Carried.

CITIZEN MEMBER OF COMMITTEE: Hanson will appoint Jim Briggs as a citizen member of the Building, Grounds, Cemetery committee.

GARAGE DOOR OPENERS: Motion by Detra, seconded by Boeck to purchase two heavy duty garage door openers for the garage doors on the storage shed behind the shop from Janesville Door for \$1,525. Carried.

JOINT RECYCLING EMPLOYEE: After meeting his probation, a motion by Briggs, seconded by Detra to hire Ed Luedy as a permanent employee at the Recycling Center. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Spring Acceptance Day has been set for April 28th; the Electronic Acceptance Day has been set for May 12th; and the Drug Drop Off has been set for April 28th.

DUMPSTER FOR ACCEPTANCE DAY: Randy Thompson from the Green County Landfill has offered the Recycling Center the use of a large semi dump box at no cost for garbage at the Spring Acceptance Day. The only concern is whether or not the backhoe bucket will reach over the top of this box to dump in garbage.

PARK SPRING CLEAN UP: It was announced that the Park Clean-up has been scheduled for April 20th.

SUMMER POSITIONS: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to approve the 2012 summer positions as follows: Rec Director – Cindy Mauerman; Rec Director’s Assistant – Jessica Mauerman; Park Caretaker – Gary Armitage; Park Concessionaire – Gary Armitage; Park Concessionaire – Gary Armitage; Park Commissioner – Gary Armitage. Carried.

PHONES AT BALL PARK: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Blumer to remove the phones at the ball park concession stand. Carried.

FIREWORKS FOR YESTERYEAR WEEKEND: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Briggs to approve having the fireworks at the Legion Park on Saturday, May 26th with a rain date of May 27th. Carried.

FOOD HANDLERS LICENSE: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Detra to have Keepers attend the Food Handlers Recertification at her convenience. Carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Briggs to have Todd Sutherland appointed as a citizen member of the Park Commission. Carried.

DNR FORESTER: Althaus reported that the State of Wisconsin Forester was present at this meeting and went over a lot of recommendations with the commission. He has looked over the work that has been done in the ACPARD Forest and told the commission that we were doing a fine job. He stated that we are doing exactly what we should be doing and he has offered to be a consultant on the maintenance.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEFS: Motion by Detra, seconded by Briggs to approve Rob Adams and Keith Gabrielse as assistant fire chiefs. Carried.

OPERATOR’S LICENSES: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Boeck to approve the renewal of Wayne Detra’s Operator’s license. Carried.

Motion by Briggs, seconded by Detra to approve the renewal of Lexi Flesher’s operator’s license. Carried.

ALCOHOL CARRYOUT ORDINANCE: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Sutherland to change the Alcohol Carryout Ordinance 130-15B to read from 8:00 a.m. to 6 a.m. Carried.

OFFICER TRAINING: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to send Placek and Ritter to training in Monroe at a cost of \$40 per officer. Carried.

EROSION CONTROL PERMIT: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Detra to obtain the erosion control permit at a cost of \$235 for the sewer work. Carried.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: Hanson reported that we have received the money that was due from JKJB Developers for the storm water fees and the engineering fees. This makes them free and clear with the village.

Runaas stated that there was some damage to the lean-to at the recycling center by the Veolia service, and they have purchased the supplies to repair the damage.

Blumer stated that Thompson from the Green County Landfill will be letting us know of their charges for non-recyclable fees so we can make sure we are charging accordingly.

Sutherland asked about the bids that came in for the generator for the Village Hall building. It was decided that the committee needs to decide on what size they want so that the bids can be compared.

Hanson asked that the board members let him know of any committees that they would like to be on when he re-appoints committees in April. Leave a note in his box.

Keepers asked if there is a need for a Personnel Committee, and it appears that there is no need for this month.

Keepers then asked if May 30th will work for the Board of Review. It appears that this date will work with the members.

Sutherland would like the board to consider giving tax credits to the businesses so they can have less cost to stay in business.

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

8:10 p.m.
LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk
Village of Albany