

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD
May 14, 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, Rod Sutherland, Virginia Detra, Kim Blumer, John Briggs, Eileen Althaus, and Peggy Boeck. Also present were: Bob Levitt, Jon Runaas, Wayne Stemple, Tim Porter, and Corky Neuenschwander. Walt Elmer arrived at 6:45.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

AGENDA: Keepers explained that the Building and Grounds Committee had not met and had inadvertently been placed on the agenda. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Blumer to approve the agenda as posted with this correction. Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to approve the minutes of the April 9 and April 16th meeting as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Hanson stated that he feels that the cemetery is looking fine, and he has had two compliments and no complaints thus far.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Tim Porter and Corky Neuenschwander were present to report to the board that the current owner of The Pitstop has declared bankruptcy, so they are unsure how long this will postpone any sale. Much discussion was held on the Liquor License status. The board feels that the building may not be salable if this license is not available. After more discussion, a motion was made by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to extend the license approval until the July 9th board meeting to see what the circumstances of the building are at that time. Carried.

Wayne Stemple wanted to thank the board for supporting the clean up that they had last Saturday at the park. He reported that there were 19 workers and they are all geocachers. They didn't get quite as much accomplished as they had hoped, but went through and removed piles of debris and brush. They also cut and trimmed trees along the trails. They then had a lunch at the park. He said that the participants were please with the park and the organization of the event. Hanson thanked Stemple and asked him to thank them all for their work – it was truly appreciated.

LEGION LAND PURCHASE: It appears that the Legion did not agree to the village's counter offer to purchase the land across the street from the village hall. However, since there has been no official contact, this will be tabled until we hear from the Legion on this matter.

TREAT TICKETS: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Blumer to approve the treat tickets for the Memorial Day Parade for the same as last year - \$1.00 each. Carried.

WWTF CHANGE ORDER: Hanson and Sutherland explained the need for the change order for the Waste Water Treatment Facility project to include a 5% profit for the contractor, and for the sand cost change, and also for 4 \$45 increases (\$180). 10% will be kept back for retainer fee. Sutherland stated that he had visited the construction site today and feels that the contractor is doing a fine job. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Althaus to approve the change order as presented. Carried.

VILLAGE PROPERTY CLEAN-UP: Hanson questioned the status of the property that has been notified to clean up. Levitt reported that this will go before the court this coming Saturday, and that he will have before and after pictures available for court. Other areas were discussed and the fact that we must follow village ordinance as far as notification and tickets, but we must stay on top of these properties.

2012-2013 COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEMBERS: Discussion was held on the recommendations for the committee and commission members for the following year. After some discussion a motion was made by Briggs and seconded by Sutherland to approve the members as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE: Walt Elmer missed the original Public Appearance, but had a question regarding his utility bill. He felt that his bill was extremely high for two people and felt that it improved after a new meter was put in his home. The board advised Elmer to attend the next Street and Utility Committee meeting as they would need to address this.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REORTS: The following Committee and Commission reports were read and placed on file:
Joint Recycling 4-16-12
Park Commission 4-16-12
Plans Commission 4-19-12
Personnel 4-23-12
Police, Fire, License 4-24-12
Street & Utility 5-07-12

COSTS FOR LARGE ITEM DISPOSAL: Blumer explained that the committee reviewed the costs that the landfill charges for people to dispose of larger items and made some changes. Motion by Blumer, seconded by Sutherland to change the prices as listed. Carried.

ENGINEERING FOR DOWNTOWN PROJECT: Hanson explained the meeting with Batterman Engineering for the downtown project. The total of the project is \$43,330, but this can be done in phases so that it could be stopped at any point if the village sees that it is necessary. After some discussion, a motion was made by Sutherland, seconded by Briggs to approve the contract with Batterman Engineering for a total amount of \$43,330. Carried. There will be public meetings scheduled for this project

soon.

2012 WAGES: Motion by Detra, seconded by Briggs to approve a twenty five cent per hour raise effective now for Lonnie Gill. Carried.

RESTRICTED PARKING ON HIGHWAY 59: It was explained that the Thrift Store is asking about some restricted parking along Highway 59 during the summer when there is a lot of vehicles parked along this area. The committee has postponed any decision, as they will invite other businesses to their meeting for input.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Blumer to approve an operator's license for Timothy Porter contingent on completion of the server's class. Carried.

FIREWORKS: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to approve the fireworks for Memorial Day Weekend. Carried.

TRAINING: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Blumer to approve sending Placek and Ritter to OWI related training that involves the ability to test for drugs at Blackhawk at a cost of \$40.00 each. Carried.

SEWER PROJECT PAY REQUEST: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Blumer to approve the pay request from Iowa-Grant Trucking in the amount of \$186,680.38. Carried.

WARREN STREET PROJECT: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Briggs to have Green County do the repairs to the west end of Warren Street for a cost of \$1,785.00. Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Blumer to approve the following training: Blumer to water training for six credits on June 6th for a cost of \$85.00; Runaas and Gill to water training for six credits at no cost – one to attend in June and the other in July. Carried.

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

FUTURE ITEMS: Sutherland just wanted to make the board aware that there may be some large expenses coming to keep up with the streets and infrastructure improvements that are necessary.

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

8:00 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk
Village of Albany