

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD
July 9, 2012

The regular meeting of the Albany Village Board was called to order in the Albany Village Hall by President Larry Hanson. Members present were: Hanson, Eileen Althaus, Kim Blumer, Peggy Boeck, Virginia Detra, and Rod Sutherland. Absent: John Briggs. Also present were Bob Levitt, Lonnie Gill, Ryan Garcia of SAA, and several residents.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified by the President.

AGENDA: Motion by Boeck, seconded by Althaus to approve the agenda as posted. Carried.

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: There were none.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION: Hanson reported that he is very much aware of the parking issues in the village. In the past couple of weeks, he has kept an eye on the parking on the warm days, and has found that there are generally parking spots in the area. He is concerned about this costing more money for the village. Boeck stated that she has been checking on the parking the downtown area as she drives through, also, and agrees that there are many times where parking is not an issue. The fact that there is a garage door where there is no parking in front of it that people could use for unloading was discussed. Also discussed was parking in the rear of the Thrift Store. The owner has offered to make improvements that would allow the employees to park there, freeing up some parking stalls in the front. Blumer stated that this is why we had the hearing, so that we could get input from everyone involved to try and make the best decision for all. Hanson feels that we need to see how this revitalization plays out, as it may address parking. After some more discussion, a motion by Sutherland, seconded by Boeck to not designate any two hour parking. Carried.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION UPDATE: Ryan Garcia shared some information from SAA regarding the downtown Revitalization. He stated that with his experience, he has found downtown area parking can be critical and can often cause many problems. The work to do now is to target funding and to prioritize the plans as to what the village wants, then to develop the plan. We need to schedule our next meeting. It was decided to meet again at the September meeting to be held on the 6th starting at 6:30 at the Albertson Library again. Motion by Althaus, seconded by Sutherland to proceed to the next phase. Carried.

HIDDEN VALLEY AD: Motion by Boeck, seconded by Blumer to renew the ad in the Hidden Valley Magazine at a cost of \$484. Carried.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE: Motion by Boeck, seconded by Blumer to approve the operator's license for Tammy Pestor contingent on her holding a license with the last two years. Carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PITSTOP UPDATE: Tim Porter reported that they are going to be closing on the property known as the Pitstop on Friday, so they will be using the alcohol license that has been approved for them. Porter also question bartender's licenses, and was given some applications to fill out and return.

ELECTION WORKERS: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Boeck to approve the following list of election workers for a two year term: Phyllis Aeschliman, Eileen Althaus, Norma Frydenlund, Gloria Glass, Betty Helwig, Kaye Ochsner, Joanne Rankings, and Louise Spring. Carried.

RESOLUTION 04-12: Motion by Boeck, seconded by Sutherland to approve Resolution 04-12 regarding the village clerk being allowed to change the number of election workers at each election depending on the number of expected voters. Carried.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following Committee and Commission reports were read and placed on file:
Building, Grounds, and Cemetery 6-12-12
Joint Recycling 6-18-12
Plans Commission 6-28-12
Street and Utility 7-02-12

RECYCLING CENTER POLICY CHANGE: Blumer explained that due to the liability of the village to allow things being taken from the Recycling Center and reused, it was recommended that the policy for removing items be changed. Motion by Blumer, seconded by Boeck to approve the policy stating that nothing be removed from the Recycling Center other than by contractors or waste to the Green County Landfill except for the waste oil, as that will be discussed at their next meeting. Carried.

WWTF PAY REQUEST: Sutherland explained that the original request for payment from Iowa Grant Trucking was in the amount of \$102,910. However, the village engineer double checked the figures and disagreed with this amount so he recommends a payment of \$91,362. Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Althaus to pay Iowa Grant the \$91,362 for their fourth pay request. Carried.

RESOLUTION 05-12: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Blumer to approve Resolution 05-12 regarding the approval of the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Carried.

STREET BID PROPOSALS: Sutherland reported that there were four bids received for the street work on Park Street and

Briggs Drive and Ogden Avenue. Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Blumer to approve the bid from Payne/Dolan in the amount of \$92,722. Carried.

It was confirmed that the Street and Utility Committee consists of five members so a quorum would consist of three members.

BILLS: After review, a motion was made by Althaus, seconded by Boeck to pay the bills as presented. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hanson asked that the board members speak with the public about getting their input on this downtown project. Please try to get people to attend the meeting in September. Boeck asked that this be noted on the village's calendar.

Keepers announced that there will not be a Building/Grounds/Cemetery committee meeting on Tuesday night.

Keepers also stated that she needs the signature of Hanson and Boeck along with her signature on an agreement with Green County for a one time payout of the Veteran's Grave payment. They will pay the village \$1,050 at once and the annual payment of \$105 will no longer be sent.

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

8:00 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk
Village of Albany