

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD
August 13, 2012

The regular meeting of the Albany Village Board was called to order in the Albany Village Hall by President Larry Hanson at 6:32 p.m. Members present were: Hanson, Virginia Detra, Rod Sutherland, Kim Blumer, John Briggs, Peggy Boeck, and Eileen Althaus. Also present were Jon Runaas, Bob Levitt, and Ed Maksym of the Albany School Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified by the President.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Briggs to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2012 meeting as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Hanson shared a thank you received from John Briggs for the plant sent to him and also welcomed Briggs back.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Ed Maksym of the Albany School Board was present to give an update on the changes at the school and to answer any questions. He reported on several improvements that have taken place at the school, such as new curb and gutter along where the buses stop, redid several items inside the school; updated the playground near the kindergarten room; are setting up a daycare in the school to be run by Small World from New Glarus; have received a grant for technology; did not receive a grant that they applied for a community garden near the tennis courts; and have just "shined things up" to be ready for the school year to begin. Brigs question the status of the daycare, and also informed everyone that he has officially resigned as school bus driver after more then 35 years of driving. School will supply the land for a community garden, but they are looking for master gardeners to help. The board thanked Maksym for his report.

GREEN COUNTY CO-OP AGREEMENT: A letter was received from the Green County UW Extension office with a request that the village join in a cooperative agreement with all municipalities in Green County to develop a permanent, seasonal Clean Sweep site at the landfill transfer station. They are writing a grant to subsidize this venture, and hope for the cooperation from the other entities. Motion by Detra, seconded by Blumer to accept the agreement with the Green County UW Extension regarding Clean Sweep. Carried.

FENCE PLAN APPROVAL: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Briggs to approve the fence plan for Dale Marcellus for their property located at 408 South Mill Street. Carried.

LEGION PROPERTY: Originally, the Albany Legion offered the property that they own along the river directly across from the Village Hall to the village to purchase for a cost of \$14,500. The village made a counter offer in the amount of \$10,000. The Legion has now rejected this offer. After some discussion, a motion was made by Briggs, seconded by Detra to offer to purchase this piece of property for \$12,000. Carried.

IOWA GRANT ADDITIONAL REQUEST: It was explained that the contractor for the sewer work has made a request to increase the amount that he pays for select fill for this project. As we recall, the original bid for this sifted sand was for \$5.00 per cubic yard. That amount changed, and the board agreed to pay \$6.75 per cubic yard. Now the contractor is requesting the approval to pay \$14.70 per cubic yard. The unanimous agreement of the board is that this is NOT acceptable. Village Engineer, Tim Astfalk of Mead and Hunt, has written a letter to the contractor stating such, and if they do not comply, the village will follow the necessary steps to assure that this project is done by the deadline. After some discussion a motion by Briggs, seconded by Blumer that if the contractor does not comply with the necessary procedures of the contract in the timely manner needed, we shall proceed with the steps to terminate the contract and refer to their bonding company. With this motion, whatever legal services (be it engineer or village attorney) will be used as needed to carry out this process. Carried.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following committee and commission reports were read and placed on file:
Police, Fire, License 7-24-12
Street and Utility 8-06-12

Blumer explained that a request has been made to change the time for selling alcohol from 9 to 10 p.m. Due to this not being on the agenda, it was referred back to the Police Committee for a recommendation to the board.

STREET CLOSINGS: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Briggs to allow the closing of the following streets on the following dates:
-To close North Water Street from Main Street to Oak Street on September 7, 2012 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. for the band to play for the street dance that was rescheduled form the Memorial Day weekend due to rain.
-To close North Water Street from Main Street to Oak Street on October 6, 2012 from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Fall Festival.
Carried.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Boeck to approve the renewal of Tara Jo Porter and Rhonda Dailey's Operator's licenses and to approve Teresa Porter's Operator's license. Carried.

ORDINANCE 02-12: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Detra to adopt Ordinance 02-12 which would change Ordinance 249-62 so that the amount of unmetered would be set by Resolution instead of ordinance. Carried.

RESOLUTION 06-12: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Blumer to adopt Resolution 06-12 to change the amount of cubic feet that will be used for non-metered sewer users from 1700 to 1300. Carried.

SEWER RATE INCREASE: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Blumer to increase the sewer rates by 8% effective September

20, 2012. No-Althaus. Carried.

IOWA-GRANT PAY REQUEST: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Briggs to approve Pay Request #5 from Iowa-Grant for sand and hauling in the amount of \$28,552.50. Carried.

UNION STREET WATER MAIN: This will be tabled, as we did not receive the contract from the village engineers.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Detra to approve the purchase of an air compressor not to exceed \$650 and to purchase a cement mixer not to exceed \$550. Carried.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Sutherland announced that the September Street and Utility Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4th due to the 3rd being Labor Day holiday.

TRAINING: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Briggs to send Lonnie Gill to the Rural Water Rodeo at a cost of \$85 for six credits on August 23 in Plover. Carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: Motion by Hanson, seconded by Sutherland to appoint Gary Armitage as a citizen member of the Street and Utility Committee. Carried.

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

FUTURE AND OTHER ITEMS: Hanson reported that the next Plans Commission will be held on Thursday, September 6th. We are unsure of the location of this meeting yet, as he expects more people to attend. Althaus offered to check with the Lion's Club to see if their building would be available that evening, and if so, we may hold the meeting then.

Hanson reported that a letter had been received from a person who had a complaint about their experience tubing down the river. A letter was returned to them thanking them for their concerns.

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

7:25 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS
Village Clerk
Village of Albany