

SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD
August 21, 2012

The Special meeting of the Albany Village Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Larry Hanson in the Albany Village Hall on Tuesday, August 21, 2012. Members present were: Hanson, John Briggs, Virginia Detra, Kim Blumer, Peggy Boeck, and Eileen Althaus. Absent: Rod Sutherland. Also present were: Tim Astfalk, Jon Runaas, and Jeff and Russell Nelson of Iowa Grant Trucking.

Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of Posting was verified.

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

MEAD AND HUNT CONTRACT: After some discussion, a motion was made by Detra, seconded by Boeck to approve the contract with Mead and Hunt for engineering of the water main on Union Street for a cost not to exceed \$16,600. Carried.

IOWA GRANT REQUEST: Astfalk reported that approximately 3,000 cubic yards of sand is still needed to cover the liner in the new sewer lagoon pond. The contractor states that the cost of the sand has increased. Mead and Hunt wrote a letter on August 10 explaining that the contractor needs to continue working, but they have not been working. There is a deadline of the end of October that this work needs to be done, plus there needs to be a 30 day leak test period. This is with the DNR. No work has been done for nearly three weeks. The contractors are now requesting a new price for the 3,000 CY at \$4.95/CY plus the \$5.00 per CY to haul and place the sand. Their initial bid was for \$5.00 to screen, haul and fill from the Industrial Park. The village board did agree to one change order increasing the amount they would pay to \$6.75/CY. Now, 3,000 CY of sand at agreed price of \$6.75 would equal \$20,250. At the amount they are requesting of \$9.95/CY, it would be \$29,850. Astfalk was questioned as to why we are short the amount of sand on the original bid. Apparently, the shrinkage factor from the truck to spreading and compacting was not the same. Russell Nelson asked what needs to be done to get the job done. They will be willing to drop \$1 per CY if it will help. So instead of the \$9.95 they would take \$8.95 per CY. Advance Concrete, the owner of the quarry, has not allowed them back in the quarry. IG was told by the contractor who put in the liner that the sand underneath the liner was perfect and wonderful to work on. Hanson is concerned over the piles of sand, and the cover that is flopping in the wind. It appears that they walked away from the job. Piles of sand were hauled in after the equipment was removed. When you set up, you set up to do the whole thing. The contractor only had 30 loads left at the quarry, so he told the trucker to haul and pile in the pond. They want to do it all at once. Hanson would look for another quarry. It was then discussed about using the village's dirt in the Industrial Park. A question was made as to whether or not this could still be used. Also, if the board agrees to this increase in cost for the sand, are we sure that there won't be more requests for increases of other things in the future? The contractor assured the board that there won't be any increases for the rip rap rocks. The material at the Industrial Park was not able to be used, according to the contractor. Astfalk stated that he is trying to work between the contractor and the village. If the two parties cannot come to an agreement, one or the other can request a mediator, and both will have to pay for them to come to an agreement. The village has given notice that they are considering termination if the contractor does not continue working. According to Nelson, the bottom line is that they would like to take \$1 off of the price tonight and negotiate so that they can get the job done. They feel that they have saved us money by using the good product, as there are no long term concerns. The village feels that Iowa Grant has done a wonderful job with the project to date, and appreciate their job well done. Both sides just want to get this project finished by the deadline. Detra questioned if it would possible to use the Industrial Park dirt for the covering of the liner. The contractor stated that he wants to do it right, so he will not cover any warranty if they use that dirt. Althaus commented that she felt that we should have the contractor finish the job as needed instead of going into mediation and/or court. Briggs stated that he feels it would probably be the best for both sides if we could just come to an agreement. After some more discussion, Detra asked if they would finish the job if the village agreed to pay \$8.75 per Cubic Yard for the rest of the needed sand. The contractor agreed to this amount. Motion by Detra, seconded by Briggs to pay \$8.75 per cubic yard for the sand to the contractor so that we can get this project done! Carried.

FUTURE ITEMS: There were none.

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

7:45 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk
Village of Albany