

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD
March 11, 2013

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, Kim Blumer, John Briggs, and Eileen Althaus. Absent: Rod Sutherland and Peggy Boeck. Also present were: Bob Levitt, Jon Runaas, Bonnie Mueller, Bob, Sarah, Chris, Ashley, and Megan Ritter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

AGENDA: Motion by Detra, seconded by Blumer to approve the agenda as posted and to move #9 to the end of the meeting. Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Detra to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 meeting as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Hanson explained that since the audit last week, it was found that there are some delinquent personal property taxes still due. Not having time to change the agenda, he wondered if the board thought it would be beneficial to have the village's attorney write letters to these people. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Briggs to have the village's attorney send letters to these people to get payment. Carried.

Hanson read a letter from Karl and Jeanne Blumer thanking Officer Larry Harkey for the considerate and professional way he handled a call with a friend's missing dog that they fear fell through the ice on the river.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: There were none.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Detra, seconded by Briggs to approve the following people to the Albertson Memorial Library Board: Robb Spangler, Wilbur McCreedy, and Eileen Althaus. Carried.

AUDITOR THREE YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL: Motion by Detra, seconded by Blumer to renew the contract for three years with James Frechette for auditing services. Carried.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Althaus to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation proclaiming April 26, 2013 as Arbor Day. Carried.

2013 CLERK EDUCATION: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Blumer to approve the list of Clerk's Education for 2013 as presented. Carried.

PARK PLAN APPROVAL: Runaas explained that the village was in need of updating the Park Plan, so he did so. We now need to have it approved, as it will be necessary to apply for grants and such. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Blumer to approve the Park Plan as presented. Carried.

DOWNTOWN UPDATE: Hanson reported that the engineer is continually working on the downtown project and will be getting back to us soon with the next step. He also wanted to mention to the board that a house on the block by the parking lot has come up for sale. However, there isn't funding at this time. If the home is still for sale at the time of the grant applications, it may be something that the village would want to pursue.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following Committee and Commission reports were read and placed on file:
Building, Grounds, Cemetery 2-12-13
Joint Recycling 2-18-13
Park Commission 2-18-13
Street & Utility 3-04-13

TRU GREEN CONTRACT: Motion by Detra, seconded by Blumer to approve the contract with Tru Green for the cemetery in the amount of \$623.00 for 2013. Carried.

RECYCLING DATES: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Briggs to set the following dates: Acceptance Day – April 27 from 8-3; E-cycle – April 13 from 9-11; and Drug drop off - April 13 from 10-12. Carried.

TREE CARE: Briggs explained that he and Runaas have contacted several foresters to see if they would be interested in the wood in the forest, and they do not sound very interested. The lumber market is very low at this time, so they don't want to even come down and look at it – without some with fees. It may be best to work with the DNR when they do their forest work.

LITTLE LEAGUE: Briggs explained that Bonnie Mueller and Debra Bailey were at the Park meeting to discuss their Baseball Boosters board taking care of all of the Youth Baseball leagues. They would take care of the K4-8th grades. The only thing that they ask of the village is that we maintain and prepare the ball fields for their games. The village will take an inventory of the equipment that we have before it is given to the boosters to use. An agreement will be made between the Park Commission and the Baseball Boosters.

2013 SUMMER JOBS: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Blumer to approve the following summer positions: Commissioner – Gary Armitage; Concessionaire – Susan Armitage and Crystal Holtsapple. Carried. Motion by Detra, seconded by Briggs to turn over the Youth Ball Leagues to the Albany Baseball Boosters with the equipment inventoried and given to them with the stipulation that the equivalent of the equipment be returned to the village if the Boosters no longer take care of the teams. Carried.

MOWER BIDS: Runaas and Gill checked on each of the mowers that bids were received for to see which would appear to meet

the village's needs the best. Their recommendation is the Ferris 30HP IS2000Z with bagger in the amount of \$9,954 from Studer Implement. Motion by Detra, seconded by Briggs to purchase the Ferris 30HP mower from Studer Implement in the amount of \$9,954.00. Carried.

The Street Committee has recommended the village purchase a new truck, also. The funding will be reviewed at the Finance Committee meeting on May 9th.

EQUIPMENT RATES: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Detra to approve the equipment rates as given. Carried.

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

FUTURE ITEMS: There were none.

SERGEANT APPOINTMENT: Hanson asked if any of the board members had any questions regarding this recommendation. Hearing none, he explained that there will be no pay increase at this time. Briggs stated that he feels that Officer Ritter has done a good job for the village. He works over and above the regular hours without charging the village. Motion by Detra, seconded by Briggs to approve the promotion to Sergeant for Robert Ritter. Carried. Chief Levitt explained his reasons and gave the oath of office to Ritter and Sarah Ritter pinned the new badge on her husband. The board congratulated Ritter and thanked him for his dedication.

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

7:12 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk
Village of Albany