

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD
May 13, 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, Detra, Sutherland, Briggs, Althaus, and Boeck. Absent was: Blumer. Also present were: Bob Levitt, Jon Runaas, Lonnie Gill, Gary Armitage, Bonnie Mueller, Christopher Lange, and P.J. Francis of the Hometown Herald.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

AGENDA: Motion by Detra, seconded by Briggs, to add TIF audit under the Finance committee reports. Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Detra, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Hanson had some issues he wanted to bring up but since Laurie Keepers was not present, he will hold these issues at a later date.

Hanson also wanted to give an update that the downtown project is still alive and well. There is much work being done as far as grant paperwork, one grant application being recently sent in should have funds coming available in July 2013, and are hoping to get some of those funds and once that decision is made then more work can be done towards the project. There will not be any public meetings until we have more information with regards to grant money.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: None.

ALBANY DUGOUT BALL CLUB: Bonnie Mueller was present to represent this issue and clarified that it is not actually a DugOut Ball Club issue. It is actually regarding the new storage shed being built up at the Village Ball Diamond, on the West end of the park where the net would normally be, which was put in motion about two years ago. Mueller stated that the Youth Futures has \$1,746.45 in funds to donate towards the new shed and Rich Deegan is willing to build the shed labor free. Once Deegan's estimate came back to the Youth Futures, it was noticed that the bid was higher than originally anticipated, so they are coming before the Village to see if they can get some help with the funding of the project, they are short by about \$1,300.00. Deegan currently has some free time to complete the building of this shed. Armitage reported that the shed will house all the equipment, including organizational compartments for different teams and their equipment. Dave Pluss has already donated the slab of cement needed for the foundation and is in place. Hanson feels this amount should probably go out for bids because it is over \$500 that they are asking for and then should send to the Building, Grounds & Cemetery committee. Armitage questioned it going out for bids even though it is a donated project, but the Board confirms that since the asking amount is over \$500 the proper procedures need to be followed. Armitage asked the Board if they could pass it with the provision that the other \$800 be raised, but the Board was not comfortable with this. Mueller is bringing this up now because Deegan has time to build the shed and she needs to close out her Youth Futures books and needs to find a place for this money, which is either going to go to this shed or to the school for a new score board. The Board would like a couple more bids and then can add this item to next month's Building, Grounds & Cemetery meeting.

Mueller gave an update on how the DugOut Ball Club is doing. They currently have 150 little kids signed up for Tuesday night ball. There are two girls junior teams, with 12 girls each, and the 11/12/13/14 boys are travelling. They found a great deal on T-shirts for \$6 each. They have their summer schedule all planned, as of right now Mueller has 26 games, some out of town and then an invitational being held at Albany which Armitage has been working with Mueller on. They also had a parent camp and many parents seemed happy with the switch from Thursday to Tuesday night. Mueller is working on an umpire training session. Concessions are all worked out, it is really organized and working great with Armitage. They have even had some kids from other school districts sign up for the league.

Briggs stopped at both ball parks and there were some boys, girls and coaches working on their ball skills and the attitude for playing the game and the overall organization was great and it seems to be going in the right direction.

MEMORIAL DAY TREAT TICKETS: Motion by Detra, seconded by Briggs, to approve the treat tickets same for the same amount as last year for \$1.00 each. Carried.

SUTHERLAND FENCE PLAN: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Boeck, to approve the fence plan. Carried.

KENNEDY REQUEST FOR CONCESSIONS: Jay and Todd Kennedy are looking at putting a concession stand down by the Tubing business and was wondering what was needed from the Village in order to do so. After much discussion, as long as they are working with the state and getting what they need there, there are not any restrictions from the Village, unless they decide they want to place the concession business on Village property, in that case they would need to come to the Village to get permission in order to do so.

COMMITTEE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS: Hanson added this to the agenda because there is such a difficult time getting people to sit on the committees. As of right now, the current ordinance states you have to be a resident of the Village in order to be on a committee. Hanson feels the ordinance is out dated and the Board needs to decide on whether to stay with this ordinance or make some changes. Althaus suggested checking with the League and Hanson confirmed that Keepers had checked with the League and it does matter if they are resident's or not, it is all in what the ordinance says. Hanson also said that he thought Keepers said we can make this change in the ordinance without a public hearing because it is not affecting funds. Many agreed that the ordinance should be changed to include the three mile territorial radius that the Village has. This change would only affect the committee's and the Board would remain the same, whereas in order to be a board member you have to be a Village resident. Hanson will check with Keepers to see what needs to be done in order to change the ordinance to

include the three mile territorial radius.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS: Hanson mentioned that we have an open spot on the EMS committee and to let him know if interested. At this time, no changes to the committees have been made. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Briggs, to move to appoint committee members as presented. Carried.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following Committee and Commission reports were read and placed on file:
Building, Grounds, Cemetery 4/9/13
Police, Fire & License 4/23/13
Street/Utility 5/6/13
Finance/Insurance 5/9/13

CLOSING DAM IN HIGH WATER: At the Police meeting it was mentioned about closing the dam when there is high water and by State Statute, the Chief of Police is the only one with authority to carry this out.

OPERATOR'S LICENSES: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland, to approve operator's license for James Sterr, Annie Morton, and Amy VonBehren. Carried.

MEMORIAL WEEKEND STREET CLOSINGS: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Detra, to close Water Street from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Highway 59 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on May 25, 2013. Carried.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSINGS-JUNE 1: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland, to temporarily close East Main Street from Summit Street to Union Street, with room for emergency vehicles, for an auction at Gary Armitage's house on June 1, 2013. Carried.

RESOLUTION 03-13 CMAR: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Detra, approve Resolution 03-13 as presented. Carried.

SLAG SEAL BIDS: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Althaus, to send out for slag seal bids on approximately ten streets. Carried.

ATTORNEY TO REVIEW WARRANTY: Sutherland reported that the company replied to Tim Astfalk with regard to the warrant discrepancy and they will re-write the warranty to the 9 inches versus the 12 inches, so no need to involve the attorney.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Briggs, to send Runaas and Gill to training provided there is no conflict with them both being gone at the same time. Carried.

PAY OFF BOND: The bond from 1974 comes due in 2014, it was found that we currently have the money to pay this off early and in doing so would save the village some money. Motion by Detra, seconded by Briggs, to pay off bond. Carried.

APPROVE 2012 AUDIT: Motion by Detra, seconded by Althaus, to approve the 2012 audit. Carried.

BORROWING MONEY: Motion by Detra, seconded by Briggs, to borrow money for a new truck and having Runaas go out for bids not to exceed \$70,000. Carried.

Motion by Detra, seconded by Boeck, to accept Mead & Hunt's proposal for Highway 59 survey project. Carried.

UNCHASED CHECKS: Motion by Detra, seconded by Boeck, to void checks #23925, 24077 and 16872. Carried.

Motion by Detra, seconded by Briggs, to reissue the following checks if necessary #15966, 16355, 16484, and 16716. Carried.

ROOF REPAIRS: The Bauman Park Pavilion is tabled until we find out further information on our Downtown Project as this may be included in that work.

Motion by Detra, seconded by Boeck, to have Runaas get bids on metal and asphalt shingles for the Village shop roof. Carried.

TIF AUDIT: Motion by Detra, seconded by Sutherland, to have the auditor do a TIF audit. Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Hanson, to approve the bills as presented. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Runaas gave an update on the line tracer, saying he found the source of how the water gets down the highway and also found two more isolation valves.

Sutherland asked that when we do the downtown flowers this year, maybe we could give S&B Tubing some cooperation since a new owner has taken over.

Sutherland mentioned that he has been working with the Public Works employees and they are going to cut back on some of the mowing around the village this year. This is in hopes of freeing up some more time for the employees to get other duties completed. It will be re-evaluated next year, unless we have several complaints where we will revisit the issue at that time. Briggs mentioned making sure that some of these roads are well groomed to allow for water flow.

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

8:13 p.m.

Michelle Brewer, Deputy Clerk, for LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk

