

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD
October 14, 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, John Briggs, Eileen Althaus, Peggy Boeck, Kim Blumer, and Rod Sutherland. Also present were: Lonnie Gill, Bob Levitt, Chris Lange, Jim Placek, Gary Armitage, Tonya Stephan, Teresa Martin, Liz Detra, Dave Niemeier, Gil Jevne from SAA and several representatives from Batterman, and Victoria Solomon of UW Extension.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

AGENDA: Hanson explained that #12 Tom Murn will not be attending tonight and asked that we move #11 Batterman/SAA – Downtown Project to the end after #16. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to approve the agenda as posted with these changes. Carried.

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

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: This will be addressed later in the meeting.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: There were none.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENDATION: Chief Levitt read a commendation that he wrote for Sgt. Jim Placek and EMS Member Elizabeth Detra for their heroic actions at a car accident scene earlier in the week. He thanked the other EMT's that were present for being there to do as much as they did and for all that they do. Briggs also thanked all of our emergency services for all that they do and how important it is to have emergency response teams that are so dedicated – we are lucky to have them all.

UW EXTENSION: Victoria Solomon introduced herself as the new Community Resource Development Educator for the UW Extension. She explained that projects that she is currently working on and invited the board to call her if there is anything at all that she could help with. The board thanked her for coming and wished her well.

LEGION PARK ROOF REPAIRS: Gary Armitage explained that the board had approved redoing the roof on the concession stand at the Legion Park at a previous meeting, and that he has since been able to have it done with a cost of materials totaling \$168 plus donations. He asked that the gentlemen who did the roofing be paid for their time, as they did it quickly and did it well. They are from Harvest Center, and he recommended that the village pay them \$220 for their time. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to approve the pay of \$220 to cover their time. Carried. Detra also wanted to make sure that the board is aware of all that the Harvest Center has done for the village over the past couple of years – such as donating food to help with the park, painting, putting on a new door, hand digging for the watering system, and several other things. She would like to see the village donate something to them for all of the other things that they've done. After some discussion as to an amount, a motion was made by Briggs and seconded by Sutherland to donate \$300 to the Harvest Center. Carried.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS: It was reported that the previous years hours were 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Halloween evening. Keepers reported that she had received a call asking that the hours start earlier. After some discussion, a motion was made by Detra, seconded by Blumer to set the hours at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on October 31st. Carried.

HIDDEN VALLEYS AD: Keepers showed the board the ad that we have had in the Hidden Valleys magazine for the past several years. The cost is the same as it was last year. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Detra to go with the Hidden Valleys Ad in the amount of \$484.00 Carried.

COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS: The following Committee and Commission reports were placed on file:

?Building, Grounds, Cemetery? 9/10/13
?Park Commission?9/16/13
?Personnel Committee?9/23/13
?Police, Fire, License?9/24/13
?Street and Utility?10/7/13
?Finance and Insurance?10/10/13

PARK SUMMER EMPLOYEE BONUSES: After some discussion a motion by Althaus, seconded by Blumer to pay the bonuses as recommended by the Park Commission. Carried.

2014 WAGES: Motion by Hanson, seconded by Detra to approve the wage changes for 2014. Carried.

UNUSED POLICE VACATION TIME: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Briggs to approve allowing the pay of up to one week of the employees of the police department unused vacation pay if they are unable to use it before the end of the year. Detra is concerned that the officers need the time off whenever they can due to the stress of the job. Levitt assured the board that they will use this only as a last resort. Carried.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Briggs to approve an operator's license for Merry Lawrence. Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Boeck to approve the Albany Fire Department budget as presented. Carried.

Briggs mentioned that the fire department is having trouble getting people to volunteer and to respond to calls. We need those people and we have some really good people, but that we need more people. State guidelines are getting so strict that it is hard to find people with the time to volunteer. Any good ideas would be welcome!

Briggs asked about the Mineral Street drainage. Nothing has been set at this time but the committee reviewed the options at their last meeting.

BUDGET HEARING: Motion by Detra, seconded by Sutherland to set November 11, 2013 for the budget hearing before the board meeting. Carried.

DOWNTOWN PROJECT: A presentation was given by Batterman and SAA for input on the Downtown Project. The DNR has contacted the village that they have been awarded a portion of the request in the amount of \$74,496 for the grant that we applied for. This is a matching grant, so the village would have to pay out as much as we receive. Much discussion was held and a power point presentation was watched. A meeting that will be inviting the public will be held soon to get more input from the residents.

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

FUTURE ITEMS: Hanson explained a medical procedure that he will be having in the near future.

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

8:30 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk
Village of Albany