

# MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD

February 10, 2014

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, Rod Sutherland, and Peggy Boeck. Absent: Kim Blumer and Eileen Althaus. Also present were: Bob Levitt, Jon Runaas, Todd Hasse, Mark Riedel, Chris Hodges of the DOT, Chris Lange, Paul Rhyner, PJ Frances, Todd Needham of Batterman, and Bruce of SAA.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Briggs to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014 as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: There were none.

EXTRA TERRITORIAL ZONING CSM: Todd Hasse explained the Certified Survey Map that he presented is in the Extra Territorial Zoning area of the village. The property owner wants to separate off seven acres of the property located on Bump Road that is currently owned by Troy and Karen Loos that includes all of the buildings so that they can sell that portion, and then they will keep the approximate 40 acres of farmland. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to approve the Certified Survey Map presented. Carried.

CLERK EDUCATION: Motion by Detra, seconded by Sutherland to approve the Clerk's office education as presented. Carried.

ALBERTSON REQUEST FOR TAX REFUND: Keepers explained the request for a tax refund for their tax parcel 23-101-154.0. After some discussion, a motion was made by Briggs, seconded by Detra to have the village attorney research this request and table any decision until the March meeting after he has reviewed it. Carried.

VISITOR'S GUIDE: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to pay \$500 toward the ad in the Green County Visitor's Guide. Carried.

HIGHWAY 59: The Street Committee had discussed the best plan for the handicap parking ramps along Highway 59, but made no decision as they didn't have a quorum. Sutherland explained the two prices listed. Item 1 showed the estimated cost of the ramp replacement with the recommended ramp replacement. Item 2 showed the estimated cost of the premium ramp replacement. After some discussion, a motion was made by Sutherland, seconded by Briggs to go with Item #1 with the recommended ramp replacement. Carried.

Chris Hodges of the DOT was present and explained that the state will be willing to extend the sidewalk along Highway 59 (North Mechanic Street) to the Sugar River Bike Trail on the north side of the highway. The village would need to provide a survey showing the ownership for the area where the sidewalk would be. Then, if any right of way land would need to be purchased, this would be the responsibility of the village. The state would not be able to make any land purchases for this. The village is able to request a reimbursement of up to \$35,000 for the projects that are involved. We would be able to have either a walking path or a sidewalk. It was suggested that the sidewalk would probably be easier to construct. The residents along this area would be responsible to clear snow and ice from the sidewalk, however there would be no cost to them to have the sidewalk put in. The plans will need to be finished by 2015 but the work plans to be done in 2016. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Detra to get the necessary work done and get the information to the state so that they can incorporate the sidewalk in their plans. Carried.

WATER TOWER INSPECTION: Sutherland explained the bids received for the cleaning and inspecting of the water towers. Water Tower Cleaners bid was the lowest. Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Detra to hire Water Tower Cleaners for a total cost of \$6,700 to inspect and clean the towers as specified and to get the required reports to the State DNR. Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS EDUCATION: The Annual WRWA Conference is in Green Bay in March, and each year one of the public works employees attend. This year Lonnie Gill will attend, and there are 20 credits available for attendance, which will basically give Gill most of his required credits. Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Briggs to have Lonnie Gill attend this conference. Carried.

DOWNTOWN SNOW REMOVAL: Sutherland explained that the Street Committee is considering having the village employees blow off the snow on the sidewalks in the downtown block while they are doing all of the village's sidewalks. Some questions have to be answered before any decisions are made.

WATERWORKS: Sutherland reported that the water system in the village has been in place for 100 years this year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to approve Danny Mueller as Fire Chief and Terry Bailey as Assistant Chief. A second Assistant Chief will hopefully be appointed at a later date. Carried.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to approve the operator's licensees to the following: Carlie Peters, Miranda Firth, and Brookes Baumberger. Carried.

POLICE SPILLMAN SYSTEM: Levitt explained the needs to purchase additional air cards so that each squad can use the

Spillman System more efficiently. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Detra to approve the purchase of some air cards as needed. Carried.

CITATION COST INCREASE: It was explained that the state has allowed municipalities to increase their costs for citations by \$10 each. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to increase the cost of citations by \$10 each. Carried.

SNOWMOBILES IN THE VILLAGE: It has been noted that there are some snowmobiles that are riding on the river and also on the retention pond in the Industrial Park. It was noted that no signs were ever posted to show the riders where the trails are.

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

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT: Todd and Bruce gave an overview of the things discussed at the meeting held immediately before this board meeting. Several things were discussed and some detailed items were decided upon, as they are looking to go out for bids in March of this year. Some items that have been changed now are the lay of the street in the downtown block will no longer have a crown in the street but will be tilted so that all stormwater goes to the west side of the street. By doing this, the need for a railing along both sides would not be necessary, so this will be removed. Another item changed will be the amount of trees that they had suggested in the downtown block. All trees will be removed from the plans along the street, and only the trees in the plaza area will continue.

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

8:20 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk  
Village of Albany