

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Albany Village Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014 in the Albany Village Hall by President Larry Hanson. Members present were: Hanson, John Briggs, Eileen Althaus, Peggy Boeck, Kim Blumer, Rod Sutherland, and Virginia Detra. Also present were: Bob Levitt, Jon Runaas, Chris Lange, Tim Astfalk, Julie Jansen, Sheila DeForest, Batterman representatives Frank McKearn, Todd Needham, 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 Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Sheila DeForest introduced herself, as she is running for the position of Wisconsin State Assembly that is currently held by Janice Ringhand. She shared information that she is from Beloit and has served 7 years on the City Council. She has attended several meetings through her run and the two main things she seems to hear a lot are 1: There is not enough funding for road repairs and 2: Losing local control, such as not being able to make our own decisions on land use. The board thanked DeForest for coming.

L & J'S HOMEGROWN EXCHANGE: Julie Jansen asked to be on the agenda to explain their plans for 11 acres that they recently purchased in the village. They are planning on growing vegetables and perennials that they will be taking to local farmer markets and such. She explained that they want to put in a well on this property as there is no water service readily available to water their plantings. They will also want to build a green house, a head house, and storage buildings. Eventually will get a nursery license. Beginning in 2015, they may want to sell small amounts from the property. It was explained to Jansen that a public hearing will be needed for the well, and possibly for the buildings, too, so this will be scheduled for the April Plans meeting.

LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Boeck to reappoint Louse Spring and John Hlavachek to the Albertson Memorial Library Board. Carried.

2014 SUMMER HELP: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Sutherland to hire the following persons for the part time summer positions in the village at the same rate as last year: Caretaker: Devin Deegan; Concessionaire: Sue Armitage and Crystal Holtsapple; Commissioner: Gary Armitage and Isaac Tomlins; Rec Director: Cindy Mauerman; Rec Director Assistant: Jessica Mauerman. Motion carried.

ALBERTSON REIMBURSEMENT: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Detra to reimburse Wayne Albertson \$363.68 for the property tax claim. Carried.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following committee and commission reports were reviewed and acted on:
Building, Grounds, Cemetery 2/11/14
Personnel 2/24/14
Park 2/25/14
Police, Fire, License 2/25/14
Street and Utility 3/03/14

TRU GREEN CONTRACT: Motion by Boeck, seconded by Detra to approve the 2014 contract to Trugreen for \$572.40 which is a 10% discount. Carried.

CEMETERY RATES: Motion by Boeck, seconded by Blumer to increase the following rates at the cemetery effective April 1, 2014:

Original and Bowman Addition Lots: Resident - \$300 ea Non-resident - \$500 ea
Luedy Addition Lots: Resident - \$550 ea Non-resident - \$800 ea Cremation - \$150 ea
Grave Openings: Weekday - \$300 Weekend/Holiday - \$350
Cremation Openings: Weekday - \$150 ea Weekend/Holiday - \$200 ea
Motion carried.

2014 YESTERYEAR'S WEEKEND: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Briggs to approve the closing of North Water Street for the street dance from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. on May 23, 2014. Carried. Motion by Blumer, seconded by Sutherland to close North Water Street on Saturday, May 24, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the parade and peddle tractor pull. Carried.

POLICE TRAINING: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Sutherland to approve the Crisis Management and Executive Training at no fee, other than hotel accommodations, for Chief Levitt and Robert Ritter at \$155 each and for James Placek at \$180. Levitt will attend April 30-May 2 at Stevens Point; Ritter to attend April 9-11 in Manitowoc; and Placek to attend June 10-12 at Waukesha. Carried.

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

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT: The plans are finished at this point and were shared with the clerk's office, the public works

department, Mead and Hunt, and were reviewed.

Items discussed were: Hanson stated that his opinion would be to have the village's contractor run the laterals to the buildings and then have the owners hire a professional to hook them up inside their property. He feels that this would be the most efficient way so that it can all be done at the right time and then they can get it hooked up themselves to ensure they have services. The business owner would be responsible for the hooking it up, and the village would pay for the lateral to ensure it being done uniformly. The engineers then gave explanations of the areas of concerns that were questioned at the previous meeting. In these plans, it was also explained that there will be sufficient electrical power in the plaza area along with the street area. In the contract, the liquidated damages are \$500 per day. Hanson then explained that he feels that the village's engineer, Mead and Hunt, should have an engineer onsite to follow the construction. Batterman would also work with the village if there were any questions or concerns. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Detra to have Mead and Hunt be onsite during this project. Carried. It was also decided to have the engineers to the layout work instead of the contractor. Tim will prepare an engineering proposal for the street meeting.

FUTURE ITEMS: Keepers explained that the dates set for the E-cycle pickup will be Saturday April 12th from 9-11; the medication round up will be Saturday April 26th from 9-11. Motion by Blumer seconded by Sutherland to set the Spring Acceptance day for Saturday, April 26th from 8-3 with the same rules as last year. Carried.

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

7:53 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk
Village of Albany