

MINUTES OF ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD
October 13, 2014

The regular meeting of the Albany Village Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Kim Blumer in the Albany Village Hall. Members present were: Blumer, Virginia Detra, Eileen Althaus, Nathan Ramsay, Peggy Boeck, Tonya Stephan, and James Smith arrived at 6:35 p.m. Also present were: Lonnie Gill, Ricky DeNure, John Ochsner, Robert Baller, Tim Porter, and Kylee Blumer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

AGENDA: Motion by Detra, seconded by Ramsay to combine all three Personnel Committee minutes and to approve the agenda as posted. Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Boeck to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: John Ochsner and Rob Baller were present to discuss the prairie grasses that were found at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church this summer. It appears that the ground has never been touched, as these original prairie plants are abundant there. They have found that these plants are not the type to cause allergies. They have also been working with school children on gathering seeds and learning the types of plants. They shared information with the board and offered to meet with the board further on this if needed. They were told about the ordinance concerns, and this will be looked into further.

Tim Porter was present to question having to pay for the steps in front of his buildings. This was never told to him in the beginning of the special assessment discussion and notices. After some discussion, a motion was made by Detra, seconded by Boeck to take the decision of payment for the cement back to the Street and Utility Committee at their next meeting. Carried.

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION WORKERS: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Stephan to approve Virginia Detra and Peggy Boeck as substitute election poll workers. Carried.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS: Motion by Stephan, seconded by Detra to set the hours of trick or treating at 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2014. Carried.

LITEWIRE REQUEST: Keepers shared information received from Dave Mueller regarding LiteWire stating that they would be willing to put their equipment on the standpipe for as many people to be able to use their services at this time, and then would proceed with applying for a grant to put up a tower in the future. Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Boeck to accept LiteWire's proposal to put their equipment on the standpipe until they are able to build a tower. Carried.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following Committee and Commission reports were reviewed and placed on file:

Special Personnel 9-12-14
Joint Recycling 9-15-14
Park Commission 9-15-14
Building, Grounds, Cemetery 9-16-14
Plans Commission 10-2-14
Street/Utility 10-6-14
Personnel 10-7-14

2015 WAGES: Motion by Boeck, seconded by Ramsay to approve the wages for 2015 as presented. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER PER DIEM: Motion by Boeck, seconded by Ramsay to increase board and citizen members pay effective after elections for those who are elected in that year. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Fall Acceptance Day has been scheduled for Saturday, October 25th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It was also noted that the village will not be having a special day for electronic recycling. Residents with anything to recycle that is electronic will be told to take these items to the Green County Landfill.

PARK CARETAKER BONUS: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Detra to pay Devin Deegan his bonus for his summer work. Carried.

OPERATOR'S LICENSES: Motion by Boeck, seconded by Stephan to approve the following Operator's Licenses: Terrance Haug, Matthew Mattson, Hannah Wilke, Wendy Draper, and Katherine Keeley. Carried.

DOLLAR GENERAL REQUESTS: Motion by Detra, seconded by Boeck to approve the Certified Survey Map as presented for DGI-Albany, LLC to section off the property that they will be purchasing to building a Dollar General Store located at 614 North Mechanic Street. Carried.

Motion by Althaus, seconded by Smith to rezone the property located in the certified survey map approved from Ag-1 to C-1 Commercial. Carried.

Motion by Blumer, seconded by Althaus to approve the variance for the rear yard (south) setback to DG-Albany, LLC from the

required 25' to 9.3'. Carried.

Motion by Stephan, seconded by Boeck to grant a variance for the height of the sign requested from DG-Albany, LLC for their business located at 614 North Mechanic Street from 10' above the mean center line street grad to 21' tall. Carried.

Motion by Boeck, seconded by Stephan to grant a variance to DG-Albany, LLC for the width of their driveway from 30' to 36' with a turning radii of 25' at Cincinnati Street. Carried.

Motion by Detra, seconded by Boeck to grant a variance to DGI-Albany, LLC regarding the number of parking spaces from 61 to 30 off street parking stalls. Carried.

Motion by Althaus, seconded by Detra to approve the site plan as presented for DGI-Albany, LLC as presented. Carried.

UNION STREET CANCELATION: Motion by Detra, seconded by Ramsay to cancel the Union Street project for this year. Carried.

NORTH WATER STREET TIME EXTENSION: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Boeck to grant the deadline date extension to E&N Hughes to October 31, 2014. Carried.

NORTH WATER STREET CHANGES: Motion by Detra, seconded by Ramsay to saw cut the curb and gutter to provide a driveway to the property located at 122 North Water Street, as he originally had a driveway located here and when the new curb and gutter was put it, there was no driveway opening. A letter of agreement will be signed by the owner. Carried.

Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Boeck to replace the grass area with concrete at the plaza terrace at a cost not to exceed \$1,600. Carried.

PAY REQUEST: Motion by Detra, seconded by Althaus to pay E&N Hughes the pay request in the amount of \$200,931.12. Carried.

WATER METER PURCHASE: Motion by Detra, seconded by Ramsay to pursue the purchase of new water meters and the system to be able to read them from the office at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 plus costs. Carried. This will be included in the request for a water rate increase from the PSC.

GILL TRAINING: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Boeck to send Lonnie Gill to training at no cost on November 13th in Shullsburg, as this would give him six credits and allow him to recertify his sewer certification. Carried.

BILLS: Motion by Boeck, seconded by Stephan to approve the bills as presented. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE ITEMS: Nothing at this time.

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

7:32 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk
Village of Albany