

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD
April 13, 2015

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, Eileen Althaus, Virginia Detra, Peggy Boeck, Nathan Ramsay, James Smith, and Tonya Stephan. Also present were: Bob Levitt, Chris Lange, Phil Jones, John Disch, Jim Graves, Father Moon, Chris Roberts, John Ochsner, Nick Fasser, and Jeff Garde and Todd Needham of Batterman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Althaus to approve the minutes of the March 9th meeting as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Jim Graves was representing the Albany Thrift Store to which he has recently been elected as President of their board. He wanted to ask the board to consider assisting with the cost of the yellow bags that they must purchase to get rid of the unusable items that are left at the store. He shared several of the donations that have been made this past year, and feels that the cost of the garbage bags took money away from more charities or donations that they could give. Blumer explained that the cost for the bags is not the actual cost of the bags themselves, but the cost to the village is to take the garbage to the landfill. It was suggested that Graves attend the Joint Recycling Committee meeting that will be held on Monday, April 20th and explain his situation to them. The board thanked Graves for coming.

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH NATURAL LAWN: Much discussion was held on the request for a natural lawn at the cemetery owned by St. Patrick Church. Two property owners who live nearby, Phil Jones and John Disch had some concerns and felt that this is not the proper location for a prairie. Jones stated that the cemetery has always been well cared for and by allowing the grass to grow so long, it was making the property look bad. Much discussion was held on the opinions of those in attendance. Members of the Prairie Enthusiasts were present and told of their experiences. The land in question has not been sold for burials at this time, but as the land is needed for burials, it will be sold. This prairie situation would be there until the land is needed. Jones stated that he is not against prairies in any way, as long as they are at the proper location, and he doesn't feel that this is one. Father Moon explained the process of finding these prairie plants and keeping it natural. Ochsner will be watching the property for noxious weeds. Ochsner also stated that this provides a benefit to the school children, also. Suggestions were made to fence in the area. After more discussion, a motion was made by Blumer, seconded by Ramsay to accept the management plan from St. Patrick's church for a two year basis; to define the area with an 18" fence; and to make sure that all noxious weeds are removed. Carried. Letters will be sent. This will be brought back to next month's meeting to finalize.

BACK ALLEY SURVEY: Garde and Needham from Batterman presented the village with a copy of the recorded survey designating Oak Street. They then explained the inconsistencies in the back alley. There are several overlaps and gaps in the deeds and descriptions. There are more than one way to get this cleared up. It was decided to first set a special board meeting date and invite all of the property owners involved and see what they would like to see happen. Keepers will contact the property owners to ask that they attend this meeting with a date to be set.

Lange asked if there is any way that along Oak Street the village could designate some motorcycle parking stalls. This will be reviewed.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Boeck to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation. Carried.

POST STREETS TO CLASS "B": Blumer explained the need to post Mineral Street and part of Cincinnati Street to a Class "B" designation, as the Town of Albany is going to post Bump Road and Purinton Road as such. Also, our streets are not built to handle trucks of this size and weight. After some discussion, motion by Blumer, seconded by Boeck to post all access roads to these two roads as needed. Carried.

FAMILY PROMISE: It was explained that there will be a fundraiser on August 22 at the Village Park to raise money for Family Promise. Family Promise helps people who are in a homeless situation. There were some other requests that will be addressed at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following Committee and Commission reports were read and placed on file: Building, Grounds, Cemetery 3-10-15 Joint Recycling 3-16-15 Park Commission 3-16-15 Police, Fire, License 3-24-15 Plans Commission 4-02-15 Street, Utility 4-06-15

TRUGREEN CONTRACT: Motion by Stephan, seconded by Boeck to approve the TruGreen contract for 2015. Carried.

2015 CONCESSIONAIRE: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Ramsay to approving Lisa Nickols as Concessionaire for 2015. Carried.

2015 COMMISSIONER: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Ramsay to appoint Cheryl Walz as Commissioner for 2015. Carried.

PARK NOTES: Althaus reported that the Summer Rec Program will be handling TBall this summer instead of the DugOut club. Also, the Park meeting next week will meet beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Bowman Park. Lange questioned whether or not the Bowman Park would serve the downtown better as a bigger parking lot than the park. The

commission will look into this at their meeting next week.

POLICE TRAINING: Motion by Boeck, seconded by Smith to send Jim Placek to training on April 15 and 16 on executive training and DNA and arrest. Carried.

ORDINANCE 01-15: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Boeck to approve Ordinance 01-15 which would abolish the licensing of cats in the village. Carried.

UNION STREET REPAIR: Althaus reported that two bids were received to do the repairs to Union Street. One was from Iverson in the amount of \$39,575.30 and the other was from Rock Road in the amount of \$64,865.47. Motion by Althaus, seconded by Ramsay to approve the bid from Iverson for Union Street. Carried.

HIGHWAY 59 BLACKTOP: Althaus reported that the DOT gave two options on the asphalt that they are going to put down next year. Option 1 was to lay 3 ½" of asphalt overlay on the entire street at an additional cost to the village of \$20,657.00 or Option 2 which was to have the 3 ½" in the inner lanes and to only have 1 ¾" on the outer lanes. Motion by Althaus, seconded by Ramsay to go with Option 1. Carried.

PLANTS FOR BIO FILTERS IN DOWNTOWN AREA: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Ramsay to purchase 416 plants at a cost of \$457.60 for the downtown bio filter areas. Carried.

2015 EQUIPMENT COSTS: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Ramsay to approve the 2015 equipment costs as presented. Carried.

SCADA: It was reported that all of the SCADA permits have been applied for and received.

BILLS: Motion by Smith, seconded by Ramsay to approve the bills as presented. Carried.

FUTURE: There was nothing.

ADJOURN: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Ramsay to adjourn. Carried.
8:35 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk
Village of Albany