

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD
August 8, 2016

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, Peggy Boeck, Nathan Ramsay, and Virginia Detra. Absent: Tonya Stephan and James Smith. Also present were: Lonnie Gill, Jim Placek, Mary Ellen Parker and Lu Vale. Deanna Hubert arrived at 7:22 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Detra to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Mary Ellen Parker was present to question the board's plans on the parking issues on South Water Street in the summer months. The parking issue is getting more and more serious as there are several vehicles parked that invade the space of the driveways making it hard to get out and to see if there is any traffic coming. There have been several issues again this summer. Some thoughts were shared on ways to help with the parking issues. Some of them were to paint yellow curbs a farther distance from the driveways so they don't infringe on them so bad; one was to not allow parking on the south and west side (curve) of the street near to Mechanic Street so that the corner is more navigable; to allow parking only on one side of the street; to post it as limited time parking; to paint parking stalls on the street so that the parking would not be so congested; and to allow property owners to mark off parking stalls if they were having a large gathering at their home. Parker stated that she feels around 80% of the people tubing down the river are fine, decent people, but those few that are very difficult can sure make problems. After more discussion, a motion was made by Detra and seconded by Ramsay to have the public works department paint the curb on the west and south side of the curve on South Water Street yellow so that there will be no more parking on this curve as it is dangerous and is difficult for people to pass through there. Also they should paint the curb by East Nichols Street corner with South Water as people are parking too close to the intersection. Carried.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following committee and commission reports were reviewed and placed on file:

Joint Recycling 7-18-16 Park Commission 7-18-16 Police, Fire, License 7-26-16 Street and Utility 8-01-16 Plans Commission 8-04-16

FALL ACCEPTANCE DAY: It was announced that the Fall Acceptance Day has been set for Saturday, October 15th.

POLICE TRAINING: Motion by Detra, seconded by Ramsay to approve the New Chief's Training for Placek on December 5-9 at no cost to the village. Carried.

SIGNAGE AT BOWMAN PARK: It was decided that a sign is needed to give people notice at Bowman's Park regarding outside consumption of alcohol. Motion by Blumer, seconded by Detra to have a sign made and placed at the Bowman Park.

ENGINEERING PROPOSAL: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Boeck to approve the contract from Mead and Hunt in the amount of \$65,000 for design services for the water system. Carried.

SEPTEMBER STREET MEETING: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Althaus to move the September meeting date to September 6, 2016. Carried.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: The public hearing that was held to consider a conditional use permit at the Plans Commission meeting was informative but no decision was made at this time.

FREE LIBRARY AT OVERLOOK PARK: Althaus questioned how the Free Library ended up at the Overlook Park. There were some misunderstandings as to the approval of putting it there. Detra said that the Plans Commission made a motion to have this free library removed and replaced at another spot, so that is what needs to be done.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: Keepers explained that there are two days in September that neither she nor Michelle Brewer are available for work and asked how this should be handled. It was decided that the office could be closed for these two days due to the complication.

It was also decided that there will be some signs purchased for the parks that have been recommended.

ADJOURN: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Boeck to adjourn. Carried.
8:20 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk Village of Albany