

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD  
September 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Albany Village Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Albany Village Hall by President Kim Blumer. Members present were: Blumer, Eileen Althaus, Virginia Detra, Peggy Boeck, Tonya Stephan, and Nathan Ramsay. Absent: James Smith. Also present were: Jim Laughlin, David King, Catherine Blakemore, Allison Phillips, Jim Mauerman, Mark Riedel, Lou Vale, Deanna and Stephen Hubert, John Briggs, Colleen Brewer, Jamie Krueger, Lonnie Gill, Bob Ritter, and Paul Rhyner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

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

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

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Nothing at this time.

SMITH RESIGNATION: Blumer read a resignation from James Smith. Smith regretfully resigned from the village board due to moving out of the village. Motion by Blumer, seconded by Detra to accept the resignation from James Smith from the village board effective immediately. Carried.

HUBERT APPOINTMENT: Blumer stated that he would like to recommend Stephen Hubert as the replacement to the village board to replace Smith. Motion by Blumer, seconded by Detra to approve Stephen Hubert's appointment to the village board effective immediately. Keepers gave Hubert the Oath of Office. Carried.

REDEVELOPMENT RESOURCES SPEAKER: Riedel began this presentation by explaining that he works for the Wisconsin DNR and was at a conference recently and was impressed with what he heard from the Redevelopment Resources there. Mary Rajek was here to tell about their company and how they have worked to bring in businesses to municipalities. They would help the village find the right scale of investment to make the improvements that could help us find businesses to fill in the downtown area. She also suggested that several communities in Green County could work together to help out each of their communities. Riedel stated that the village has invested time in the Smart Growth program, and has invested a lot of money in the downtown, but didn't really finish it. Now, we have a shortage of funding. John Briggs questioned that he and his sister have 21 acres on the north side of the village that they have considered developing and would like more information. Paul Rhyner asked how their company works with the property owners to improve their properties. He was told that there are ways to go about these improvements. Also, the village would have to be strong on code enforcement and to try to be very consistent.

RESOLUTION 06-16: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Althaus to adopt Resolution 06-16 regarding the Library Tax Exemption. Carried.

RESOLUTION 05-16: Motion by Detra, seconded by Ramsay to adopt Resolution 05-16 regarding the Urban Forestry. Carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Ramsay to appoint David King as a citizen member of the village's Building, Grounds, and Cemetery Committee. Carried.

BOWMAN PARK BLACKTOP: Gill and Keepers explained that while working with the DNR on the grant, the representative mentioned that blacktopping the parking area of Bowman Park would be beneficial to the improvements to the park. Gill asked for a price to have it done, and the village is considering it. It was decided at this time to see about extending the grant until next year to see if we can get a better price to do so. Keepers will see about the extension and we will look into the blacktopping early next year.

OWI TASK FORCE GRANT: Ritter gave a presentation regarding the OWI Task Force Grant that departments in the county are pursuing. He, Detra, and Althaus met with the representative from the Brodhead PD to get the details, and feel that this could be beneficial to the village. After some discussion, a motion by Blumer seconded by Detra to accept the OWI Task Force Grant in the amount of \$1,000. Carried.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following committee and commission reports were read and placed on file:  
Park Commission 8-15-16  
Police, Fire, License 8-23-16  
Plans Commission 9-01-16  
Street and Utility 9-06-16

FALL FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES: Detra began with explaining that a resident of South Water Street attended their meeting to see if porta potties could be forced upon a business to accommodate their customers. The committee said that they would check on it.

Motion by Detra, seconded by Ramsay to close the requested streets (North Water Street from Main Street to Oak Street including the parking lot all the way to the library, with parking on the river side only) on Saturday, October 1, 2016 for the Fall Festival. Carried. In case of inclement weather, this event will be held at the school. It was also explained that a reunion of past business owners will be held in two groups from 10-12 at Gabriella's and from 12-2 at the library.

Colleen Brewer and Jamie Krueger explained that Abracadabra Limos will be holding a Customer Appreciation Day on that day, also. It will culminate with a band playing on his property (Madison County) and it will be open to the public to enjoy. The Albany Chamber of Commerce will be taking care of the beer to be served; the FFA will take care of the food - (they will be selling pork

that Krueger had purchased at the fair and will donate); and there will be bottled water, pop, and beer. Detra stated that her committee felt that if the chamber has at least 3 bouncers on site and made sure that there were no minors in the area serving beer, they would be satisfied. Some questions regarding the coverage were asked, so the chamber will look into more than the three. Otherwise, the board congratulated them all and wished them the best.

Motion by Boeck, seconded by Detra to approve a dance permit and park beer permit for the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce for October 1, 2016. Carried.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Boeck to approve a Conditional Use Permit to James Laughlin for his property located at 501 North Mechanic Street to allow him to use his garage as a place to do automotive work for people in this residentially zoned property. Carried.

FENCE PLAN APPROVAL: Motion by Blumer seconded by Althaus to approve a fence plan presented by Roger Brewer for his property located at 303 South East State Street. Carried.

LIFT STATION CONTRACT: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Stephan to approve a three year contract extension to clean and video sewer lines and lift stations at a cost of \$150 per foot and cleaning the lift stations at \$2,000, and root removal at \$250/hour. Carried.

BILLS: Motion by Detra, seconded by Ramsay to approve the bills as presented. Boeck questioned the cost to the village's attorney. Motion carried with Boeck voting no.

FUTURE ITEMS: There were none.

ADJOURN: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Detra to adjourn. Carried.  
8:15 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk