

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD
October 10, 2016

The regular meeting of the Albany Village Board was called to order by President Kim Blumer at 6:30 p.m. on October 10, 2016 in the Albany Village Hall. Members present were: Blumer, Virginia Detra, Eileen Althaus, Stephan Hubert, Tonya Stephan, Nathan Ramsay, and Peggy Boeck. Also present were: Bob Ritter, Lonnie Gill, Deanna Hubert, Karl Blumer, Chris Lange, Julie Blumer, Penny Thompson, David King, Steve Mortaloni, Sheila Mortaloni, Tammy Blumer, Kris Hasler, Terri Williams, Daniele Hall, Trina Shrader, Tyler Bartels, Terry Gould, Rikki Thomas Martin, Thomas Wright, and Susan Gould.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

AGENDA: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Stephan to approve the agenda as posted. Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Detra to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Chris Lange had some questions about the dance that was held the day of the Fall Festival at Abracadabra Limos. He questioned why underage people were allowed inside the fenced in area. He understood that there were to be no underage people inside the fence where the beer was served. He also asked if the board knew where the money that was earned that night was and what it was being used for. His third question was to ask if the village is being reimbursed for any additional police coverage or the assistance of the public works employees with the set up. Lange was told that there will be some updates at the next Police, Fire, License committee meeting.

PUBLIC REQUEST TO BE HEARD REGARDING GARBAGE PICKUP: Citizens present asked why the village will not allow curbside pickup of the garbage. Blumer explained that several years ago it was decided that residents did NOT want to have to pay for the curbside pickup any longer. So, it was investigated to have a drop off site for garbage and recyclables. Recycling then became mandatory in the state and we were already ahead of the requirements. He listed concerns about having the containers sitting along the streets and if they would pick up large items. They were also reminded that this is a joint venture with the Town of Albany so they must be part of the decision, too. Terry Gould shared a few copies of the information that he received from Badgerland Disposal showing their costs and what they pick up. A very informative discussion was held by all present with two of the main complaints heard were the problem of having to haul garbage in private vehicles and being able to make it to the recycling center during their open hours. Several people stated that the hours are not very convenient. It was suggested that this be looked into. It was also suggested that these concerns be directed back to the Joint Recycling Committee which will meet on Monday, October 16th. All were thanked for coming and invited to attend future meetings.

AUDITOR CONTRACT: Keepers explained a contract renewal for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 with a 3% increase each year. Motion by Blumer, seconded by Althaus to approve the four year contract with James R. Frechette as auditor for the Village of Albany. Carried.

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TRICK OR TREAT HOURS: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Ramsay to set the Trick or Treat Hours from 5:30 – 7:30 on Monday, October 31st. Stephan stated that all organizations need to work together toward the safety of the youth that night. It was suggested that she meet with the fire department and Lion's Club to ensure that all are understanding what is covered. Carried.

HIRE JUDGE: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Ramsay to hire Judge Mark Frankle for the Police Disciplinary Commission as needed. Carried.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following committee and commission reports were placed on file: Building, Grounds, Cemetery 9-13-16 Joint Recycling 9-19-16 Park Commission 9-19-16 Personnel 9-26-16 Police, Fire, License 9-27-16 Street & Utility 10-3-16 Plans Commission 10-6-16

PARK EMPLOYEES BONUS: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Blumer to give Cindy Mauerman and Devin Deegan their bonuses for their work in 2016. Carried.

COURT CLERK PROGRAM: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Ramsay to purchase the court clerk computer program, Quick Clerk, to replace our outdated and unsupported program we are currently using at a cost of \$3,000 to purchase it and \$1,000 per year thereafter for support. Carried.

OFFICER IN CHARGE: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Ramsay to appoint Sgt. Robert Ritter as Officer in Charge. No – Boeck. Motion carried.

Motion by Blumer, seconded by Ramsay to increase Ritter's hourly rate while serving as Officer in charge retroactive to August 29, 2016. Boeck questioned why Placek did not receive pay increases when he was temporarily in charge when Retired Chief Levitt was on vacation or out of the office. It was explained that compensation is not made for short term temporary absences; only if it is indefinite. Motion carried 6-1 with Boeck voting no.

OPERATOR'S LICENSES: Motion by Detra, seconded by Boeck to approve operator's licenses for the following people: Cassandra Bemus, Yvonne Buss, Kourtnee Arndt, and Amanda Larson. Carried.

ENGINEER AMENDMENT: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Althaus to approve a contract amendment in the amount of \$13,000 from the 2013 Street Project with the DNR. Carried.

ROCK ROAD PAY REQUEST: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Althaus to approve the pay request from Rock Road in the amount of \$131,277.80 for the blacktopping throughout the village. Carried.

TRAINING: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Boeck to approve having Lonnie Gill attend a one day workshop on management and supervision in Madison on November 7th at a cost of \$99. Carried.

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FENCE PLANS: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Ramsay to approve the fence plan submitted by Sue Nettam for her property located at 406/408 Third Street. Carried.

Motion by Boeck, seconded by Detra to approve the fence plan submitted by Kris Hasler for his property located at 500 Third Street. Carried.

BILLS: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Ramsay to approve the bills as presented. Boeck wants to go on record that she is questioning the bill to the village attorney. Motion carried.

FUTURE ITEMS: Stephan is concerned about the Albany Fire Department. Chief Mueller is working hard to keep the department going, but there are not enough volunteers. The village needs to do something to help this situation to keep our

department going. Currently we have to wait for mutual aid from another department, as we do not have enough firemen to safely fight the fires or be there for accidents. Discussion was held on what needs to be done. Boeck thought the citizens should have input, also. It was then suggested that either the Police Committee or the board should meet with the firemen to see what their thoughts and needs are.

Keepers stated that Tim Porter is asking what the status of his request for a Conditional Use Permit stands. The board recommends that he report to the November Plans Commission meeting for a decision.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Ramsay to adjourn to closed session under state statute 19.85(1)(b)(f). Nature of business to be discussed: to consider dismissal, demotion, licensing, or discipline of any public employee and to consider financial, medical, social, or personal histories disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons. Roll call vote: Stephan – yes, Hubert – yes, Althaus – yes, Blumer – yes, Detra – yes, Boeck – yes, Ramsay – yes. Carried. Detra and Blumer requested that Keepers stay in the closed session portion. All agreed. Meeting adjourned to closed session.

Motion by Blumer, seconded by Ramsay to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote: Stephan – yes, Hubert – yes, Althaus – yes, Blumer – yes, Detra – yes, Boeck – yes, Ramsay – yes. Carried.

RECOMMENDATION FROM CLOSED SESSION: There is nothing at this time.

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

8:12 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk
Village of Albany