

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD

January 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Albany Village Board was called to order by President Kim Blumer in the Albany Village Hall at 6:34 p.m. Members present were: Blumer, Nathan Ramsay, Larry Nipple, Michelle Monson, Fred Johnson, and Tonya Stephan. Absent: Eileen Althaus. Also present were: Lonnie Gill, Bob Ritter, Mark Riedel, and Scott and Erica Roth.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Monson, seconded by Ramsay to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 board meeting as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: No appearances.

LIBRARY UPDATE: Nothing at this time.

RIVERVIEW AGREEMENT: Information was reviewed on the agreement sent to the village from Riverview Apartments regarding the Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Having questions that we were not able to answer at this time, a motion was made by Monson, seconded by Stephan to table this agreement until next meeting so that more information can be received. Also, instead of a flat fee every year, it was suggested that there be a percentage increase each year. Carried.

TRACTOR PULL: The group who held the Antique Tractor Pull in the village last year, would like to hold another one in 2019. Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Johnson to approve the date of September 14, 2019 for the Antique Tractor Pull and to confirm that the organization meet with us before that date to confirm all items. Carried.

ARBOR DAY: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Monson to approve April 25, 2019 as Arbor Day. Carried.

BIKE GRANT: We were contacted by a new resident into the village who suggested we look into a grant that would pay for a Bike Station. This would make it possible to repair bikes on the Sugar River Trail or to put air in the tires and also get water. To even be considered, a letter of intent must be sent this week. There is also a grant for boating available. Motion by Monson, seconded by Stephan to send a letter of intent to possibly apply for the bike grant and for the grant that is for boating. Carried.

2019 GARAGE SALE: Originally, the village board set the date for annual village wide garage sales to be held on the third Saturday of April each year. However, this year that falls on the same weekend as Easter. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ramsay, seconded by Stephan to set the date for the 2019 garage sales for April 26-27, 2019. Carried.

2019 SPRING ACCEPTANCE DAY: Motion by Monson, seconded by Ramsay to set the date for the 2019 Spring Acceptance Day on Saturday, April 27th contingent on the township's agreement. Carried.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The only committee report for this month was the Street and Utility Committee meeting held on January 7, 2019.

SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION: The contractor is requesting a letter of substantial completion be sent and to generate the punch list of items to be completed so they can drop their construction insurance and the Village's insurance will become responsible. Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Monson to have the village sign off on the certification of substantial completion. Carried.

SEVENTH STREET WATER LEAK REQUEST: There was a water main leak on Seventh Street that ended up draining into the basement of a nearby residence. There was some damage done to the furnace and water heater and the village paid for a replacement water heater and repairs for the furnace. Now the owner is requesting further reimbursements for other items. After much discussion, a motion was made by Nipple, seconded by Johnson to deny any further reimbursements other than what has already been paid. Carried.

MINERAL STREET DRAINAGE: Our engineers recommend that the village install an inlet in the yard where the water sits. Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Monson to have Mead and Hunt do the necessary work to plan and repair this issue. Carried.

PHOSPHORUS CREDITS: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Blumer to pursue local landowners about working to earn phosphorus credits that are needed. Carried.

TRAINING: Motion by Ramsay, seconded by Monson to approve the following training for the public works employees: Gill to attend a free phosphorus and ammonia class in Milton on January 30th; Blumer to attend the Government Affairs class at a cost not to exceed \$100; Blumer to attend the WRWA classes at a cost not to exceed \$400. Carried.

BILLS: Motion by Monson, seconded by Ramsay to pay the bills as presented. Carried.

FUTURE ITEMS: Monson asked if the Town of Albany has paid their 2017 share of the Recycling costs yet. It was reported that they had.

Monson asked if Chris Lange had paid the personal property taxes yet. Keepers will check and let everyone know.

Gill was asked about the status of the new dump box for the truck, and reported that it was just finished today.

Mark Riedel arrived a bit late and missed the Public Appearance section, so asked if he could ask about the mil rate increase. He has seen a huge increase in his taxes since purchasing the home. Discussion was held and suggestions were given.

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

7:20 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk