

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD

August 14, 2020

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, Tonya Stephan, Fred Johnson, Bert Hefty, Michelle Monson, and Larry Nipple. Also present were: Lonnie Gill, Bob Ritter, Mary Ellen Parker, Grace Spangler, Adam Kopp, Paul Rhyner, and Marlene Schmalback.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Stephan, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 board meeting as printed. Mary Ellen Parker stated that she has a problem with these minutes, as there should have been more information regarding a conflict of interest. Blumer explained that minutes are not required to be verbatim and unless something is part of the motion, it may not be part of the minutes. She argued that this was part of the motion, but it was not so not necessary in the minutes. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Nothing at this time.

LIBRARY UPDATE: Althaus reported that the library is planning to go ahead with their silent auction this year, and will probably be doing it virtually.

PUBLIC HEARING: Blumer called the public hearing to order to consider the adoption of Ordinance 02-20 regarding the allowing of the use of ATV/UTVs on the village's streets. Discussion was held and questions asked about the ordinance and what it involved. It was suggested that the section 253-2 that pertains to speed limits on private property be stricken. Another request that had been made was to make West Main Street west of Vine Street also be included in the streets that are not to be driven on. Public comments were made regarding the safety of children by the school – the area on South Mechanic Street that turns into Township instead of Village limits they are not allowed, either. Another suggestion was to put a time limit for them to be on the street, as is done in areas in Lafayette County. Where will the park? We already have a shortage of parking. Where did this begin? It was explained that we were approached with the interest of opening up the Sugar River Bike Trail to the terrain vehicles, which there is nothing that the village can do about that, so the thought of opening the streets was brought up. The question was asked if any research had been done on how much business it will bring into the village. It was explained that it will not likely bring in outside people, as they would have to trailer their equipment to the village to be able to ride here. There are no trails into the village where vehicles can be driven. After more discussion, a motion was made by Monson, seconded by Johnson to approve Ordinance 02-20 regarding the use of ATV and UTV vehicles on marked village streets with the minor change of the removal of private property to section 253-2 and add "and west" on to 253-5B(1)b. Carried.

Schmalbeck stated that she had asked several times for a "Not a through street" sign to be placed on Third Street off from Fifth Avenue. Gill will order one and place it there.

RESOLUTION 02-20 LIBRARY TAX EXEMPTION: Motion by Stephan, seconded by Monson to approve the Resolution 02-20. Carried.

DAM SAFETY: Gill reported that he gathered some information regarding the type of safety items that could/should be used for the dam. He found that a 5/16" coated cable is used, along with 6 buoys to put on the top of the dam to mark it. This will be put in the river at the same time as the dam boards – April 1st and out on November 1st of each year. He found the approximate cost to be \$786. Motion by Stephan, seconded by Monson to purchase and put in the cable and 6 buoys in the spring at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Carried. This cable will be attached to the existing railing.

CHILDREN AT WORK: Blumer would like to address the issue with virtual schooling at our school, employees having issues with working and schooling. He'd like the board's input on allowing the children to come to work with employees if needed, as the village's work cannot be done from home. Motion by Blumer, seconded by Johnson to allow employees to bring small children to work during the virtual schooling with COVID. Carried.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS: No decision has to be made at this time, but Keepers wants the board to consider how they want the Trick or Treating handled this year with the COVID. Keepers has been questioned by residents, so wanted to review it. After some discussion, the consensus of the board is to continue with the normal date and hours (October 31 from 5:30-7), but a final decision will be made at the October board meeting.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following Committee and Commission reports were placed on file:

Special Personnel	8-13-20	Park	8-17-20
Police/Fire	8-25-20	Street/Utility	9-02-20
Plans	9-03-20		

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Althaus to approve the budget of the Albany Fire Department as presented with the village's share at \$38,981.30. Carried.

SUGAR RIVER GENERAL STORE BEER LICENSE: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Monson to approve the Class "B" Beer License to Dena Laughlin for her property located at 115 North Water Street known as Sugar River General Store LLC. Carried.

UPDATE FIRE CHIEF ORDINANCES: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Stephan to approve Ordinance 03-20 making some changes to sections 33-1D1 and 33-1F2. Carried.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE: Motion by Johnsons, seconded by Stephan to approve the following Operator's licenses: Shawn Martinson, Mark Newcomb, Sherri Foesch, Joy Ward, Alycia O'Bel, Gabrielle Boss, Brittany Keele, Gina Allen, Joseph Carrow, and Precious Oller. Carried.

PHOSPHOROUS COMPLIANCE PLAN: Motion by Nipple, seconded by Althaus to approve the Water Quality Trading Plan as presented by our engineer. Carried.

ENGINEERING AMENDMENT: Motion by Nipple, seconded by Althaus to approve the contract amendment (#2) in the amount of \$50,000 with Mead and Hunt for work on the phosphorous compliance plan for a total of \$106,100. Carried.

COST TO REPLACE HTT MODEMS FOR SCADA SYSTEM: Motion by Nipple, seconded by Monson to upgrade to the newest cellular modem boards at cost of \$3,405. Carried.

VARIANCES FOR 105 SOUTH MECHANIC STREET: Motion by Althaus, seconded by Monson to approve two variances for Glen Spring for his property located at 105 South Mechanic Street for a 4' variance on the setback at the rear of the house and its relationship to the existing structure behind the house and a 4' variance on the front of the house as it relates to the Right of Way and front setback. The footprint of the new house proposed does not exceed on the current footprint of the existing house. Carried.

FENCE APPROVAL: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Monson to approve the fence plan for the Albany School for their new playground area on the corner of Fifth Street and Fifth Avenue. Carried.

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

FUTURE ITEMS: Nothing at this time.

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

8:20 p.m.

LAURIE K. KEEPERS, Clerk