

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD

July 8, 2024

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, Michelle Monson, Fred Johnson, Tonya Stephan, Kimberly Klein and Bert Hefty. Also present: Scott Vosters, Jay Hotchkiss, Justin Mueller, Jasmine Perrin and Jenna Jacobson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

AGENDA: Motion by Hefty, seconded by Klein, to approve the agenda as posted. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING: Motion by Stephan, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of previous board meeting of June 10, 2024 and special board meeting of June 13, 2024 as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: Nothing

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Jenna Jacobson, Representative of the Wisconsin 50th Assembly District (formerly 43rd District), was present to introduce herself and looks forward to getting to know Albany and is here to listen and learn; there will be an event in Juda on Wednesday, July 10th, 2024 if anyone is interested in attending. Blumer thanked her for coming.

Jay Hotchkiss was present to look at ways to get involved and help the village; Blumer mentioned there is an opening and encouraged him to come talk with Brewer if he would like more information.

LIBRARY UPDATE: Nothing.

GREEN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Nothing.

ALBANY COMMUNITY 1ST/CHAMBER: Vosters reported that they have planned a date in September for a pirate event, no date set in stone yet.

APPROVE COMMITTEE/COMMISSION CHANGES: Brewer noted the changes made were adding Hefty as Street & Utility as Chairperson; Johnson added to Board of Review; Stephan added to Police, Fire & License; there are also some committee community member positions open as well. Also, board members are needed for the Library Board and Line of Succession – Klein is interested in being appointed for the Library Board and Monson is willing to be third member of Line of Succession. Motion by Blumer, seconded by Johnson, to approve the committee/commission changes as presented. Carried. The library board appointment will take place at the August board meeting.

ORDINANCE CODIFICATION: Brewer reported that there are three ordinance codification companies that several municipalities use, including local municipalities, to help re-do ordinances as well as host online. Brewer has not received any pricing at this point as she wanted some direction from the board. Motion by Monson, seconded by Johnson, to get quotes from the three companies on re-doing and/or hosting ordinances. Carried.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS: The following committee and commission reports have been placed on file:

Parks	6/17/24
Police, Fire & License	6/25/24

DOCUMENT PURGES FOR VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Stephan, to approve moving forward with Pellitteri for the Data Document Destruction Process. Carried. It was mentioned to also look into what the cost would be to host a public shredding event; Brewer will reach out to Pellitteri.

FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS/ORDINANCE 01-24: Motion by Monson, seconded by Johnson, to approve Ordinance 01-24: Fire Inspections to move from two inspections per year to once per calendar year. Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AUTOMATIC AID: Mueller received approval from Brodhead and Evansville for automatic aid. He needs to get approval from Green County, he did reach out to head dispatcher last week and has not heard back. He still needs to reach out to Belleville for automatic aid. Stephan was wondering when this would be in place as it is her understanding that it needs to also be approved at the State level; Mueller said that was not accurate. Stephan would like to see a deadline for completion to have automatic aid in place. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hefty, to set a five-business day deadline to have automatic aid in place. Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BYLAWS: Mueller reported that the bylaws were brought up at the Fire Department meeting and a majority of the department is in disagreement with the suggestions. The department does not feel as though the village should have the authority to approve the bylaws; some of the suggestions the department does not like is the vacancy of chief, removal of chief because they feel if they are the ones voting on who Chief is then that is who they should have as chief.

Mueller mentioned that all the other townships are reporting to him that they are unhappy with the Village of Albany being the only ones to make decisions regarding the Fire

Department; Brewer reported that the other townships are contracted in and do not have voting powers; if the townships are unhappy with their contracts, they need to come to the Village Board and discuss said contracts. Mueller asked if Brewer had the contracts and Brewer reported that they were available in the clerk's office.

Mueller reported that he got his SAM number; although he is not sure, he said it was a unique identifier number.

OPERATOR'S LICENSES: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Monson, to approve operator's licenses for Stacy Baertschi and Tina Kvistad. Carried.

ADPPROVAL OF 2023 AUDIT: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Monson, to approve the 2023 Audit. Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Monson, seconded by Johnson, to approve bills as written. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Stephan wants to know how we are going to hold the fire department accountable for making sure the automatic aid is set in place and to keep rolling with the bylaws. Johnson will check back with Mueller on the items previously discussed.

Monson asked what the rescue cable for the dam was; it was a future agenda item at the Police meeting.

Monson asked where we were at with the downtown business meeting as far as the possibility of re-doing the back river properties. Otte will present us with more information when the new grant application comes out.

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

MICHELLE C. BREWER, Clerk