

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD

September 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the Albany Village Board was called to order at 6:40 p.m. in the Albany Village Hall by President Kim Blumer. Members present were: Blumer, Michelle Monson, Fred Johnson, Tonya Stephan and Berty Hefty. Absent: Kimberly Klein. Also present: David King, Larry Ommodt, Jasmine Perry, Sterling Evert, Brian Hauri, Jay Hotchkiss, Wesley Isenhardt, David Gavin, Susan Knox, Brooke Helley, Michael Kollatz, Lonnie Gill and Robert Ritter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Proof of posting was verified.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING: Motion by Monson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting of August 12, 2024 as printed. Carried.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: Nothing.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Nothing.

LIBRARY UPDATE: Nothing.

GREEN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Nothing.

ALBANY COMMUNITY 1ST/CHAMBER: Nothing.

ASSESSOR CONTRACT: Associated Appraisal, village's current assessor, had quoted an increase to \$10,000 maintenance per year for a three-year contract and a 5% increase annually thereafter; plus an additional charge to post information online. Brewer presented a quote from Accurate Appraisal LLC which included a market update that can be paid out in a 3-year or 5-year blend for payments; the yearly maintenance amount is \$6,900 and free to post information online. Motion by Monson, seconded by Hefty, to approve moving forward with contract information from Accurate Appraisal with a 5-year Blend Market Update in 2026. Carried.

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS: Motion by Moson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the trick-or-treat hours for October 31, 2024 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Carried.

WEBSITE UPGRADE: Brewer informed the board that the village website is needing updating – the format has been the same since the website started in 2009 and the last

update was in 2017. Brewer had not received the quote for the update at the time of the meeting; this will be brought back to another meeting.

GREEN COUNTY LANDFILL CONTRACT: The Landfill is doing a 50% increase in 2025 and a 100% increase in 2026. The village will need more information to decide whether to remain a contracted member or withdraw our membership. This will be brought back to another meeting; hopefully someone from the Landfill can be present to give more insight.

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

Parks	8/19/24
Police, Fire & License	8/27/24
Street & Utility	9/4/24
Plans	9/5/24

PARK ROOF PRICES: Motion by Stephan, seconded by Monson, to approve village park bathroom roof replacement in the amount of \$912.17. Carried.

POLICE SQUAD CAR: Ritter presented the board with the 2025 Ford Interceptor state bid for \$45,228; equipment replaced at a cost of \$10,500; computer replacements at a cost of \$4,015 and squad graphics at a cost of \$700. Motion by Monson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the purchase of a new squad, equipment, computer and graphics at a cost of \$60,443 and to borrow the funds. Carried.

ALBANY TOWNSHIP FIRE CONTRACT: This will be brought to more meetings for further discussions.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR: Motion by Monson, seconded by Hefty, to approve purchasing a generator for the Village Hall in the amount of \$11,905 using ARPA funds. Carried.

STORM SEWER CHARGES: Motion by Monson, seconded by Hefty, to proceed with the storm sewer charges. Carried.

MICHAEL & DAWN KOLLATZ VARIANCE: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Stephan, to approve the variance for Michael and Dawn Kollatz at parcel #23101 0317 0000 to allow the building of a 30x60 with a 14.7' peak assessor's building prior to building the primary residence. Carried.

PAUL MORRISON VARIANCE: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Johnson, to approve Morrison's 15' variance to allow a 10' front setback contingent on the sale of the property going through to Morrison. Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion by Hefty, seconded by Monson, to approve the bills as written. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Stephan reported that Flannery, building inspector, recommends a structure be built in the fire department to prevent the public from having access to their department and the EMS is looking into a locking system to prevent the public from accessing their department through the meeting room and bathrooms. There currently is a gate that the Fire Department can close in between the hallway and the department, so it was recommended they start utilizing the gate.

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

MICHELLE C. BREWER, Clerk

7:38 p.m.