

## **MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD**

March 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Albany Village Board was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Albany Village Hall by Acting President Paul Rhyner. Members present were: Rhyner, Fred Johnson, Paul Rhyner, Kimberly Klein, Tonya Stephan and Bert Hefty. Michelle Monson arrived late. Absent: Kim Blumer. Also present: Robert Ritter, Aidan Wright, Olivia Otte, Jim Olson, Melissa Everson, Jasmine Perrin, Kaitlyn Spooner, Logan Winner and Brian Hauri.

Proof of posting was verified.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Klein, seconded by Stephan, to approve the agenda as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hefty, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 board meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S MOMENT:** Nothing.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** Albany Conservation Club was present to announce some dates they have coming up: May 16 is the River Clean-up; June 6 is Hooked on Fishing and June 28 is Hunter Safety Internet Field Day.

**LIBRARY UPDATE:** Everson reported that the library is currently working on the new ADA changes that include a digital component, which will require a lot of work to meet the deadline. The Summer Fun family event will be held on March 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.; May 28<sup>th</sup> will be an end of school event; April will host a sourdough event; and currently working on the summer library program.

**ALBANY COMMUNITY 1<sup>ST</sup> / CHAMBER:** Nothing.

**GREEN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:** Otte reported that the microloan for small businesses is still available; May 6 will be a housing summit in the morning with developer tours in the afternoon; distributed \$10,000 through a grant in WI-FI assistance to Albany residents; and there are still devices available for business owners.

**TID #3 – EHLERS CASH FLOW ANALYSIS / DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION:** Casey Griffiths gave a cash flow analysis presentation with different scenarios.

**OPERATOR'S LICENSE(S):** Motion by Monson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the operator's licenses for Laura (Yolia) Jean Sasse, Priscilla Smith, Christina Judd and Tyson Deery. All ayes. Motion carried.

**FENCE PLAN – 103 S. 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE:** Motion by Hefty, seconded by Rhyner, to approve the fence plan at 103 S. Fifth Avenue as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**GRAPPLING BUCKET:** Brewer explained that the grappling bucket is a total cost of \$5,100, not the \$4,100 originally agreed upon at April's meeting; there was not a discount for purchasing the grappling bucket, rather just not charging the Village the rental amount during the time the public works had the bucket. Motion by Monson, seconded by Hefty, to approve the purchase of the grappling bucket for the correct amount of \$5,100 rather than \$4,100. All ayes. Motion carried.

**GARAGE SALE DATE:** Motion by Monson, seconded by Hefty, to schedule the annual village wide garage sale date for the first Saturday in May. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Street & Utility                      3/2/26

**LIBRARY REQUEST – STREET CLOSURE:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rhyner, to close North Water Street from Milwaukee to Madison Street on May 28, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Motion by Monson, seconded by Klein, to approve the bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Brewer reminded everyone about the April 7 election.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Hefty, seconded by Rhyner, to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

MICHELLE C. BREWER, Clerk  
Village of Albany