

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY VILLAGE BOARD

May 11, 2026

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, Paul Rhyner, Fred Johnson, Kimberly Klein, Tonya Stephan and Bert Hefty. Also present: Robert Ritter, Jacob Leonard, Jim Graves, Melissa Everson, Kaitlyn Spooner, Logan Winner, Ray Hotchkiss, Brian Hauri, Jasmin Perrin, Lukas Carl and Jamie Calvert.

Proof of posting was verified.

AGENDA: Motion by Hefty, seconded by Rhyner, to approve the agenda as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Monson, seconded by Klein, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026 board meeting and May 5, 2026 special village board as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT: Nothing.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Jim Graves was present to check on the progress with the open burning – the other night they went out and when they got home and went to bed and had the windows at about 12:30 a.m. woke up and it stunk in the house because someone was burning. The village needs to pull the trigger and just get rid of the burning. Hauri asked if Graves called the burning in and he said he's called in before, and it goes nowhere so it is a waste of time. He will start writing again and publishing in the papers, and if that doesn't get anywhere, he will go see an attorney regarding clean air.

Lukas Carl and Jamie Calvert were present to discuss letters they received regarding the dumpsters they have at their residences. It was explained that per village ordinance dumpsters are not allowed. Much discussion on trash service at our homes or pickup, come up with some solutions regarding pickup; streets are not made for multiple garbage trucks multiple times a week; what about tractors going up and down the roads; what about the public works that clean out the fire hydrants and ruin the roads; people who have more chickens than they are supposed to; what about dead trees in people's yards. It's the village's job to protect the citizens and enforce the laws.

LIBRARY UPDATE: Everson reported that the library received a \$500 donation from the Bank of New Glarus, which will support the summer library program that runs from June to July and the reading challenge that runs from June through August. The next events are bingo scheduled for Friday night and they currently have 21 people signed up; the Big Truck event for May 28, and then the Mississippi River Museum is coming to kickoff the summer program; the school students also walk to the library to check out all that it has to offer.

GREEN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Otte submitted an update; a flyer was included regarding the senior WI-FI reimbursement program.

ALBANY COMMUNITY 1ST / CHAMBER: Nothing.

APPROVAL OF EXTRA TERRITORIAL CSM: Motion by Monson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the certified survey map provided by Talarczyk. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE BUSINESS LICENSE & CIGARETTE, TOBACCO, VAPING APPLICATIONS FOR HEMP 1848, INC.: Motion by Monson, seconded by Stephan, to approve the Business License and Cigarette Applications for Hemp 1848. Inc. All ayes. Motion carried. Rhyner would like to make sure the Business License Application is signed.

APPROVE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR IRON TORTOISE TATTOO CO., INC.: Motion by Monson, seconded by Stephan, to approve the Business License contingent upon passing both building and fire inspections. All ayes. Motion carried. Rhyner would like to make sure the Business License Application is signed.

APPROVE ORDINANCE 01-26 – OPEN BURNING: Motion by Rhyner, seconded by Hefty, to approve the Ordinance 01-26; Monson-no; Johnson-yes; Klein-no; Rhyner-yes; Blumer-yes; Stephan-no; Hefty-no. 3 Ayes; 4 Noes; motion dies.

Discussion on sending this to another meeting as well as discussing garbage pickup.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 01-26 – TRANSPORTATION: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Klein, to approve the transportation resolution. All ayes. Motion carried. Brewer will send to the governor's office.

APPROVE FENCE PLANS: Motion by Monson, seconded by Hefty, to approve the fence plan for Andrew Mears located at 403 4th Street. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hefty, seconded by Monson, to approve the fence plan for Marcellus Ruth located at 408 S. Mill Street. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by , seconded by , to approve the fence place for Mitch & Laura Baker located at 413 S. Mechanic Street. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE OPERATOR'S LICENSES: Motion by Rhyner, seconded by Monson, to approve the operator's licenses for Diana Hagler and Don Peterson contingent on the passing of the responsible server's course. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Parks Commission	4/21/26
Street & Utility	5/6/26

RE-HIRE BALL PARK COMMISSIONERS: Motion by Stephan, seconded by Klein, to re-hire Jeff Inabnit and Don LaPointe as ballpark commissioners. All ayes. Motion carried.

RE-HIRE REC-DIRECTOR: Motion by Stephan, seconded by Klein, to re-hire Cindy Mauerman as summer rec-director. All ayes. Motion carried.

RE-DIRECTOR HIRE ASSISTANT: Motion by Stephan, seconded by Klein, to approve Cindy Mauerman to hire assistant rec-director. All ayes. Motion carried.

SLIPLINE & MANHOLE REHAB CONTRACT AWARD: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Monson, to authorize Kim Blumer to sign the contract after Skog of Mead & Hunt receives and reviews. All ayes. Motion carried.

2026 STREET WORK: Motion by Rhyner, seconded by Klein, to approve the 2026 street work as presented in the amount of \$52,409. All ayes. Motion carried.

BARTELT DRIVE AND DIXON DRIVE COST ESTIMATES / WATER MAIN EXTENSION FROM DIXON DRIVE TO BARTELT DRIVE: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Monson, to request Mead & Hunt provide separate cost estimates to complete road, sanitary sewer and water main extensions for proposed improvements to Bartelt Drive, Carolan Drive and Dixon Drive; and an additional 1400' water loop and gravel portions of Dixon Drive to Bartelt Drive. All ayes. Motion carried.

HACH DR 30 COST ESTIMATE: Motion by Klein, seconded by Hefty, to purchase Hach DR 30 meter in the amount of \$711. All ayes. Motion carried.

TRAINING: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rhyner, to send Blumer to Watertown for training and will earn 6 credits at a cost of \$45. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Monson wanted to know if insulation was put in the village hall while fixing the brick outside and Brewer noted that it did not get insulated. Johnson

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

MICHELLE C. BREWER, Clerk
Village of Albany