

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

June 8, 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. Absent: Michelle Monson and Paul Rhyner. Also present: Robert Ritter, Lonnie Gill, Justin Everson, Kaitlyn Spooner, Logan Winner, Mitch & Laura Baker, Jim Graves, Tina Herrera, Lilly Morales, Lukas Carl, Jamie Calvert and Jasmine Perrin.

Proof of posting was verified.

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Klein, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026 board meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S MOMENT:** Nothing.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** Logan Winner with the Conservation Club and wanted to report on their Hooked on Fishing event which was on Saturday. There were over 100 youth attendees; the Albany Fire & EMS were invited but neither showed up, so it would be nice to see our local departments involved. Winner did thank Chief Ritter and the Green County Sheriff's office for appearing at the event. He attended a Parks committee meeting regarding a proposed archery range, offering to raise money and charge a fee to use it to help raise money for the parks. The liability is protected for the village per WI Stat. It was mentioned about people using the trails in the ballpark but there is another publicly accessible resource that is useable for walking trails, which would save money for the village. Winner mentioned that since the village is concerned about liabilities, would like to mention the breaker rock pile by the village which is supposed to be used to put in the banks, which was purchased prior to DNR approval, he always sees kids throwing those rocks at each other. He also wanted to point out that the boat launch behind S&B is not properly maintained, needs new gravel; he talked to the DNR Warden and mentions can shut it down. The legion ramp is also in need of maintenance, he suggested using the breaker rock for both ramps. The village spends money on projects but then doesn't maintain them. Also like to discuss S&B customers, they disrespect property owners, they don't spend money in the village and always fighting. Winner does not want our community to be portrayed this way. This company is a nuisance to our village. Also, trash pick-up, he doesn't care either way, but the convenience would be nice. The biggest issue is that people cannot get to the recycle center during their open hours. The comment about the village streets not being able to handle trucks being on the village roads, if trash trucks cannot be on our streets, then neither should our fire trucks.

Laura & Mitch Baker were present to respectfully object to the proposed action on their property which is later in the agenda.

Bryna Caves is present to introduce herself and is running for state assembly. She did comment about the businesses on the river side of downtown and their concerns about the river retaining wall.

Jasmine Perrin questioned about the golf cart ordinance that what brought up during the Police meeting, but nothing has come of that for an ordinance yet. Also, she questioned if she was able to video tape our meetings and put them on social media; Brewer will look into that.

Jim Graves brought up burning; Blumer mentioned there is a meeting on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss burning.

Lukas Carl about trash pick-up; Blumer mentioned there is a meeting on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss garbage pick-up.

**LIBRARY UPDATE:** Nothing.

**GREEN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:** Otte submitted an update.

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

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 02-26 – COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE:** Motion by Blumer, seconded by Johnson, to approve the compliance maintenance resolution. All ayes. Motion carried.

**SUMMER PARK LABORER TRAINER WAGE:** Gill explained that Avary Briggs has been coming back to train our new summer park laborer and also helped while he was out sick. Gill proposes that we pay her \$25/hr to make it worth her while. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Klein, to pay Avary Briggs \$25/hr when she helps out this summer. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVE FENCE PLANS:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Klein, to approve the fence plan for Teresa Barry located at 110 S. Water Street. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Klein, to approve the fence plan for Tanner Stephan located at 418 S. Mechanic Street. All ayes. Motion Carried. Stephan abstained. As far as the sandbag request, the sandbags will need to be investigated; the board suggested a berm.

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

Plans Commission	5/13/26
Police, Fire & License	5/26/26
Street & Utility	6/1/26

**CUP – 414 SOUTH MECHANIC STREET:** Motion by Blumer, seconded Hefty, to continue with the six plus two additional horses, with a period of six months given to remove any additional horses. All ayes. Stephan abstained. Motion carried.

Bakers would like to add to the record that they are objecting.

Klein asked if the horses were certified with the DATCP, which is where all animals need to be registered with the state for protection with residences with where the live for vaccination records and making sure they are up to date in case there is a problem. Ms. Baker commented that they have vaccinations but have never heard of this before, so they would have to consult with their attorney. Klein asked if they have all the vaccination records and Mrs. Baker confirmed they do, including the Coggins, but Mrs. Baker mentioned that Coggins is not required if the horses are not leaving the property. Klein wondered about the boarding and the Bakers confirmed they own the horses.

**2026-2027 LICENSE RENEWALS:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Blumer, to approve the 2026 – 2027 license renewals as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2026-2027 OPERATOR LICENSE RENEWALS:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Blumer, to approve the 2026 – 2027 operator license renewals as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**TID #3/BARTELT DRIVE, CAROLAN DRIVE, DIXON DRIVE, WATER MAIN:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hefty, to approve Mead & Hunt’s cost estimate for Bartelt Drive paving, Carolan Drive improvements, Dixon Drive extension and water main loop installation in the amount of \$712,471. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Spooner asked about the CUP from 414 South Mechanic Street and why was it worded the 6 horses + 2 horses if she owns them all? If she does not own them all, then she would need to show proof of the vaccinations/disease information.

Items for the next agenda would be the ramp at S&B landing; legion boat ramp; and video recording the meetings.

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

MICHELLE C. BREWER, Clerk  
Village of Albany  
7:06 p.m.