

BUILDING, GROUNDS, CEMETERY, RECYCLE COMMITTEE

June 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Building, Grounds, Cemetery Recycle Committee was called to order by Chairperson Bert Hefty at 6:30 p.m. at the Albany Village Hall, 206 North Water Street, Albany, WI. Members present were: Hefty, Kimberly Klein and Tonya Stephan. Absent: David King. Also present: Lonnie Gill.

Proof of posting was verified.

OPEN BURNING: Much discussion on open burning within the village; the re-drafted ordinance that made some minor changes did not pass at the board level; burn barrels have since been removed from the recycle center; burning of brush and fire pits are still allowed for residents; Albany Township does not take part in the decision making process; enforcement of violations to our current burning is variable at best because no one calls it in; all committee members opposed to continue open burning in barrels; Klein cited residents' concerns of respiratory illnesses or disease and compromised systems of our elderly and also risks of fires from sparks that may come from burning.

GARBAGE PICK-UP: Pellitteri has not given us a cost yet but would be willing to come and speak to the board to outline the process. Klein inquired about sealed bids. Motion by King to have garbage companies come in and present, motion failed due to no second. Looking for the best quote and time frame including bins and recycling, there are different sizes. Gill mentioned the cost for village-wide pickup could be placed on the tax roll or on the utility billing. Recycling Center would currently stay open; comments from residents about ordinances not being followed, although none identified, large object trash pickup, and several comments on how to move this forward. Gill mentioned that the government wanted everyone to recycle which is how the recycle center came to be in 1987 – the recycle center gets grant funding from the state to help operate. Motion by Stephan, seconded by Klein, to allow residents to make a choice between the option of using the recycle center and having pick-up for a term of one (1) year, while the village pursues village-wide garbage pickup with the cost to the resident be directly through the garbage company. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONCERNS OF RECYCLING WORKERS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Getting bids for village-wide garbage pickup.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Stephen, seconded by Klein, to adjourn. Motion carried.

BERT HEFTY, Chairperson
Building, Grounds and Cemetery
7:25 p.m.