

Town of Albany Minutes

January 11, 2022

The Town Board met at the Town Hall with Abel Schultz, Scott Roth, Grace Spangler, and Dean Houlberg present. Doug Lawrence was present via telephone. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared. Proof of posting was verified in four places and on the website.

Approval of meeting minutes: Scott Roth and Abel Schultz made amendments to the proposed December 14, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Scott Roth and seconded by Abel Schultz to approve the following minutes for November 30, 2021: 2022 Budget Public Hearing, 2022 Special Town Electorate Meeting, and Special 2022 Budget & Tax Levy Board Meeting, also to approve the December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as amended and to approve the December 28, 2021 Closed Session meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported \$1,353,651.69 in Checking, \$145,802.58 in Savings Account, \$84,416.11 in the Building Account, \$95,503.42 in the Machinery Account, \$32,592.18 in the Reassessment Fund, and \$59,631.52 in the ARPA Account. A motion was made by Abel Schultz and seconded by Scott Roth to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Input: Ricky Thomas Martin expressed the need for improved internet speeds, especially to accommodate people who are working from home. She has worked from home for the past two years and more people are working from home since the Covid pandemic. Also Blackhawk Technical College is working with students via the internet. She recommended that the Town Board consider ways to influence the internet carriers to improve Albany area internet speeds.

Website: Nothing was presented.

Planning Commission: No meetings were held.

Roads and Driveway Permits: No Driveway Permits. The salt shed is full of salt. Township radio needs repair. A grapple bucket will be installed. Green County Highway Department charges about \$1,800 per day to clear trees. A motion was made by Abel Schultz and seconded by Scott Roth to hire Green County Highway Department for two days to clear trees.

Zoning: Nothing was presented.

Building Inspector: No report was given.

Assessor: No report was given.

Insurance: Dean Houlberg met with Craig Kamholz (Rural Insurance Agent) at the Town Hall to review the Town insurance coverages and view the buildings, vehicles, and equipment. The insurance policy coverage is annual and the policy was renewed from 01/01/22 – 01/01/23. The Clerk will prepare an audit of Workers Compensation.

Library: The Library rewrote their Bylaws. They are working on a new Strategic Plan. They are considering keeping WIFI open 24 hours per day to accommodate the public.

Recycling: The Village has not yet returned the new Recycling Agreement that the Township has approved and presented to the Village.

Fire Department: Town of Albany paid the first half of the Albany Fire Department annual payment.

EMS: Town of Albany has paid in full 2022's EMS assessment.

Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Scott Roth and seconded by Abel Schultz to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

ARPA – Broadband, healthcare related items, infrastructure, buildings related to public health, culverts & water diversion projects have qualifications whereby on March 03, 2022 spending can begin. Projects must be approved by 12/31/24 and must be completed by 12/31/24 in order to receive ARPA funding. Town Hall improvements such as flooring, doors for crowd routing (i.e. voting), window replacement, etc. may possibly be approved. Grace Spangler received an e-mail to request membership into System for Award Management (SAM) in order to receive any possible ARPA funds. The following memberships are available: 1 year \$499, 2 year \$799, and 3 year \$999. A motion was made by Scott Roth and seconded by Abel Schultz to buy a 3 year membership for \$999. Motion carried 3-0.

ATV/UTV Discussion: Doug Lawrence looked at the Township roads to evaluate where to install signs. The Township will send its ATV/UTV Ordinance to the Green County Clerk.

Equipment Purchases: No additional information.

Personnel: A motion was made by Abel Schultz and seconded by Scott Roth to approve the following hourly wages: \$20.00 per hour for all part time Patrolmen that includes Robert Schultz, Tyler Rowe, and Cole Krupke and \$22.50 per hour for main Patrolman, Ron Krupke. Motion Carried 3-0.

Set Next Meeting: The next regular meetings are set for Tuesday, Feb. 08, 2022 and Tuesday, March 08, 2022.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Doug Lawrence and seconded by Abel Schultz to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Dean A. Houlberg
Clerk