

Town of Albany Minutes

March 08, 2022

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

Approval of meeting minutes: A motion was made by Abel Schultz and seconded by Scott Roth to approve the minutes for the February 08, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported \$201,412.43 in Checking, \$146,867.70 in Savings Account, \$84,429.76 in the Building Account, \$95,518.8754 in the Machinery Account, \$32,593.78 in the Reassessment Fund, and \$59,645.98 in the ARPA Account. A motion was made by Scott Roth and seconded by Abel Schultz to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and to transfer \$10,000 from the Checking Account to the Machinery Account and to transfer \$2,500 from the Checking Account to the Reassessment Account. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Input: John Keys had a question as to why he was notified by the Green County Treasurer that he had delinquent real estate taxes since he pays into a tax escrow account with his lender every month. Grace will talk with the Green County Treasurer to determine why his full tax bill wasn't paid from his tax escrow account with his lender. It is possible that not enough funds were escrowed by the lender each month to cover the full tax bill.

Website: Recycling information, the Budget, the Annual Statement, and Election Information will be posted on the website.

Planning Commission: A correction and update to the CSM was made for John McDermott's property located at N5101 County Highway E.

Roads and Driveway Permits: John McDermott Residence at N5101 County Highway E and \$500 refund of Driveway Permit for Jeff Ortman. A motion to approve the permit and the refund was made by Abel Schultz and seconded by Scott Roth. Motion Carried 3-0. Abel Schultz discussed a Special Bi-partisan Infrastructure Program by the Federal Government. The Town cannot use its own Engineer and must pay the Federal Government designated Engineer. The Town pays all costs up front and is reimbursed 80% of the project if final approval is made by the Federal Government.

Conditional Use Permit: A motion was made by Abel Schultz and seconded by Doug Lawrence to sign the Town of Albany Review for Deadfoot Arms LLC, located at N6768 County Highway X, to use buildings for manufacturing as a small machine shop. Motion carried 3-0.

Zoning: No report was given.

Building Inspector: No report was given.

Assessor: Gardiner Appraisal, the Assessor, will set up Open Book and Board of Review with Town of Albany.

Insurance: The grapple bucket will be added to the insured equipment list on the insurance policy.

Library: Albertson Memorial Library completed its Strategic Plan for 2022 – 2024 and it was reviewed by the Albany Town Board.

Recycling: The Village of Albany has announced that it will have Spring Acceptance Day. The Town of Albany Board declared Town of Albany will not participate in the Spring Acceptance Day which will be held at the Recycling Center.

Fire Department: Nothing was presented.

EMS: Nothing was presented.

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

ATV/UTV: Doug Lawrence looked at the Township roads to evaluate where to install signs. The ATV/UTV signs have been purchased and delivered.

Equipment Purchases: A discussion was held regarding purchasing a backup electric generator that could be used for multi-purposes. ARPA funds are being considered to fund an electric generator, along with other items.

ARPA Discussion: A discussion was held regarding how Albany Township could utilize the ARPA funds it has received under Federal Government regulations. The following possibilities were discussed:

1. Replace 2 culverts on Decatur-Albany Road east of County Highway F. Rough cost estimate could be \$15,000.
2. Purchase a backup electric generator which would provide voter safety, patrolman safety, heating, cooling, lighting, and overhead shop door opening in the event of a power outage. Rough cost estimate could be \$10,000.
3. Town Hall building improvements for better voter accessibility and voter safety. Rough cost estimate could be \$35,000.

Research will be done regarding refining cost estimates for the above projects. Grace will work on preparing the ARPA Plan.

Set Next Meeting: The next regular meetings are set for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 and Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

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

Dean A. Houlberg
Clerk