

Town of Albany Minutes

November 15, 2022

The Town Board met at the Town Hall with Abel Schultz, Doug Lawrence, Scott Roth, Grace Spangler, and Dean Houlberg present. Ron Krupke was also 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 Doug Lawrence to approve the minutes for the October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported \$145,391.77 in Checking, \$66,212.83 in Savings Account, \$84,486.51 in the Building Account, \$125,723.09 in the Machinery Account, \$40,101.10 in the Reassessment Fund, and \$119,598.07 in the ARPA Account. A motion was made by Doug Lawrence and seconded by Scott Roth to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Input: Tina Redington was present on behalf of the Green County ATV Club and also the Pec Valley Monticello Chapter ATV Club. She reported that four townships in Green County have approved opening County roads to ATV traffic. They would like to open all County roads lying within Albany Township. A Town Resolution would need to be signed. Letters should be sent to people living along the County roads affected with a statement of why the roads would be open to ATV/UTV traffic. Chris Narveson set a deadline of January 20, 2023 for such actions. Doug Lawrence reported that he sent proposals to Green County, however, he hasn't received a response yet. Town of Adams and Town of Washington stated which roads are not to allow ATV traffic.

Website: Grace Spangler will put some information regarding Broadband Speed Testing on the Town of Albany website.

WIFI & Router: TDS installed the WIFI Router on October 5th.

Planning Commission: A preliminary land split discussion was held at the Planning Commission meeting. There was some concern regarding a driveway being too close to the intersection of Brooklyn-Albany Road and Wild Iris Way.

Roads and Driveway Permits: A motion was made by Abel Schultz and seconded by Scott Roth to refund Driveway Permits to Jim Pandow and Brian Beck. Motion carried 3-0.

Zoning: Permits were approved by Green County Zoning for the following: Derik & Jeannie Doescher, N6183 Blarney Stone Drive, 12'x20' portable shed, \$8,329; Devin & Julie Johnson, W1322 Proverbs Pass, new house, \$284,000.

Building Inspector: The following Building Permits were issued from 10/01/22 through 10/31/22: John McDermott, N5101 County Hwy E, 40'X64' storage shed, \$61,000; Devin & Julie Johnson, W1322 Proverbs Pass, new single family dwelling, \$300,000; Rudy Lothary & Katelyn Wendt, W1925 Brooklyn-Albany Road, new single family dwelling, \$500,000. Year-To-Date 2022 37 permits issued for \$5,671,241 YTD 2021 28 permits issued for \$1,825,033. Permit fees YTD 2022 \$19,576 & YTD 2021 fees \$5,960, YTD 2022 14 new homes & YTD 2021 3 new homes.

Assessor: Town of Albany received its second Notice of Non-Compliance for property being assessed less than 90%-110% of full value for 5 consecutive years. If the assessed value of each major class of property is not within 10% of the full value in 2023, Department of Revenue will issue an Order for Supervised Assessment.

The Department of Revenue would supervise the 2024 assessment and all costs would be charged to the taxation district. Gardiner Appraisal will be performing a reassessment of properties in the Town of Albany during 2023 to bring assessed values of properties within State of Wisconsin standards.

Insurance: Nothing was presented.

Library: The library is looking for a new Library Director.

Recycling: Recycling and garbage collection continues to be done at the Village of Albany recycling center. Brush is being piled at the Town of Albany property.

Fire Department: Nothing was presented.

EMS: The Albany Area EMS is considering options for the purchase of a new vehicle.

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

ARPA: A discussion was held regarding the electrical bid given by Green County Electric for proposed electrical work in the Town Hall. ARPA funds would be used for this project.

ATV/UTV: The Green County ATV Club is paying for the ATV/UTV signs that Green County is installing. Green County has the final approval of roads that allow ATV/UTV traffic. Town of Albany has given the public adequate time to voice their opinions. A motion was made by Doug Lawrence and seconded by Abel Schultz to approve a Resolution for All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility-Terrain Vehicles Traffic in the Township of Albany, as presented by the Green County ATV Club. Motion carried 3-0.

Equipment Purchases: A review of truck replacements will be made to prioritize an orderly replacement and current needs of the trucks. Our fleet of trucks consists of the following vehicles: 1960 Oshkosh truck with V plow & wing, 1999 Ford dump truck with snowplow & sander, 2006 International truck with plow & wing, and 2019 International HV507 truck.

Broadband Ordinance Discussion: Broadband Speed Testing results will be posted on the Town of Albany Website.

A Caucus for Candidates for the Town of Albany Offices will be held between January 02, 2023 and January 21, 2023. The scheduling of the date of the caucus will be made between December 01, 2022 and January 01, 2023.

Budget: 2023 Budget planning was discussed using the 2022 budget and 2022 year-to date information as guides.

Set Next Meeting: The next regular meetings are set for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 and Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm, both at the Town Hall.

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

Dean A. Houlberg
Clerk