

Town of Albany Minutes

August 8, 2023

The Town Board met at the Town Hall with Abel Schultz, Doug Lawrence, Scott Roth, Grace Spangler, and Shannon Sheflin present. Dennis Nussbaum, Jim Sterr, Jody Sterr, Ron Krupke and Lynn Novak were 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 Doug Lawrence and seconded by Scott Roth to approve the minutes for the July 12, 2023 regular minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported:

\$141,356.72 in Checking Account
\$201,895.57 in Savings Account
\$84,597.72 in the Building Account
\$42,619.55 in the Reassessment Fund
\$137,045.52 in the Machinery Account
\$120,495.58 in the ARPA Account.

A motion was made by Scott Roth and seconded by Doug Lawrence to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk's report: There will be an Election Training held at Albany Lions club on September 12th. Will try to recruit more members to help with Elections, 2024 will be a busy year. The Assessor will be retiring December 2023, their brother in law will be taking over the business and sent over a proposal for us to review. We had a call regarding the gravel at the Town Hall, someone asked if it was free for the public to take. Shannon Sheflin let them know that the gravel is for road repairs, and not available for public use.

Public Input: Richard Mahnke inquired about our brush pile. Suggested we look into the DNR rules for storing and disposing of brush. Richard also had questions regarding our website, when minutes are posted, approved and asked if it could be published sooner. Also inquired about how to reach board members via email on our website.

Website: Need the link for the ATV trails, Doug Lawrence will send the Green County link to Jody Sterr. Need to update the Driveway Permit and upload to the website.

Planning Commission: There was no meeting last week.

Roads and Driveway Permits: Abel Schultz brought up changing all town roads to 45 mph township wide. Abel will talk with the Town of Rutland to see how they were able to change all their roads to 45 mph. Rutland has an ordinance and listed on their website all the speed limits on their roads. We should have a questionnaire asking what people prefer 45 mph or leave it as is.

Roads-Overcoat on Dearwood and crescent court are left to complete. All seal coat and dura patch done. Access rubble needs to be swept, Dennis Nussbaum mentioned he has piles of gravel in the yard. Need to look at sweeping in the subdivision after road maintenance is done if necessary after seal coating.

There are new federal grants available for road funding, we don't qualify for the 2 programs. We need to look up rural road funding options.

Paser ratings are due to the state in December. There is a whistler report that will give us a five year plan, and will tell us what road work we need to do based on the ratings. We can set up an account with Whistler or Paser. Then set up a five year goal on road work, and on equipment. We need to look to see if there is any training on it.

Zoning: Nothing to report.

Building Inspector: Nothing to report.

Assessor: Assessor is retiring, we should look into other assessors. Put the proposal sent over from Bruce Gardiner on the agenda for next month's board meeting.

Insurance: Nothing to report.

Library: Everything at the Library is running smoothly.

Fire Department: New calendar came out.

EMS: Scott Roth attended the Annual Meeting. All officers were re-elected. They ordered a new ambulance to arrive in one year. The EMS set up a new website albany860ems.org.

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

Equipment: Board discussed the Township work truck. Abel Schultz did some research and found a complete Ford 550 truck at Kaiser for \$130-\$140,000 but we would need to purchase it through Monroe Truck. Abel mentioned there is a shortage of used trucks and what we are seeing is the used trucks are being priced at new truck prices. Need a plan in place to replace the work truck.

ARPA: Shannon Sheflin and Doug Lawrence presented a project plan and budget for the Town Hall remodel. The renovations will bring the building up to code and will be improved to meet safety and accessibility at elections. The plan would have the construction start at the end of September and conclude by January 1, 2024. A motion was made by Doug Lawrence and seconded by Abel Schultz to approve the exterior painting for \$16,745. Motion carried 3-0.

Set Next Meeting: The next regular meetings are set for Tuesday, September 12, 2023 and October 10, 2023.

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

Shannon Sheflin
Clerk, Town of Albany