

**Regular Village Board Meeting - Minutes**  
**Village of Almena**  
**December 11, 2018 • 7:00 PM**

President Rayment called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** President Rayment; Trustees: Rockow, Roff, Hellmann, Mausolf, Bohn. Also present: Public Works Riebe, Chief of Police Al Gabe, Temporary Clerk Jensen, Clerk/Treasurer Bauer, Barron County School Superintendent Diane Tremblay and nine citizens.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes: Hellmann, Second: Rockow – all in favor to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** **1)** Barron Area School Superintendent shared strategic plans to manage a declining enrollment in Barron area schools. Overall enrollment has declined by 290 students for the 2018/19 school year. Although enrollment has declined throughout the Barron school district, including Almena Elementary, there are NO plans to close the Almena school or any other schools in the district. Tremblay announced the formation of a community task force whose primary mission will be to come up with solutions to keep kids within the Barron school district. A Village of Almena board member has been invited to participate on the task force. **2)** Citizen expressed safety concern regarding traffic around school. Discussed flashing lights or speed board to address. **3)** Clerk/Treasurer Bauer shared citizens comments with the Board. **a)** enforcement of engine braking ordinance was discussed **b)** snow plowing & street maintenance was discussed

**Police Report - Chief of Police Al Gabe:** General report of activities: domestic calls; restraining order issues; condition of rental property. Almena Post Office fire on Saturday 12/8/18 was arson and juveniles were apprehended. Post Office is closed with mail going to Barron Post Office short term. Temporary PO Box units will be set up in Almena – location to be determined.

**Public Works Report - Jason Riebe: General Report:** **1)** Re-plumb shop so bulk water sales are on separate meter **2)** Ice rink is full and ready to go **3)** Contacting White Electric for light pole quotes

**Old Business:** **1)** Confirmed usage of Village Hall by Mike Judy, Director of Emergency Services, Barron County Sherriff's Dept for First Responder classes. Classes to be held Monday & Wednesday from January 21<sup>st</sup> – March 11<sup>th</sup> 6-10PM. A key will be issued to the WITC Instructor.

**New Business:** **1)** Board election caucus set for January 8, 2019 at 6PM **2)** Clerk/Treasurer reported 3 Operating Licenses issued to new employees at Holiday C-Store **3)** Post Office status discussed previously. Updates to be posted on Village of Almena website – Announcements.

**Clerk/Treasurer Report:** **1)** Approve claims dated for November 2018 as submitted Check #50548 thru #50594. Motion to approve claims as submitted: Hellmann, Second: Rockow, all in favor. Motion carried. **2)** Temporary Clerk Jensen will resume Trustee duties effective 1/8/19.

**Adjourn:** No further business came before the Board. Motion to adjourn: Mausolf, Second: Hellmann, all in favor. Motion carried.

Kim Bauer  
Village Clerk/Treasurer