

Regular Village Board Meeting - Minutes
Village of Almena
November 13, 2018 • 7:00 PM

President Rayment called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: President Rayment; Trustees: Rockow, Roff, Hellman, Mausolf, Bohn. Also present: Public Works Riebe, Chief of Police Al Gabe, Joyce Jensen as temporary clerk, new Clerk/Treasurer Kim Bauer and one citizen.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve minutes: Hellmann, Second: Rockow – all in favor to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Temporary clerk Jensen shared citizens comments with the Board. 1) Wi-Fi for residents was discussed 2) Possibly have a Halloween event at the Village Hall

Police Report - Chief of Police Al Gabe: General report of activities: domestic calls; drunk driver 6th OUI; drive-offs at C-Store. Notices placed on cars reminding of parking restrictions during winter season

Public Works Report - Jason Riebe: General Report: 1) Xcel Energy no longer allowing the use of light poles for banners/decorations. Village needs to provide own poles. Applied for and received a donation of \$1500 from Xcel Energy towards the purchase of new poles. 2) Reported plastic bags and household refuse being dumped at the brush pile. Reiterated that brush pile is only for leaves and small brush. 3) Requested shop supplies. Motion to purchase supplies: Rockow; Second: Mausolf, all in favor to purchase supplies requested. Motion carried.

Old Business: 1) Ordinance book update – we confirmed that Marcia with General Code will be attending January 8, 2019 Board Meeting to discuss next steps. 2) Synergy Holding tanks – Synergy has not been in contact with Village Public Works to follow up. 3) No further updates from JC Norby regarding zoning requests. 4) Building permit for 115 Garfield was granted after asbestos inspection report.

New Business: 1) Public Budget hearing set for November 14, 2018 @ 6PM. 2019 Mill Rate worksheet presented and reviewed. 2) Billing for legal matters received. Motion to pay legal fees: Mausolf; Second: Bohn, all in favor. Motion carried. 3) Discussed the tax collection agreement previously entered into with Barron County. Upon further review, it was discovered that the agreement only covers collections but not invoicing. Motion to rescind tax collection agreement: Rockow, Second: Roff, all in favor of rescinding tax collection agreement. Motion carried. 4) Village has been contacted by Mike Judy, Director of Emergency Services, Barron County Sherriff's Dept, in regards to using the Village Hall for First Responder classes. Classes to be held in January & February on Mondays & Wednesdays from 6-10. Tabled until next meeting. 5) Received invoice for annual membership dues from WI Rural Water Association along with a request for donation to Equipment Fund. Motion to renew membership and donate the same as 2017: Hellmann, Second: Bohn, all in favor. Motion carried. 6) Election results: 217 Voters; 11 absentee ballots; 30 new registered voters

Clerk-Treasurer Report: 1) Approve claims dated for October 2018 as submitted Check #50485 thru #50547. Motion approve claims as submitted: Rockow, Second: Bohn, all in favor. Motion carried. 2) No further discussion in regards to rescinding the tax collection agreement was needed. 3) Barron County school district officials would like to address the Board at the next meeting. They will be added to the agenda. 4) Clerk/Treasurer position has been filled and Oath of Office taken. Official duties to begin November 14, 2018. Temporary clerk will become trainer to transition new Clerk/Treasurer through the end of the year. New Clerk/Treasurer will need to become bonded, obtain notary public, and bank signature authorization. Motion to approve actions necessary to on-board the new Clerk/Treasurer: Hellmann, Second: Bohn, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Kim Bauer
Village Clerk/Treasurer

