

Regular Village Board Meeting - Minutes
Village of Almena
July 9, 2019 • 7:00 PM

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

Present: President Rayment; Trustees: Hellmann, Bohn, Roff, Jensen, Rockow. Also present: Chief of Police Gabe, Public Works Director Becker, Clerk/Treasurer Bauer, and one citizen.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting: Hellmann, Second: Rockow, all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Clerk-Treasurer reported **1)** Complaints have been received in regards to lawn maintenance and lawn clippings in the street. Reminders will be sent out. **2)** Bears have been hitting bird feeders within the Village. DNR is aware. **3)** Seasonal adjustment request for pool filling, Board determined adjustments would be difficult to manage. **4)** Excessive dust coming from Nordquist Trucking. Clerk to send a letter advising Nordquist.

Police Report - Chief of Police Al Gabe: General report of activities: Busy month; 25 citations issued with 2 arrests for drugs during traffic stops; sex-offender arrested at trailer court-kids at the residence; fraud case in town-stolen checks; 2 citations issued for violation of pet ordinance; addressing complaints of trucks speeding through town

Public Works Report: **1)** Read meters for quarterly billing **2)** Work on Garfield Street complete. **3)** Basketball court in the park has been blacktopped. Ordered 2 basketball hoops to complete. **4)** Requested purchase of magnetic locator for use locating sewer/water lines. Quote for \$655 presented. Motion to approve purchase of magnetic locator: Hellmann, Second: Bohn, all in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: **1)** Approve claims dated June/July 2019 as submitted Check #50875 thru #50934. Motion to approve claims as submitted: Jensen, Second: Roff, all in favor. Motion carried. **2)** No building permits issued in June, shingles, decks & sidewalk work did not need building permits. **3)** Q2 Water/Sewer billing July 1st, 317 invoices. Nine residents were given a disconnect notice if payment not received by July 15th.

Unfinished Business: **1)** Wastewater Treatment Plant project update: Village received formal approval from WI DNR for the WWTP facility plan. Company that is conducting soil-boring tests were on site today. **2)** Almena Post Office location update: President Rayment reported that the 30-day public comment period ended July 6th. There are 3 locations that are under consideration 1) by the Village Hall 2) land by Stampede of Treasures 3) lease building space from Impact Seven. The proposals will now go to a Post Office committee to review and rank the options. In about 3 weeks, they will be contacting the Village with their decision.

New Business: **1)** Ordinance No. 2019-2, Zoning Ordinance: Article V – Parking & Loading: Section 5.07 Recreational Vehicles: An Ordinance updating the Village zoning code regarding Recreation Vehicles was reviewed. Language restricts parking locations of RV's and prohibits use as a dwelling. The full ordinance may be viewed at the Clerks office and is posted on the Village website. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-2, Recreational Vehicles, Jensen; Second: Hellmann, all in favor. Motion carried. **2)** Applications for Temporary Class B Licenses: Knights of Columbus for Almena Meats Softball Tournament, July 12 – July 14 and Almena Commercial Club for Almena Fun Days, August 2 – August 4. Motion to approve both Applications for Temporary Class B licenses: Hellmann; Second: Rockow, All in favor. Motion carried. **3)** Discussion of a proposal to prepare for the Mennonite group that is considering Almena as a site to build an assisted-living facility. Village has 10 acres of available land behind the Village Shop. Village is willing to sell this land but road and sewer construction costs would be the responsibility of the developer. Clerk directed to work with Assessor and others to determine value and a formula to calculate a proposed PILOT. A proposal will then be put together for the Mennonite project planning group to review.

Trustee Comments: Trustee Bohn noted that the Village sign along Hwy 8 needs new strips and letters. These have been ordered from Perfect Image for a cost of \$300.

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