

Regular Village Board Meeting - Minutes
Village of Almena
November 15, 2022 • 7:00 PM

President Rayment called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present: President Rayment; Trustees: Hellmann, Jensen, Pichelman, Rockow, Roff, Tomczik. Also present: Police Chief Gabe, Public Works Director Becker, Clerk/Treasurer Bauer and Montessori Principal Tawnee Keller

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting: Jensen, Second: Hellmann, all in favor. **Motion carried.** Motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2022 Special Board meeting: Tomczik, Second: Hellmann, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments: Clerk reported: complaint regarding garbage cans not being pulled back from the road after being emptied, clerk to put reminder in newsletter. H Merle is going to obtain an estimate to repair her car that was hit by a baseball during park mowing

Police Report: Chief Gabe reported: ATV accident at the park; stolen 4-wheeler was found; sexual assault in the trailer park – working with Human Services; teenager keeps running away from home; 2 domestics in town; 3 drug arrests on traffic stops; working on transition to new Chief – Derek Posey

Public Works Report: **1)** Busy getting ready for winter weather. **2)** Sanding truck – sander has completely rusted through – needs to be replaced. Township will sand for us in the meantime. **3)** Received a \$500 safety grant from Insurance company – used to replenish safety & reflective gear

Clerk/Treasurer Report: **1)** Approve claims dated October 11, 2022 – November 14, 2022; Check #2602 thru #2667 as presented and summarized. Motion to approve claims as submitted: Hellmann, Second: Pichelman; All in favor. **Motion carried.** **2)** General Election – 256 voters for 70% turnout **3)** Reviewed allowable tax levy \$80,947 and mill rate worksheet **4)** Public budget meeting scheduled for Thursday December 1st at 6pm

Unfinished Business: **1)** Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) update: RJ Jurowski began construction of the new building that will house the chemical tank **2)** Waste disposal transition from Republic Services to R Local Sanitation: Clerk sent termination notice to Republic Services. The list of residential addresses requiring cans has been sent to R-Local to start planning transition. Clerk to send newsletter notifying residents of the change **3)** Counter offer for land to be purchased by R-Local was accepted. Village has contacted a surveyor to conduct a survey of parcel to be split.

New Business: **1)** Barron Area Montessori School is requesting permission from the Village to put up a sign at the corner of US Hwy 8 and County P. Tawnee has already obtained the paperwork to be completed for Barron County approval. Board reviewed placement of the sign. Clerk had sign ordinance available for review. Motion to approve BAMS request for signage to be added to existing sign located at US Hwy8 and Hwy P: Tomczik, Second: Hellmann; All in favor. **Motion carried.** **2).** Reviewed Five-Year Infrastructure plan that includes bridge repair, road improvements, park shelter and Village Hall updates. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-4 Five Year Infrastructure Improvement Plan: Hellmann; Second: Pichelman; All in favor. **Motion carried.** **3)** Discussed status of WWTP corrosion mitigation and whether or not Village should engage Municipal Counsel to review agreements in case legal action is warranted. Village has paid for blowers to be repaired even though it should have been paid by SEH & RJJ since damage was due to corrosion. Motion to engage Municipal Counsel to help with resolving any outstanding issues regarding corrosion mitigation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant: Hellmann, Second; Rockow; All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Adjourn: No further business. Motion to adjourn: Tomczik; Second: Roff; All in favor. **Motion carried.**