

Regular Village Board Meeting - Minutes
Village of Almena
May 9, 2023 • 7:00 PM

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

Present: Trustees: Jensen, Pichelman, Rockow, Roff, Tomczik. Also present: Police Chief Posey, Fire Chief Wohlk; Public Works Director Becker, Clerk/Treasurer Bauer and 1 citizen

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting: Jensen, Second: Pichelman, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments: Request to increase allowable ATV/UTV speed limit within the Village from 10mph to 25mph – tabled until next meeting to allow clerk to gather information from other municipalities; Request for long term RV park rates – board agreed to keep current fees at \$20/night; Bicycles allowed on sidewalks discussion tabled from April meeting – under current WI statutes and DOT regulations, bicycle riding on sidewalks is not allowed unless there is a municipal ordinance – Board to consider addition of ordinance in future; Complaints received about properties with falling down structures, garbage and vermin – clerk to send out notices of ordinance violation and involve Building Inspector as needed

Police Report: Chief Posey reported: traffic stops with citations issued; drunk and disorderly also had a warrant; male tried to pick up juvenile girls along Clinton St; warning issued to residence to clean up garbage in yard-given 2 weeks; disorderly domestic at mobile home park - met with mobile home park owner; issued junk property warnings; attended Brat Feed at Almena school

Public Works Report: **1)** Still working on a quote for backup generator at lift stations **2)** Discussed a request received in regards to locating portable toilets at RV Park. Board determined that existing park restrooms meet the needs of RV Park users **3)** Wellhouse control box needed repairs **4)** Mosaic completed the upgrade to Village Shop WiFi

Clerk/Treasurer Report: **1)** Approve claims dated April 11, 2023 – May 8, 2023; Check #2930 thru #2975 as presented and summarized. Motion to approve claims as submitted: Tomczik, Second: Pichelman; All in favor. **Motion carried.** **2)** Land sale closed on May 1st **3)** Board of Review last week – no objectors. 2024 will be a revaluation year. **4)** Liquor license meeting scheduled for June 13, 2023 during next Board meeting. **5)** WI Election Commission has updated absentee envelopes-existing inventory cannot be used going forward. **6)** Yard clean-up letters will be sent this week

Unfinished Business: **1)** Park Pavilion project: Met with Berghammers to discuss a dual-purpose building that would be both a community center and storm shelter. Building becomes bigger to accommodate storm shelter for approx. 70 people, counter and roll-up serving window added to design. Cost estimate of \$500k but would be eligible for BRIC grant. Clerk to reach out to potential grant writers. **2)** Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) update: 11-month inspection of corrosion mitigation measures conducted by SEH engineer and will be submitting a report. New items were found such as components of blowers that will need to be cleaned or replaced. Moving the chemical feed tank outside has eliminated the corrosion issue within the building. **3)** Alma St Bridge: Bridge engineer, Dan Fedderly, conducted an inspection and density test. The girders, deck and abutment are in good condition. South side timber cap is fine but north side failed. Recommendation is to rehab the existing structure. **4)** Discussed ballpark lighting replacement need – quote of \$3750 per pole (4 lights per pole). There are 7 poles in the ballfield and 6 lights on the water tower. Motion to replace lights in 3 poles this summer (2 along base lines and 1 in outfield): Tomczik; Second: Jensen; All in favor. **Motion carried.**

New Business: **1)** Discussed status of playground equipment in smaller play area by RV park. It is too badly damaged to repair and use safely. Board requested Public Works to remove the equipment as soon as possible. Currently taped off to prevent usage. **2)** Reviewed application for Operators License for bartender at Vets Club. Application was reviewed by Turtle Lake Police Dept with no issues noted. Motion to approve Operators License application: Jensen; Second: Roff, All in favor. **Motion carried.**

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