

February 10, 2025

Meeting opened by President Steve Hall with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Members present: Randy Dunnuck, John Blankenbaker, Spencer Reed, Jeff Davis, Steve Hall

Members absent:

Others present: Jerry Scott, Caleb Halsema, Shannon Fritz, Rick Freiburger, Lance Engle, Joyce Hamilton

Jeff made a motion, seconded by Randy, to approve minutes from the 01/27/25 meeting.

Motion carried 4-0. Steve Hall abstained, since he was absent from that meeting.

Council members signed a docket for current expenditures. Randy made a motion, seconded by Spencer, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Old Business**

The Second Harvest Mobile Market had a fantastic turnout on January 28<sup>th</sup>. They ran out of food quickly and will bring more next time. He underestimated the turnout, since it was the first time in Albany. The next Mobile Market will be February 25<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 and 6:00pm.

The Street Light Poles were delivered, the lights will ship in mid-February.

Spencer said that he had received a quote for the repair of the organization size entering town. He will forward to Joyce, so that she can call and give them the town's information, since the quote was to the Beautification Committee of Albany. The estimate was \$2164.04. We will decide on how many organizations need to come off the sign and if there are any that need to be put on, before accepting the court.

Rick said that Peerless should be here sometime this week to install the repaired well pump.

Chief Fritz said the new 2025 Tundra police truck has been picked up. He also gave a quote for the lighting installation for approval. The quote is approximately \$1500.00, and the striping is about \$2,000. The entire striping and lighting should be somewhere around \$4,000 to \$4,500. Spencer made a motion, seconded by John. Motion carried 5-0. Monies will be taken out of Edit for these items.

### **New Business**

Steve reminded the Council that the work session will be on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Some items on agenda would be the proposed dead end of High St. @ the Dairy Dream, the HB 1, Tax reductions, streaming mandate of meetings coming in July.

Steve commended the town employees for their work on several water main leaks during the cold weather.

Steve spoke about HB 1, the proposed tax cuts for Albany. It is proposed that Albany could lose up to \$61,000 in 2026, \$76,000 in 2027, and in 2028 up to \$95,000. This is a substantial amount of money, and we will need to discuss and brainstorm on how we can handle these losses.

Steve asked the public to contact our representatives, Scott Alexander in the Senate and JD Prescott in the House of Representatives.

Chief Fritz also mentioned that HB 1186 limiting police powers for all reserve police. This will hurt our reserves in Albany, and we already have a lot of trouble getting and keeping reserves here. They are a very important part of Albany's police force, so this would be devastating to our police here and all over the State of Indiana.

Randy said that he has some information on getting someone Serve Safe certified so that we can sell food at the splashpad concession stand ourselves. We feel this may be the best way to go for this next season, instead of having an outside vendor working the concession stand. He said that the course is \$100.00, and the book is \$72.00, and the license is good for 5 years. They also have an online course for the food handlers for \$15.00. We will talk about this at the work session.

Rick said that the nursing home broke ground today, for their expansion, and he is in contact with the contractor about the water meter, lines etc. He will get more information as far as where we are responsible for the lines, etc. Property line or up to the meter or hydrant?

## **Public**


Fire Chief Halsema spoke about the nursing home and the number of false alarms that the fire department has been dealing with since the first of the year. He is not sure how to handle the ordinance that we have regarding fines for excessive false alarms, which they already have reached, and there will be more expected during the construction. He will contact the contractor and see what solutions can be found.

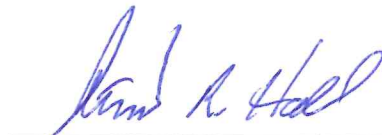
Lance Engle wanted to congratulate the Delta High School girls' varsity basketball team on going to Regional this Saturday. The school also has 6 wrestlers going to Semi State and 2 divers going to Regional also. Joyce also mentioned that the Monroe Central girls' varsity basketball team is going to Regional this Saturday. Monroe Central also has a wrestler going to Semi State.

We are very proud of our schools and congratulate those teams and individuals who have excelled in their sport.

Randy made a motion, seconded by Jeff: the meeting was adjourned by Randy Dunnuck at 7:23pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Attest:

  
Joyce Hamilton, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Steve Hall, Council President