

February 24, 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 & Melissa Fritz, K9 Griffin, Rick Freiburger, Lance Engle, Joyce Hamilton

Spencer made a motion, seconded by Jeff, to approve minutes from the 02/10/25 meeting.
Motion carried 5-0.

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

Old Business

Steve said that HB1 had passed the house and moved to the senate. There were many revisions made and possibly the loss in tax revenue may be half of what we thought previously.

The Street Light fixtures were delivered today. Titan anticipates starting work in mid-March. Steve mentioned that we may want to unpack and inspect the fixtures, in case something is broken.

Spencer said that he needs to do some research on the organization sign that we are repairing. He needs to know what organizations will need to be taken off the sign and who needs to be put back on the sign. We also need to discuss the location of the sign when we are ready to put it back up.

Rick said that Peerless has completed the well pump and it is now back up and running. Everything went well.

John said that he expects to get started again on the amphitheater, since the weather seems to be starting to get warmer.

Jerry said that the guardrail has been replaced at Granville and Water Street, the stop sign will be replaced this week, as the weather allows.

Chief Fritz said that the new Toyota Tundra is at the shop getting the lights installed. The striping kit is in, and everything should be done and ready to be out on the streets patrolling within a month.

Chief Fritz said HB 1186 is still being worked on in the house. This is going to affect the reserve police force in Indiana, since it limits officer's jurisdiction to town limits only. He is still encouraging everyone to contact our legislators about this bill. If passed, it will have a big effect on the Albany Reserves. Randy said that there is a statistic that states that 85% of first responders in Indiana are volunteers!

New Business

Steve reported that the bulk fuel purchased from AgBest has been a real savings the past year. The council agreed to continue purchasing with AgBest.

We want to congratulate the athletes from Delta High School and Monroe Central High School on the accomplishments made this year going to State Finals in Wrestling and swimming. Delta had 5 wrestlers on the podium, which hasn't happened in many years. The Delta girls' basketball were eliminated at the semi state level and MCHS girls basketball were eliminated at the regional level.

The Council has been approached by Jason Gates, owner of the Dairy Dream, requesting that we dead end High Street. This would be at the edge of their property, still allowing the exit at Wildcat Park, turning right from Hero Lane onto High Street. They anticipate that this would help with traffic and allow for a more efficient drive through lane. We would recommend that the Stop sign at what would be the end of High Street at Walnut Street remain. Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to approve town attorney John Brooke to get an ordinance ready for the Council. Motion carried 5-0.

Steve read a letter from Kevin Anderson requesting the Council to accept his retirement, effective February 25, 2025, due to his family's health declining and is needed there. He also asked for the Council to waive the 60-day notice and still be able to collect his full vacation payout. Jeff made a motion, seconded by Spencer. Motion carried 5-0. The council also wished Kevin Good Luck on his retirement.

Steve asked that the pickleball courts be ready for play by March 17th.

Mowing bids will be taken starting March 1st and will be opened at the March 24th meeting.

Randy said that, with the type of food we will be having, there does not need to be any Serve Safe license for operating the Concessions at the Splashpad. We will try to get the Splashpad open as early as possible, so we don't have to be rushed like we usually are.

Joyce said that the new website should be up and running within 2-3 weeks.

Rick asked if we could request the "As Builts" for the INDOT project that was done on State Street. Steve said that he will contact someone about that, he believes that the project will not be closed until late Spring.

Steve asked the Council to consider using Branden Scott and Landon Freiburger as part-time workers on an as needed basis for any type of work and with no limit on the hours. This will allow work to continue if Rick or Jerry need to be out for anything at the last minute, since we are losing Kevin to retirement. This would amend what was decided in previous meetings. Randy made a motion, seconded by Spencer. Motion carried 5-0.

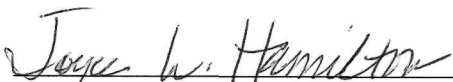
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Lance thanked Kevin Anderson for his many years of service to the Town of Albany and wished him a good Retirement.

Steve reminded everyone of the Second Harvest Mobile Market tomorrow from 4-6pm.

Randy made a motion, seconded by John: the meeting was adjourned by Steve Hall at 7:27pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Attest:


Joyce Hamilton, Clerk-Treasurer


Steve Hall, Council President