

Village of Almena, WI
Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Chapter 53. Officers and Employees

Article I. General Provisions

[Adopted as §§ 1.01 to 1.07 of the former Village Code]

§ 53-1. Elected officials.

Elected officials of the Village shall be the Village President, the Treasurer and three Trustees elected at the regular spring election in odd-numbered years for two-year terms; and three Trustees elected at the regular spring election in even-numbered years for two-year terms.

§ 53-2. Appointed officials.

The appointed officials of the Village shall be the Village Clerk and the Village Assessor, who shall both be appointed annually by the Village President, subject to confirmation by a majority of the Village Board.

§ 53-3. Oaths and bonds.

Elected and appointed officials shall take and file the official oath within five days after notice of their election or appointment as provided in § 61.21, Wis. Stats., and shall execute and file the official bond as required by state statutes and this Municipal Code.

§ 53-4. Removals.

- A. Elected officials. Elected officials may be removed by the Village Board as provided in § 17.13(2), Wis. Stats., or by the judge of the Circuit Court for cause pursuant to § 17.13(3), Wis. Stats., or as provided by § 17.16, Wis. Stats.
- B. Appointed officials. Appointed officials may be removed as provided in §§ 17.13(1), 17.13(3) and 17.16, Wis. Stats.

§ 53-5. Vacancies.

- A. How occurring. Vacancies in elective and appointive positions are caused as provided in §§ 17.03 and 17.035, Wis. Stats.
- B. How filled. Vacancies in elective and appointive offices shall be filled as provided in § 17.24, Wis. Stats.

§ 53-6. Salaries.

[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]

The salaries of all elected and appointed officials, including members of boards and commissions, shall be as determined by the Village Board from time to time, provided the salary of the President and members of the Board shall not be increased during their terms of office. (See § 61.193, Wis. Stats., Establishing and changing compensation for elective offices.)

§ 53-7. Receipt of gifts and gratuities.

- A. Restricted. No Village employee or official shall receive or offer to receive, either directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity or other thing of value which he/she is not authorized to receive from any person who:
- (1) Has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relationships with the Village or Village Board; or
 - (2) Conducts operations or activities which are regulated by the Village or Village Board; or
 - (3) Has interests which may be substantially affected by the Village or Village Board.
- B. Penalty. The receipt of any gift, gratuity or other thing of value as denoted above is contrary to the public policy of the Village and is punishable as provided in § 946.12, Wis. Stats. Such conduct shall also be punishable under § **1-4** of this Municipal Code.