

# Village of Albers

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON January 08, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Steve Schomaker, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Kenow, McDermid, Schwierjohn and Timmermann were present at roll call. Athmer and Behrmann were absent.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Regular Session minutes from the December 11, 2017, President and Board of Trustees Regular Meeting were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 3 - yeas, 1 - abstain, 0 - nays; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. Kenow asked to include "Computer Updates" for the Police and Disaster Response Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the Agenda as amended. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Brenda Morris, Clerk; Attorney JD Brandmeyer; Dan Holtmann, Streets & Lighting Superintendent and Jeannie Brendel, Zoning Administrator; were in attendance. Cindy Hubert, Treasurer; Brian Vielweber, Police Chief and Chris Horstmann, Water & Sewer Superintendent were absent.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann was absent.

Kenow updated the Board that the Police Department computers have been purchased and will be installed after reviewing with Chief Vielweber. Security upgrades are still to be installed, and will be updated as soon as possible.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber was absent. The Police Chief's Report will be presented at the upcoming Committee Meeting.

*Stephen Schomaker - Village President*

*Trustees - Scott Athmer, Dennis Behrmann, Kevin Kenow, Mike McDermid, Kent Schwierjohn and Jeff Timmermann*

*Brenda Morris - Village Clerk*

*Brian Vielweber - Police Chief*

*Cindy Hubert - Village Treasurer*

*Dan Holtmann - Streets & Lighting Superintendent*

*Jeannie Brendel - Zoning Administrator*

*Chris Horstmann - Water & Sewer Superintendent*



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FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented financial committee reports for review to all Trustees.

McDermid stated the Charter Communications franchise agreement is being reviewed and will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Electrical rates will decrease in January 2018 to \$.05600/kwh. In June 2019, rates will again decrease to \$.05496/kwh.

Current rates and rate comparisons may be found at [www.pluginillinois.org](http://www.pluginillinois.org).

McDermid presented the invoices for review.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay the bills submitted in the amount of \$35,633.49. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy Hubert, Treasurer: Treasurer Hubert was absent. McDermid presented the Treasurer's Report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the Treasurer's Report. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 4 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer was absent.

President Schomaker updated the Board that the new HVAC system has been installed at the JC Hall. He thanked Athmer for his work on completing the project and maintaining the building.

President Schomaker noted that options for equipment storage are being researched. He also noted that he will be following up with Netemeyer Engineering on surveying the current maintenance shed site and will be information at an upcoming meeting.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann had nothing to report.

Streets and Village Superintendent's Report - Dan Holtmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Holtmann had nothing to report.

President Schomaker thanked Superintendent Holtmann for displaying the Christmas lights this year and commended him for taking them down as scheduled, despite the very cold weather.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow reported that the capitalization fund to pay for the installation of the waterline from New Baden to Albers and Damiansville has been paid in full.

Kenow reported that waste service fees increased as of January 01, per the current contract with Waste Management. 2018 Resident Rates are \$17.96, from \$17.48 in 2017. 2018 Non-Resident Rates are \$20.65, from \$20.10 in 2017.

Kenow updated the Board of an upcoming meeting with a potential internet provider for the Village of Albers. He will have information as it becomes available.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann was absent. Kenow reported water loss of -2.58% was reported for December, average water loss year-to-date is -3.51%.

President Schomaker thanked Chris Horstmann, Water & Sewer Superintendent and Cole Erlinger, Water Operator, for professionally maintaining the water lines during the recent extreme weather and clearing the sewer issues the previous month. He commended them for always being available to serve our residents.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn had nothing to report.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel presented the Zoning Administrator's Report. Zero permits were approved in November, one Accessory Permit was granted in October for \$25. Nine Accessory Permits were granted for the year at \$25 each for a total of \$225.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Schomaker presented Ordinance #566 for review and vote. The ordinance includes updates required by the State of Illinois to the Village's current Sexual Harassment Policy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to adopt Ordinance #566. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 4 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker thanked residents for beautifully decorating their homes during the holiday season. He commended this year's Albers Commercial Club Christmas Lights Contest winners:

1st Place - Scott & Lynette Huegen

4th Place - Dan & Lee Love

2nd Place - Ken & Brenda Wellen

5th Place - Ryan & Kelly Jansen

3rd Place - Clyde & Peggy Behrman

President Schomaker invited everyone to sign-up for the Albers JC-Lehrter Park 9-Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament at Bartelso Bowl on Saturday, February 10. All proceeds of the tournament benefit the park and support our community.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to adjourn the meeting at 7:15p.m. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 4 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

*Brenda Morris, Village Clerk*