

# Village of Albers

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*"Providing security and services to improve the quality of life for our residents."*

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Jeff Timmermann

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON February 12, 2018

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

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Regular Session minutes from the January 08, 2018, President and Board of Trustees Regular Meeting were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - yeas, 1 - abstain, 0 - nays; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to approve the Agenda as presented. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - 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, Jeannie Brendel, Zoning Administrator, Cindy Hubert, Treasurer; Brian Vielweber, Police Chief and Chris Horstmann, Water & Sewer Superintendent were in attendance.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann thanked Chief Vielweber for effectively operating the Police Department.

Behrmann reported the installation of the new computers is complete. Firewalls and security systems are needed to be added the Police Department computers at an estimated cost of \$1,000.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to approve purchase of firewall and security systems for the new Police Department computers at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented his report.

*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*



President Schomaker read an e-mail received by Bryan Eastwood of West Frankfort commending the residents of Albers and our Police Department for helping his son with car repairs on a recent trip through Albers. President Schomaker thanked Chief Vielweber and all our officers for helping those in need under all circumstances.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented financial committee reports for review to all Trustees and asked all Trustees to review budgets in preparation of the upcoming Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations Ordinance.

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

Electrical rates as of January 2018 are \$.05600/kwh. In June 2019, rates will 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 \$41,403.38. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy Hubert, Treasurer: Treasurer Hubert presented her report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the Treasurer's Report. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer updated the Board on equipment storage. He is researching options and is waiting for results from a property survey from Netemeyer Engineering. More information will be available at upcoming meetings.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann asked President Schomaker to report on a recent meeting with IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) engineers concerning State Route 161 improvements. President Schomaker read an e-mail from Gwen Lagemann, IDOT Programming Engineer. The e-mail states that installing storm sewers and sidewalks along State Route 161 in Albers is being considered. Ms. Lagemann estimated the cost of the initial surveying for the project to be approximately \$500,000.00. President Schomaker stated that he would contact state officials to find funding for the survey and will keep the Board updated on the project.

President Schomaker also noted that resurfacing on State Route 161 is being scheduled by IDOT from 2018-2023, dependent on funding.

Streets and Village Superintendent's Report - Dan Holtmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Holtmann noted that he has recently seen unattended dogs roaming around Albers. All residents are reminded to contact Don Deiters of at Clinton County Animal Control at (618) 980-7102 when seeing an unattended animal.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow was absent.

President Schomaker updated the Board of his recent conversation with David Crabtree of Wispernet, Inc. concerning installing internet services in the Village of Albers. President Schomaker invited Mr. Crabtree to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss opportunities.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported water loss of -6.73% was reported for January, average water loss year-to-date is

-3.9%. He noted the increased water loss may be due to the water main break the previous month.

President Schomaker thanked Cole Erlinger, Water Operator; Dan Holtmann, and all those who helped repair the recent water main break. He commended their dedication working in the extremely cold weather.

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

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel presented the Zoning Administrator's Report. One Accessory Permit was approved in January at 502 Del Ray Drive for \$25.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider appointing Deb Athmer as JC Hall Manager to be paid \$175 per month, effective January 01, 2018, from the Lehrter/JC Park budget.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve Deb Athmer as JC Hall Manager to be paid \$175 per month, effective January 01, 2018, from the Lehrter/JC Park budget. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 4 – yeas; 1 - abstain; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a donation to the 6th Annual Paws to Pavement 5k Run/Walk and 1M Fun Run sponsored by the Albers Elementary School Booster Club on Saturday, April 07.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve a \$50 donation to 6th Annual Paws to Pavement 5k Run/Walk and 1M Fun Run sponsored by the Albers Elementary School Booster Club to be paid from the Tourism Fund. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker invited everyone to the Friends of the Cougars Fish Fry on Wednesday, February 14, and all Fridays of Lent at the Albers American Legion. Proceeds benefit Albers and Damiansville Elementary Schools sports and extra-curricular activities.

President Schomaker congratulated the Albers-Damiansville Lady Cougars basketball team on recently winning the Class-S State Championship. The team will be attending Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday, March 12, for recognition of their achievement.

President Schomaker reminded everyone of the upcoming election on Tuesday, March 20. Albers Village Hall will be the polling place for Lookingglass #4 Township.

President Schomaker announced the Albers Commercial Club will be hosting the Culpepper-Merriweather Circus at Lehrter/JC Park on Friday, April 13, 2018. He invited everyone to attend this great event.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

*Brenda Morris, Village Clerk*