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

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Kent Schwierjohn

Jeff Timmermann

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON March 11, 2019.

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

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 11, 2019, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the minutes as presented. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 4 – yeas, 0 – nays, 2 abstain; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. Athmer asked to amend the Agenda to include "Park Board Appointments" under Improvements/Park Committee

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to approve the Agenda as amended. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Ray & Becky Gill, residents and parents of Ryan Gill, were in attendance to receive Ryan's military recognition sign. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

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

President Schomaker presented Ray & Becky Gill a military recognition sign to be prominently displayed on North Commercial Street for their son, Ryan Gill, for his service in the U.S. Navy. On behalf of all officials, President Schomaker thanked Ryan for his service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann presented Ordinance #573-02112019, Authorized Alternative Vehicles, for passage. The Board reviewed the ordinance and discussed updates.

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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A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to approve Ordinance #573-0112019, an ordinance amending authorized alternative vehicles. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief's Report. Behrmann thanked Chief Vielweber for efficiently operating the Albers Police Department.

Chief Vielweber notified the Board that he will be retiring as Police Chief in Smithton in June. Chief Vielweber plans to work more shifts in Albers after retiring from Smithton.

Chief Vielweber asked the Board to consider the purchase of a tablet computer from Bright Public Safety for the marked squad car. The approximate cost of the purchase including installation is \$3,200. Behrmann asked the purchase be included on the upcoming committee meeting agenda for discussion.

Chief Vielweber noted that a large quantity of marijuana and contraband were recently seized by Officer John Wiebler at the Lehrter/JC Park stage. He commended Officer Wiebler for his awareness and commitment to protecting the residents of Albers.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented reports to each committee.

McDermid presented the Appropriations Ordinance for second review. The ordinance will be presented for passage at the April Board of Trustees meeting.

McDermid presented the invoices for review.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay the bills submitted in the amount of \$29,307.95. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy Hubert, Treasurer: Treasurer Hubert presented the Treasurer's Report. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the Treasurer's Report. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

McDermid asked the Board to consider redeeming the certificate of deposits for \$2,500 and \$100,000, which are up for renewal at the end of March. He noted that the funds would be used to pay for the recently approved maintenance shed improvements.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to redeem the certificates of deposit for \$2,500 and \$100,000, which are up for renewal at the end of March. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer noted that improvements to the maintenance shed will begin as weather permits.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that the street curbing project has been completed at 210 N. Commercial Street allowing the Village use of a portion of the property on West Hendricks Street. This project was completed to help facilitate trucks exiting Haas Seed House a wider area to turn from the business, rather than turning in front of Albers Elementary School. Timmermann noted that the property owner will complete the easement paperwork and contact the Village for filing.

Timmermann updated the Board that the previously approved updates to the yard waste site at Lehrter/JC Park have been cancelled. A new yard waste site is being considered.

Timmermann asked the Board to consider improvements proposed by Kassen Excavating to North Franklin Street. The Board discussed the proposal.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve the proposal by Kassen Excavating for improvements to North Franklin Street. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

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

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow that Greg Rosen of AG Technologies contacted him that the submission deadline for solar panels at the water treatment plant has passed. Kenow will be sharing details on the solar panel proposal as they become available.

Kenow asked the Board to review the proposed contract with Certop, Inc. for a three-year contract for services.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the proposed contract with Certop, Inc. for a three-year contract for services. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

Kenow updated the Board that the revised website is operational. He asked everyone to visit www.albersil.org to view the site and make any suggestions for improvement.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann was absent. Kenow reported -10.48% water loss for February, with a -5.25% water loss for the previous twelve months.

Superintendent Horstmann noted that he is waiting for information from Toennies Electric for replacing the utility pole at the west lift station and will update the Board as information becomes available. He also noted that the panel may need to be replaced and he will have pricing information available at the upcoming meeting.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board that the Zoning Board of Appeals recommend approving the variance for Haas Seed House at 305 N. Broadway Street, amending set-backs, at the February 28, 2019, meeting. He asked the Board to consider approving the recommendation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve the variance at 305 N. Broadway Street, amending set-backs. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel one variance was submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were reported.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was reported.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker congratulated the Albers Elementary School students recognized as ‘Student of the Month’ for their respective classes. February Students’ of the Month were Jean Rueter, Josey Santel, Tucker Goestenkors, Jonathon Boeckmann, Alejandra Avalos, Justin McDonald, Madi Wuebbels, Andrew Crosby, Corina Hegger and Aidan Varel.

President Schomaker updated the Board of the ambulance district meeting at New Baden Village Hall on Thursday, February 21, concerning the ambulance district. He commended the Board on providing

much needed medical services and noted that construction of a new building, fee collection and other operational issues were discussed.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider donating \$100 to the Albers Elementary 'School Paws to Pavement'.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$100 to the Albers Elementary School 'Paws to Pavement' from the Tourism Fund. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider donating \$100 to the YMCA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$100 to the YMCA from the Tourism Fund. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider donating \$100 to the Community Link Buddy Walk. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to donate \$100 to the Community Link 'Buddy Walk' from the Tourism Fund. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider appointing Brian Barth; Keith Richter, Treasurer; and Greg Reynolds to the Lehrter/JC Park Board and accept resignations from Dale Holtmann, Treasurer, and Bill Higgins.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to approve Brian Barth, Keith Richter and Greg Reynolds to the Lehrter/JC Park Board and accept resignations from Dale Holtmann and Bill Higgins. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker reminded everyone of the upcoming election on Tuesday, April 02, 2019.

President Schomaker invited everyone to attend the Albers Hootenanny on Saturday, June 01, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to adjourn the meeting. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk