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

PRESIDENT, Steve Schomaker

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Kent Schwierjohn

Jeff Timmermann

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON November 11, 2019.

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

Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. President Schomaker asked all in attendance to observe a moment of silence in honor of Veteran's Day. He thanked all veterans for their service, especially members of American Legion Post #1026.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 14, 2019, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the minutes as presented. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the Agenda as presented. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Travis Becker, Central High School student, was in attendance to observe as a government class requirement. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann asked Attorney Behme to address the Board concerning the Cannabis Regulations & Tax Act (CRTA). Attorney Behme noted that the Board must address businesses related to cannabis sales, distribution and cultivation; as well as adult personal use within the Village of Albers. The Board discussed possible options concerning the CRTA and directed Attorney Behme to draft one ordinance prohibiting cannabis business establishments and one ordinance outlining specific guidelines for adult use of cannabis in the Village of Albers. Attorney Behme

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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agreed to have the draft ordinances prepared for review at the November committee meeting.

Behrmann thanked Chief Vielweber and all the officers for professionally operating the police department and protecting the safety of Albers residents. President Schomaker also commended Chief Vielweber and thanked him for being an invaluable representative.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief's Report. Behrmann thanked Chief Vielweber for professionally managing the department.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented reports to each Trustee for their respective committees.

McDermid presented Ordinance #576-11112019, 2021 Tax Levy, for final reading and vote. Total taxes assessed by the Village of Albers is \$81,490.70. McDermid reported that the Village of Albers has not increased taxes in the past nine years.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve Ordinance #576-11112019, 2021 Tax Levy. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

McDermid directed Clerk Morris to file the ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk.

McDermid presented the invoices for review. Total invoices are \$30,092.92.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay the bills submitted in the amount of \$30,092.92. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - 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. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

McDermid asked the Board to consider transferring \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to a certificate of deposit (CD) at First County Bank.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to transfer \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to a CD at First County Bank. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann asked the Board to approve the 2020 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funding for \$1,826.50, as submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve \$1,826.50 for the 2020 MFT, as submitted to IDOT. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

Timmermann asked the Board to approve the 2021 MFT funding for \$29,955.61, as submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve \$129,955.61 for the 2021 MFT, as submitted to IDOT. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

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

President Schomaker thanked Superintendent Holtmann for doing a great job completing the recent street oiling and sweeping.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow reported that lift station maintenance is scheduled for the upcoming week.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann was absent. Kenow reported -4.54% water loss for October, with a -5.53% water loss for the previous twelve months.

Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board that improvements on the panel at the west lift station will be complete by the end of the month.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn asked the Board to consider the unanimous Planning Commission recommendation approving the proposed Melvin & Alice Toennies Subdivision. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve the proposed Melvin & Alice Toennies subdivision. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel had nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Schomaker presented a thank you note from Shelley Kenow, organizer of the Mental Health Awareness Walk, hosted in Albers benefiting the 'Swing for Sydney Foundation'. Mrs. Kenow thanked President Schomaker and the Village of Albers for help and support with the event.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business reported.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker presented an e-mail from Charlie Hilmes, Breese Mayor, requesting local communities' participation in this year's 'Shop Local' initiative. Ads will be purchased on WCXO and WDLJ radio stations at a cost of approximately \$150.00 per community. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to participate in this year's 'Shop Local' initiative by donating \$150.00 from the Tourism Fund. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider making a donation to the Albers Commercial Club for the purchase of street banners.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to donate \$5,000.00 from the Tourism Fund to the Albers Commercial Club for the purchase of street banners. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

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

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk