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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON January 13, 2020.

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 December 09, 2019, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the minutes as presented. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas, 0 – nays, 1 - abstain; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. Athmer asked to add "Knox Box Install at JC Building" to the Improvements and Parks report. Behrmann asked to add "Sex Offender Ordinance" to the Police and Disaster response report.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to address the Board concerning the proposal of increasing the minimum housing radius for registered sexual offenders. Chief Vielweber stated that increasing the housing radius for registered sex offenders from the current State of Illinois mandate of 500 feet from schools, parks and daycares to 1,500 feet will better protect our residents, especially children. He also noted that many communities are expanding the radius. The Board asked Attorney Behme to prepare an ordinance for review and vote at the February meeting.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief's 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



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

McDermid asked all Trustees to review their department budgets in preparation of the upcoming appropriations ordinance. The first draft ordinance will be presented for review at the upcoming committee meeting.

McDermid presented the invoices for review. Total invoices are \$66,297.33.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay the bills submitted in the amount of \$66,297.33. Kenow 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. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer asked the Board to consider installing a Knox Box, a small wall-mounted safe with keys for the JC Building and stage accessible to emergency responders, at the JC stage for access to the JC building and stage.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to install a Knox Box at the JC Stage for access to the JC building and stage by emergency responders. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that per recently passed Ordinance #579-12092019, signs are up and curbs are marked designating no parking on the south side of West Hendricks Street at the intersection of North Bertha and West Hendricks Streets to accommodate student pick-up and drop-off.

Timmermann updated the Board that three applications have been received for the Streets and Lighting Superintendent position and that applications will be reviewed in Executive Session.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Dan Holtmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Holtmann noted that four large garbage carts are in inventory. Clerk Morris noted that she would contact Waste Management concerning replacement carts.

Timmermann thanked Superintendent Holtmann for working hard clearing the streets during the recent snow storms.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow updated the Board of the annual increase in waste services rates effective January 01, 2020, per the current contract with Waste Management. 2019 rates were \$18.45/resident and \$21.71/non-resident increasing to 2020 rates of \$19.48/resident and \$22.96/non-resident.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported repairs to recent leaks at West Dwight Streets and Opossum Lane have been repaired and thanked residents for their patience while repairs were made. The leak on West Dwight Street was due to corrosion on the saddle. Issues on Opossum Lane were attributed to tree roots in the line.

Superintendent Horstmann also reported that the excessive rain of 4.5" in a 24-hour period was handled by the lift stations.

Water loss reported -5.96% water loss for December, with a -5.66% water loss for the previous twelve months.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn notified the Board that a Planning Commission Meeting has been set for Thursday, January 23 @ 6:30p.m. to review the proposed Dennis Holtmann First Subdivision, which is included in the village's Comprehensive Plan.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel no permits were submitted in December. \$1,775 was collected in the previous twelve months for variance and accessory permits.

COMMUNICATIONS: No communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business reported.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker updated all residents of an insert included with Ameren Illinois statements mailed to all residents, which was sent in error. The notice stated "Your community has recently passed an ordinance to implement or modify a Municipal Utility Tax." This notice is inaccurate, no such tax will be collected or was approved. President Schomaker assured all residents that no taxes will be assessed without following proper procedures and notification to all residents.

President Schomaker invited everyone to attend the Clin-Clair Fire Department (CCFD) Mouse Races on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to enter Executive Session at 7:25p.m. to discuss personnel. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

Trustees Athmer, Behrmann, Kenow, McDermid, Schwierjohn and Timmermann were in attendance with President Schomaker and Clerk Morris. All other officials and guests exited the room.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to exit Executive Session 7:51p.m. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the low bid submitted by Eric Rolves as Streets & Lighting Superintendent. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas, 1 – nays; motion carried.

It was agreed that Rolves' duties will begin as soon as all contract requirements are fulfilled, including incorporation and insurance. Rolves will begin working with Superintendent Holtmann until contracts transfer as of April 01, 2020. Rolves will be paid as an independent contractor with a three-year agreement with the Village of Albers to be paid \$45,000 first year, \$46,000 second year and \$47,000 third year.

Timmermann will be contacting all applicants and thank them for their interest in serving in such an important role.

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

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk