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

PRESIDENT, Steve Schomaker

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Jeff Timmermann

MINUTES OF MEETING #1 Closing Fiscal Year 2020

OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON May 11, 2020.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Steve Schomaker called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. In compliance with Executive Order 2020-10 (COVID-19 Executive Order #8) and Executive Order 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive order #5), all in attendance wore face coverings and observed social distancing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 13, 2020, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 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.

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Brenda Morris, Clerk; Chief Vielweber and Attorney Luke Behme were in attendance. All other officials were excused from the meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief's Report. He noted increased expenses in April due to an extra pay period in the month and payment of the new squad car computer, the department is operating within budgetary guidelines.

President Schomaker thanked Chief Vielweber for protecting the safety of all Albers residents, especially for

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

Eric Rolves - Streets & Lighting Superintendent

Jeannie Brendel - Zoning Administrator

Chris Horstmann - Water & Sewer Superintendent



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his increased diligence during the current COVID-19 concerns. All officials in attendance commended his efforts and thanked Chief Vielweber.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow reported a request by the Village of Damiansville to amend the current water supply services agreement. Brian Buchheit of HMG Engineers, joined the meeting via phone, to discuss the request. He outlined concerns with the request and offered alternatives to the initial submission. The Board discussed the request and Mr. Buchheit's information. President Schomaker directed Mr. Buchheit, on behalf of the Village of Albers, to communicate with engineers at Curry & Associates, representing the Village of Damiansville, to find an optimal solution benefiting both communities.

Kenow noted that water and sewer rates are being reviewed and will be discussed at the upcoming Committee Meeting.

Kenow updated the Board that the fire hydrant installation at the intersection of West Alois and North Broadway Streets has been approved and Superintendent Horstmann is scheduling the project.

Kenow reported -5.43 water loss for April, -5.05 water loss for the previous twelve months.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann was absent, his absence was excused.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented Ordinance #583-05112020, adopting the Village Identity Theft Policy. The Board reviewed and discussed the ordinance. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve Ordinance #583-05112020, adopting the Village Identity Theft Policy. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

McDermid presented Ordinance #581-06082020, amending the Village Sexual Harassment Policy for second reading. The ordinance deletes the previous sexual harassment policy, 1-1-25 in Village Code, to be replaced with current State of Illinois requirements.

McDermid presented Ordinance #582-06082020, adopting the Village Sexual Harassment Policy for second reading. The ordinance outlines the sexual harassment policy per State of Illinois requirements.

McDermid presented the invoices to the Board for review, totaling \$31,827.43. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve payment of invoices totaling \$31,827.43. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

McDermid reviewed the committee reports with the Board and asked trustees to contact him with questions.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy Hubert, Treasurer: Treasurer Hubert was absent, her absence was excused. McDermid presented the Treasurer's Report in Treasurer Hubert's absence. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the Treasurer's Report. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer reported that JC Hall upstairs renovations are almost complete and the project was under-budget with a refrigerator and microwave are the only outstanding items to be purchased.

Athmer updated the Board on installing WIFI at Lehrter/JC Park. He will be contacting Wisper Internet to discuss specific requirements of completing the project and will have updates at upcoming meetings.

President Schomaker thanked everyone who volunteered to help with the JC Hall upstairs renovations; he

especially thanked Athmer and his family for volunteering many hours and directing the project.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann reported that Eric Rolves is working hard serving Albers residents as our newest Streets & Lighting Superintendent and reported he has received many compliments on Superintendent Rolves' efforts.

President Schomaker thanked Timmermann for coordinating the purchase of masks for Village residents and officials.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves was absent, his absence was excused.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting on Thursday, June 04, to review the variance request at 205 Wildwood Drive.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel was absent, her absence was excused.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Schomaker extended sympathy to Kent & Kati Schwierjohn and their sons Westin, Levi and Tucker; in the recent passing of Fulton Louis, their son and brother. He read the thank you note from the family for the donation to Relevant Pregnancy Options Center in memory of Fulton Louis.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker updated everyone that the Blast-Off Parade & Fireworks! is being planned with the event date to be set in compliance with safety guidelines. Fundraising letters will be mailed to residents soon to advertise the event.

President Schomaker reminded everyone that a new date for the previously scheduled Culpepper & Merriweather Circus will be set as soon as possible. All tickets purchased will be honored at the rescheduled shows.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

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