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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON October 12, 2020.

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

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

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 from September 14, 2020, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. McDermid asked "SSA #8 Ambulance District Meeting - Discussion" be added to the Finance Committee.

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

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Clerk Morris, Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves, Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann, and Attorney Doug Gruenke were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert, Chief Vielweber and Zoning Administrator Brendel were excused from the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Norma McCandless and Deb Clark were attendance to promote the Metro East Diaper Bank Drive. Brian Buchheit of Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende (HMG) Engineers, Inc., was in attendance to discuss the proposed sewer project. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow invited Brian Buchheit of HMG Engineers, Inc. to review the preliminary sewer extension to the Holtmann Subdivision. Mr. Buchheit submitted a sewer extension proposal to the Board for the proposed Holtmann Subdivision. The Board discussed the proposal with Mr. Buchheit and agreed that the Sanitary Sewer District will be asked to manage funding the project. He stated that grants may not be available for the project because of the relatively quick start of beginning

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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construction of the subdivision. The annexation agreement with preliminary plat will be discussed and proposed for vote at the November Board of Trustees meeting.

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

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann had nothing to report.

Superintendent Horstmann reported -4.0% water loss for September -3.69% water loss for the previous twelve months.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann updated the Board that cameras that installation of security cameras at the maintenance shed will be considered as soon as WiFi service is available.

Behrmann noted the mobile radar sign will be operational as soon as new batteries are delivered.

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

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented the upcoming Tax Levy Ordinance for second reading and review. He stated that taxes have not been increased by the Village of Albers from the previous eight years. The final review and vote on the ordinance is scheduled for the November 09, Board of Trustees meeting.

McDermid presented the invoices to the Board for review, totaling \$48,986.52.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve payment of invoices totaling \$48,986.52. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

McDermid reported meeting with President Schomaker, officials from Damiansville and New Baden to discuss ambulance services funded by Special Service Area #8 (SSA #8). Collections on services are currently at 64%, improved from previous collections. A proposed 3% increase on the upcoming tax levy was discussed and will be agreed by all parties. McDermid and President Schomaker agreed that operations are equitable between all parties and the district is being well managed.

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. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer updated the Board that he has been in contact with representatives of Wisper Internet in setting the utility pole at Lehrter/JC Park. Wisper Internet is also presenting a proposal for costs of installing WIFI at the maintenance shed for use in security cameras.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann presented bids for curbing replacement on Debra Drive from Engelmann Concrete Construction, Inc. and Santel Construction Co. The bids were reviewed and discussed by the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to accept the bid submitted by Engelmann Concrete Construction for \$8,122.00 for curbing replacement on Debra Drive. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves was in

attendance.

President Schomaker and Timmermann thanked Superintendent Rolves on doing a great job oiling the streets.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board about concerns with back yard drainage issues on residences on the north side of Wildwood Drive. He will be presenting details and getting cost estimates on the project at the upcoming meeting.

Schwierjohn presented the proposed drainage ordinance for second reading.

Schwierjohn presented the proposed cargo container for first reading and asked Clerk Morris to post the ordinance for public review.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker updated the Board that Trick-or-Treating in the Village of Albers will be Friday, October 30, from 6p.m.-8p.m., for school-age children and younger.

President Schomaker announced the 1st Annual Metro East Diaper Bank Drive benefiting local families in need. Diapers and supplies are being accepted at Albers Village Hall through Wednesday, November 04. He asked the Board to consider a donation to the Metro East Diaper Bank in support of the cause. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate \$50.00 from the Tourism Fund to Metro East Diaper Bank. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked everyone to support the Fallen Soldier All Vehicle Run at Hidden Lake Winery on Saturday, October 24.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

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