

# Village of Albers

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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 December 14, 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.

President Schomaker asked all in attendance to observe a moment of silence in honor everyone affected by Covid-19, especially our local residents and friends who have lost their lives due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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 November 09, 2020, were reviewed.

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

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES: The minutes from the Special Meeting from November 30, 2020, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer 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.

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

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Clerk Morris; Chief Vielweber; Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves; Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann; Jeannie Brendel, Zoning Administrator and Attorney Luke Behme were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert was absent, her absence was excused.

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

*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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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann updated the Board that the incorrect batteries for the mobile radar sign were delivered and replacement batteries will be sent as soon as available, possibly mid-January.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief's Report. He noted \$23,000.00 has been received by the Village of Albers from the CURE Program in response to Covid-19. President Schomaker commended Chief Vielweber for applying for the funds and thanked him for his efforts. President Schomaker noted that \$2,000.00 of the funds received will be given the Lehrter/JC Park for lost income with the balance going in the General Fund, earmarked for the purchase of a future Police Department vehicle.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow presented the proposed Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost from HMG Engineers to the Board for discussion. Engineering services for the sewer extension to the proposed Holtmann Subdivision is estimated to be \$46,000.00 for design and bidding plus \$53,000.00 for construction engineering. The Board discussed the proposal. The design and bidding portion of the proposal was approved at the November meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve payment to HMG Engineers not to exceed \$53,000.00 for construction engineering for the sewer extension to the proposed Holtmann Subdivision with an option to renegotiate if needed. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 1 - abstain; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Kenow presented Ordinance #589-12142020 Amending Water/Sewer Rates, increasing water and sewer connections. Water connections are proposed to increase to \$1,000.00 in Village limits and \$2,000.00 outside Village limits, respectively. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve Ordinance #589-12142020 Amending Water/Sewer Rates. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann asked the Board to consider upgrading tower controls, referring to the proposal from R.E. Pedrotti Company to \$4,756.00. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the proposal from R.E. Pedrotti Company for \$4,756.00 for upgrading tower controls. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Superintendent Horstmann presented the tank inspection from Midco Diving & Marine Services, Inc. for review by the Board. The Board accepted the bid and asked Superintendent Horstmann to find at least one more bid for comparison.

Superintendent Horstmann reported a recent water line failure at 5258/5260 State Route 161. The Board discussed the line failure and directed Superintendent Horstmann to present an estimate of costs to properly repair the line for review at the upcoming meeting.

Superintendent Horstmann reported -2.93% water loss for November, -3.78% water loss for the previous twelve months.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented the invoices to the Board for review, totaling \$51,722.53. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve payment of invoices totaling \$51,722.53. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

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

He noted the addition of 'Special Projects' to the reports.

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 engineering for installing Wi-Fi at the park has begun and the poles should be set after the holidays, in January or February.

Athmer is continuing to work with Wisper Internet on installing Wi-Fi at the maintenance shed.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that he is continuing to try scheduling curbing replacement on Debra Drive with Engelmann Concrete Construction, Inc.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves reported the installation of 'No Outlet' signs at the intersection of Thole Road/State Route 161.

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 updated the Board that the draft ordinance addressing drainage is being reviewed and formatted.

Schwierjohn presented Ordinance #590-12142020, Amending Cargo Containers, for final review and vote, the Board reviewed the proposed ordinance. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to accept Ordinance #590-12142020, Amending Cargo Containers, for approval. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 1 – nays; motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel noted that one Accessory Permit was granted for November approving the installation of a fence at 5 Cherry Drive.

Administrator Brendel updated the Board that a proposed layout has been received concerning the Holtmann Subdivision and all required meetings will be scheduled accordingly.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker invited everyone to support local author, Shelley Kenow, at her upcoming book signing at Albers Village Hall this Thursday, December 17 and Saturday, December 19. Shelley will have copies of her book 'Those Who "Can't"...Teach' and is looking forward to seeing everyone there.

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*