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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON March 08, 2021.

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 February 08, 2021, were reviewed. Schwierjohn noted that the "first reading" in the second paragraph in Zoning be updated to "second reading".

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

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

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Clerk Morris; Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves; Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann, Zoning Administrator Brendel and Attorney Bruckert were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert was absent; her absence was excused. Chief Vielweber entered the meeting at 7:15p.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Dennis Holtmann was in attendance with Pat Netemeyer and Ben Netemeyer of Netemeyer Engineering to discuss plans for Rose-Charles Estates Subdivision. Ed Wuebbels, resident, was in attendance to discuss speeding on North Commercial Street; Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

Chief Vielweber entered the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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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getting cost estimates on the project at an upcoming meeting.

Schwierjohn presented the drainage ordinance for second reading and directed Clerk Morris to post for public review.

Schwierjohn noted that the Village is working closely with all involved parties developing Rose-Charles Subdivision being developed by Dennis Holtmann and family. A preliminary map has been submitted and a Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel noted one new home permit and one auxiliary/addition permit were submitted in January.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann updated the Board that current alternative vehicle permits expire April 30. Permit renewals will be billed to the April water statements for water/sewer customers with letters mailed to all current permit holders mid-March.

Behrmann noted the mobile speed signs have been received and will be installed as weather permits. Mr. Wuebbels was invited to speak. Mr. Wuebbels cited two recent incidents of speeding on North Commercial Street and asked if more may be done to curtail speeding through town. Chief Vielweber assured Mr. Wuebbels that the Albers Police Department is working diligently to control speeding through town and understands the importance of the issue.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief's report and commend Chief Vielweber on effectively operating the police department.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board on the passage of Illinois HB3653. He informed everyone of the body camera requirements and training requirements and other specifics of the bill; stating that the requirements will be challenging and may negatively change law enforcement. Attorney Bruckert stated that the Illinois Municipal League (IML) is reviewing the bill and will have recommendations on how best to respond to requirements.

Chief Vielweber reported that the siren at Clin-Clair Fire Department (CCFD) is fully repaired. He thanked Superintendent Rolves for his attention in helping repair the siren and reminded everyone that all sirens are tested the first Tuesday of every month.

Kenow reported concerns on securing records maintained by the Village and cited the recent hacking of information at the Clinton County Sheriff's office. Kenow and Chief Vielweber agreed to meet to review current practices to ensure compliance with all security guidelines.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow asked the Board to consider improving internet and information security, including a more robust firewall, new computers and other methods securing information managed by the Village.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported -3.45% water loss for January, -3.56% water loss for the previous twelve months.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented Appropriations Ordinance for second reading and directed Clerk Morris to post for public review.

McDermid presented the invoices to the Board for review, totaling \$42,074.57.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve payment of invoices totaling \$42,074.57. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

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

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer reported installation of the Wi-Fi pole at Lehrter/JC Park is being planned. He has been in contact with Wisper ISP to schedule installation at the park and maintenance shed.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann noted that the Streets & Lighting Committee will be meeting to discuss improvements to the maintenance shed parking lot, which is often muddy and in need of repairs.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves cleaning street gutters, park cleaning and maintaining Village property. He also noted plans for filling pot holes on Village streets. President Schomaker thanked Superintendent Rolves for all his hard work.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker updated everyone in attendance of the Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic sponsored by the Village of Albers and Clinton County Health Department at American Legion Post #1026. The clinic administering second-doses being was earlier today, with no further clinics currently scheduled in Albers. President Schomaker thanked everyone who volunteered to help with the clinic and is looking forward to partnering with the Clinton County Health Department, ensuring all residents are vaccinated and healthy. He encouraged everyone interested in receiving the vaccine to sign up on our website at albersil.org and with the Clinton County Health Department.

President Schomaker noted that State's Attorney Doug Gruenke accepted a position as associate judge and will be resigning as State's Attorney.

President Schomaker reminded everyone of the upcoming election on Tuesday, April 06, 2021, at Village Hall for Lookingglass #4 precinct.

President Schomaker invited everyone to attend the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus on Thursday, June 17 at Lehrter/JC Park. Information will be available soon for purchasing tickets.

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