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

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Jeff Timmermann

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON June 14, 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.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider the appointment of Cliff Behrmann as Trustee. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to appoint Cliff Behrmann as Trustee. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

Behrmann accepted the Trustee appointment. President Schomaker administered the oath of office to Behrmann and thanked him for his service. President Schomaker appointed Behrmann as Police and Disaster Response Committee Chairman and member of the Water & Sewer and Finance Committees.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The minutes from the Meeting #1 Closing Fiscal Year 2021 on May 10, 2021, were reviewed.

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

The minutes from the Meeting #2 Opening Fiscal Year 2022 on May 10, 2021, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve 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 "Tree Maintenance at Park - Discussion / Vote" to the agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve the agenda as amended. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays, 1 - abstain; motion carried.

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

Stephen Schomaker - Village President

Trustees - Scott Athmer, Cliff 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



- We Care, We Recycle

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board of the Planning Commission Meeting on May 20, 2021. The Planning Commission recommends amending the area by the maintenance shed on N. Hill Street (Subdivision Albers Town of Block 3, Lots 6, and part of vacated street) from Residential-2 (R-2) to Commercial (C).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to amend the area by the maintenance shed on N. Hill Street from Residential-2 (R-2) to Commercial. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays, 1 - abstain; motion carried.

Schwierjohn presented the updated Land Use Transportation Map, expanding the comprehensive plan for the Village of Albers.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to accept the updated Land Use Transportation Map. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays, 1 - abstain; motion carried.

Schwierjohn reported no updates to the draft drainage ordinance.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel presented two accessory permits for May 2021, totaling \$50.00.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann, Chairman: President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a pay increase for Chief Vielweber from \$23/hour to \$25/hour, effective January 01, 2021. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to increase the hourly rate of Chief Vielweber from \$23/hour to \$25/hour, effective January 01, 2021. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

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

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the speed signs have been installed at entrances to Albers on North and South Commercial and are fully operational. He noted receiving positive comments from residents and expects the signs to deter speeding through Albers. Data will soon be available from the signs, tracking traffic patterns and other useful information. Chief Vielweber also noted that "30 Miles Per Hour" signs have been added to the signs.

President Schomaker asked Chief Vielweber to report on upcoming grants available through the Federal ARP (American Rescue Plan).

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow noted the current contract with Waste Management expires in December. He will be working on how best to continue waste services for residents and reporting progress at upcoming meetings.

Kenow reported the Sanitary Sewer District has held meetings discussing dissolving the district and will have more information as decisions are made. The Sanitary Sewer District has a meeting scheduled for June 16 to discuss dissolution.

Kenow updated the Board that the Water Department computer has been ordered and will be received soon. He also noted Chief Vielweber has received a new laptop for monitoring the newly installed speed signs.

Kenow reported new handhelds and autoguns have been ordered for meter reading and will be installed when received.

Kenow reported Del & Geri Kloeckner submitted a water tap request for their home on Court Road.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Kenow reported +9.34% water gain for May, -.84% water loss for the previous twelve months. Kenow noted that meter testing may be requested to ensure accurate meter readings and correct recent reported water gains.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented committee reports.

McDermid presented the invoices to the Board for review, totaling \$30,766.04.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve payment of invoices totaling \$30,766.04. 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 WiFi is being installed for cameras and vehicle tracking at the speed signs installed by the Police Department and at Village maintenance shed.

Athmer asked the Board to consider having four dead/damaged trees at Lehrter/JC Park cut down by Thole Tree Service for a total cost of \$2,990.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to hire Thole Tree Service to cut down four dead/damaged trees at Lehrter/JC Park at a cost of \$2,990.00. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann noted that the Village maintenance shed parking lot will be oiled and chipped to help improve the lot.

Timmermann reported that Engelmann Construction will be beginning the Debra Drive curbing project this week.

Timmermann noted improvements to Opossum Lane are being considered with specific information to be discussed at upcoming meetings. He stated that the Village attorney will be asked to draft a plan addressing the Village accepting property on Opossum Lane to improve access and alleviate water drainage issues.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves asked the Board for guidance on maintaining the detention pond at Cottonwood Drive and Park Avenue. The Board discussed the issue and agreed to work with residents to address the detention pond.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker updated the Board that preliminary plans are being discussed to extend sidewalks north from North Commercial Street to County Road #8, more details will be discussed at future meetings.

President Schomaker updated the Board that plans have been submitted by IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) to resurface State Route 161 in Albers east from the intersection of State Route 161 and County Road #8 to Germantown, tentatively scheduled for June 2022. Funding for the project is being paid by federal grants made available through Covid-19 grants.

President Schomaker read the Chronic Illness/Disease Awareness Day resolution passed by the Clinton County Board, proclaiming Saturday, July 10, 2021 as Chronic Illness/Disease Awareness Day. The proclamation recognizes everyone in our community, approximately 7/10 residents, facing chronic illness and disease, as well as, their caretakers and community.

President Schomaker invited Music in the Park every Thursday from 7pm to 9pm at the Lehrter/JC Park stage. He thanked Bill & Jeannie Brendel for organizing Music in the Park and noted increased crowd size from previous years.

President Schomaker invited everyone to attend the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus on Thursday, June 17 at Lehrter/JC Park.

President Schomaker invited everyone to the Albers Blast-Off Parade & Fireworks! on Saturday, July 03, and reminded residents to please donate to the fireworks show.

President Schomaker announced all 'Healthcare Heroes' as this year's Albers Blast-Off Parade Grand Marshals. 'Healthcare Heroes' Jen Albers, Blake Deimeke, Austin Hilmes, Ken Hilmes, Maggie Peters, Wanda Strubhart, Kevin Templin, Paulette Templin, Donna Timmermann and Marilyn Venhaus accepted the announcement on behalf of all 'Healthcare Heroes' before the meeting. Commercial Club Officers Brenda Kassen, Al Loepker and Deb Schomaker were also in attendance for the announcement. All 'Healthcare Heroes' are invited to ride on the Grand Marshal floats leading the Albers Blast-Off Parade on Saturday, July 03.

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