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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON August 09, 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 everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of fallen Officer Brian Pierce of the Brooklyn Police Department and Officer Ella French of the Chicago Police Department, both of whom sacrificed their lives in the line of duty this past week.

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

President Schomaker recognized Adam and Noah Wilson for their service in the U.S. Army. Dale Huegen, American Legion Post #1026 Commander, with President Schomaker, presented military recognition signs to Mike & Rachel Wilson, parents of Adam and Noah, to be prominently displayed on Commercial Street. Military recognition signs are provided by the Village of Albers and American Legion Post #1026 to all serving our military who call Albers home.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Meeting held on July 12, 2021.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann 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, Zoning Administrator Brendel, and Attorney Terry Bruckert were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert and Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann were absent; their absences were excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Mike & Rachel Wilson were in attendance to accept military recognition signs for their sons. Dale Huegen, American Legion Post #1026 Commander was in attendance for the military sign presentation. Kristen Behrman was in attendance to announce the upcoming CHD (Congenital Heart Defects) 5k Heart Warrior Color Run/Walk & 1M Fun Run on Sunday, September 19 at Lehrter/JC

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

Park. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn presented the Pre-Annexation Agreement between the Village of Albers and KMJK (Mike Kniepman), annexing a parcel of approximately 10 acres to be developed as a single-family home subdivision on Court Road. The agreement requires KMJK, the developer, to comply with all Village ordinances and requirements. Attorney Bruckert noted that President Schomaker will be included in the vote because a super majority of corporate authorities is required. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve the Pre-Annexation Agreement between the Village of Albers and KMJK (Mike Kniepman). Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 7 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Schwierjohn noted no updates were available on the drainage ordinance.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel one accessory use permit at 701 Del Ray Drive in July.

Kenow inquired on a possible new construction between Albers and Germantown, asking Administrator Brendel to verify if the property falls within the Village of Albers Comprehensive Plan.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to update the Board on speed signs. Chief noted that the solar monitors on the south radar signs are not properly operating and new parts are expected to arrive within a week. He noted the wrong parts were initially sent, delaying the repairs.

Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to present the License Plate Reader (LPR) and stand-alone camera proposals. Chief Vielweber referred the Board to quotes provided by Utilitra for camera purchase and installation. He noted that the LPR cameras will be monitored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and agreements will be required between the Village of Albers and that agency when the cameras are installed. The Board discussed the camera installation and operation, directing Chief Vielweber to further research specific concerns of internet access and pricing. The purchase will be discussed at the upcoming committee meeting with possible vote at the September meeting.

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

President Schomaker asked Chief Vielweber to update the Board on the recent enclosed trailer theft. Chief Vielweber reported that the suspect has been found and is currently in custody. Chief commended area sheriff departments, the Auto Theft Task Force and numerous local police departments for working together to solve the case. He also thanked the Albers residents who came forward offering private surveillance video and information.

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

McDermid presented the invoices to the Board for review, totaling \$45,943.24. Kenow noted the \$3,798.00 payment on the Water & Sewer Committee from MidCo Diving & Marine Services for the recent water tower inspection.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve payment of invoices totaling \$45,943.24. Kenow 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. Timmermann seconded the

motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer noted interest from residents on installing a dog park in the Village. He asked the Board to consider the request and make any suggestions. The dog park will be discussed at the upcoming committee meeting.

Athmer updated the Board that the 'Welcome to Albers' sign may be replaced. Administrator Brendel will be asked to help design new sign(s), ideas and comments are welcome.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann presented Ordinance #590-08092021, accepting a portion of East Railroad Street. The ordinance extends the east end of East Railroad Street to property owned by Kyle Laux, owner of Laux Sheet Metal & HVAC. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve Ordinance #590-08092021, accepting a portion of East Railroad Street. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried. Timmermann directed Clerk Morris to record the ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk.

Timmermann noted improvements to Opossum Lane are being considered and agreements between both property owners have been reached. He stated that the Village attorney has been asked to draft a plan addressing the Village accepting property on Opossum Lane to improve access and alleviate water drainage issues. Attorney Bruckert noted ordinances will be required for each of the included properties and quit claim deeds to be signed by both property owners for the Village of accept the property. The ordinances are expected to be complete for the September meeting.

Timmermann asked President Schomaker to update the Board on the retention pond at Park Avenue and Cottonwood Drive, owned by the Village of Albers. President Schomaker stated that he will be meeting with Brian Buchheit of HMG Engineers in the upcoming week to review how best to maintain and improve the retention pond. Recommendations will be discussed at the upcoming committee meeting.

Timmermann asked President Schomaker to report on the County Road #8 sidewalk extension. President Schomaker updated the Board on his recent conversations with representatives of the Clinton County Highway Department, who agree to tile and fill the ditch between Susan Drive to Court Road on the west side of County Road #8 with the Village will be responsible for providing the fill dirt for the project. Attorney Bruckert stated an intergovernmental agreement will be required for the project between the Village and Clinton County Highway Department.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves noted his mosquito spraying certification expired and he will be renewing as soon as classes are available.

Superintendent Rolves updated the Board on a recent conversation with Kyle Laux of Laux HVAC & Sheet Metal. Mr. Laux addressed alleviating water issues on his property by digging out around the fence by his business. Timmermann stated the topic will be discussed at the upcoming committee meeting and Mr. Laux will be contacted.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow noted the current contract with Waste Management expires in December. A contract extension proposal has been submitted and will be discussed at the upcoming committee meeting.

Kenow reported no updates are available on the dissolution of the Sanitary Sewer District. Procedures are being verified by the Sanitary Sewer District with attorneys; updates will be available at upcoming meetings. Attorney Bruckert stated that a public hearing will be required to dissolve the Sanitary Sewer District, transferring assets and jurisdiction to the Village, but no referendum is needed.

Kenow reported the computers and equipment ordered from CDW Computers are on backorder.

Kenow noted the hydrant use ordinance is being reviewed by committee and will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Kenow reported the discontinuation of 3G modems for the lift stations and subsequent water monitoring. Updates to the system is being discussed with Pedrotti with proposals to be available at upcoming meetings.

Kenow reported the Link to Site renewal is due and will be extended.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann was absent. Kenow reported +22.18% water gain for July, -1.68% water loss for the previous twelve months. Kenow noted that he will be addressing the fluctuations in water loss/gains with Superintendent Horstmann and may recommend calibrating the master meter in an attempt to resolve the issue.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker invited everyone to the final week of Music in the Park this Thursday from 7pm to 9pm at the Lehrter/JC Park stage.

President Schomaker invited everyone to the Albers Hootenanny on Sunday, September 05 at Lehrter/JC Park.

President Schomaker invited everyone to support the CHD 5k Heart Warrior Color Run/Walk & 1M Fun Run on Sunday, September 19 at Lehrter/JC Park. He asked the Board to consider sponsoring the event with a \$100 donation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate \$100.00 to the CHD 5k Heart Warrior Color Run/Walk & 1M Fun Run from the Tourism Fund. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a \$100.00 hole sponsorship to the Clinton County Crimestoppers Annual Golf Tournament.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to donate \$100.00 to the Clinton County Crimestoppers Annual Golf Tournament from the Tourism Fund. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to adjourn the meeting. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk