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

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON September 13, 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 members of the United States military and our allies who lost their lives in Afghanistan.

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

President Schomaker recognized Roberto Macias for his service in the Air National Guard with a military recognition sign 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 and who call Albers home. Roberto, with his wife Kelly, were in attendance to receive the sign.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Meeting held on August 09, 2021.

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

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from Public Hearing held on August 09, 2021.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. Kenow asked to add "Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvements - Project Planning - Discussion / Vote" to the Water & Sewer Committee. Athmer asked to remove "Blackboard Connect Contract Renewal - Discussion / Vote" from the Improvements / Park Committee, as the renewal will be handled as a recurring invoice with no vote required.

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, Chief Vielweber, Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves, Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann, and Attorney Terry Bruckert were in attendance.

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

Treasurer Hubert and Zoning Administrator Brendel were absent, their absences were excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Roberto & Kelly Macias were in attendance to receive a military recognition sign; Shelley Kenow and Andres Irizzary were in attendance to promote Mental Health Awareness Days; Austyn Jansen and Elissa Ottenschneider, Central High School students, were in attendance to observe per a class requirement and Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

President Schomaker presented the Mental Health Awareness Days Proclamation for October 01-03, 2021. The proclamation outlines the need for increasing mental health awareness and the serious impact of mental health issues on our community. The 4th Annual Mental Health Awareness & Memorial Walk, in memory of Sydney Irizzary, is being held at Lehrter/JC Park on Friday, October 01, benefiting the 'Swing for Sydney Foundation'.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the Mental Health Awareness Days Proclamation. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn is reviewing the drainage ordinance and considering how best to address the issue. He will be discussing at the upcoming committee meeting.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel was absent. Nothing was presented

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to update the Board on speed signs. Chief noted that the signs are being recalibrated and serviced to ensure accuracy. He will report improvements at upcoming meetings.

Behrmann presented camera purchase quotes to the Board. The purchase includes stand-alone cameras on Village property and License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras at the village limits. The LPR camera data will be maintained through the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Exact locations of the stand-alone cameras are being evaluated and may include the school, church and/or maintenance shed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the purchase of LPR and stand-alone cameras at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker thanked Brian & Erin Engelmann for promptly trimming trees on their property to better facilitate the speed sign on North Commercial Street.

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

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

The Board reviewed invoices totaling \$42,154.61.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$42,154.61. 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. Athmer 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' signs may be replaced. Administrator Brendel will be asked to help design new sign(s), ideas and comments are welcome.

Athmer updated the Board of termites and other concerns at the Lehrter/JC Park stage. Tearing out concrete, termite extermination, replacing bathroom privacy panels and removing standing water in the area will need to be addressed to restore the structure; costing approximately \$20,000. The Board discussed the issue. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to approve expenses up to \$20,000.00 for termite extermination and necessary repairs to the Lehrter/JC Park Stage. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann presented Ordinances #591-09132021 and #592-09132021, accepting property on Opossum Lane from Stephen & Brenda Lehr and Ron & Cara Kehder, improving access and alleviate water drainage issues. Special warranty deeds will also be signed by property owners, finalizing the agreement between the Lehr's and Kehder's. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve Ordinance #591-09132021, accepting a portion of Opossum Lane from Stephen & Brenda Lehr. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried. Timmermann directed Clerk Morris to record the ordinance and special warranty deed with the Clinton County Clerk.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve Ordinance #592-09132021, accepting a portion of Opossum Lane from Ron & Cara Kehder. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried. Timmermann directed Clerk Morris to record the ordinance and special warranty deed with the Clinton County Clerk.

Timmermann updated the Board on the retention pond at Park Avenue and Cottonwood Drive, owned by the Village of Albers. He presented the Park Avenue Retention Basin Evaluation from HMG Engineers outlining the proposed engineering services for correcting the project, totaling \$7,225.00. The Board reviewed the proposal. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to accept the proposed Park Avenue Retention Basin Evaluation from HMG Engineers, not to exceed \$7,225.00. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; 1 - abstain; motion carried.

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 being 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.

Timmermann presented an invoice from Engelmann Concrete Construction, Inc., adding \$800.00 to the previously approved Debra Drive curbing project. The additional \$800.00 includes the removal and replacement of concrete at 206 Debra Drive, not included in the initial approval. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann approve an \$800.00 payment to Engelmann Concrete Construction, Inc. for additional work at 206 Debra Drive. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves reported street oiling is complete and went well. President Schomaker thanked Superintendent Rolves for his great work on completing the project. Superintendent Rolves updated the Board that streets will be swept in the upcoming 5-6 weeks.

Superintendent Rolves updated the Board that he will be working with Chief Vielweber on repainting the crosswalks at the intersection of Commercial Street and State Route 161 and other high traffic roadways.

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 presented Resolution #09132021, dissolving the Albers Sanitary Sewer District. Attorney Bruckert updated the Board that the Sanitary Sewer District and its representatives will file the required information with the court and dissolve the district in a timely manner.
A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow approve Resolution #09132021 dissolving the Albers Sanitary Sewer District. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Kenow reported the computer and equipment ordered from CDW Computer is in transit.

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. The updates are operations and will not require a formal vote.

Kenow reported the Link to Site renewal is due and will be extended to 4G or 5G, as required.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported -6.40% water loss for August, -1.49% water loss for the previous twelve months.

Superintendent Horstmann reported three lift pumps were replaced.

Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board hydrant flushing is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, September 16-17.

President Schomaker presented a Professional Services Agreement with HMG Engineers, Inc., outlining Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvements - Project Planning to the Board for review. The agreement includes grant writing, evaluation and future planning for an improved wastewater treatment plant; with fees totaling \$64,000.00. The current wastewater treatment system has not been addressed for forty years and will soon need improvements.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvements - Project Planning with HMG Engineers, Inc. for \$64,000.00. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; 1 - abstain; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a \$100.00 donation to the Mental Health Awareness & Memory Walk, benefiting the 'Swing for Sydney' Foundation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate \$100.00 to the 'Swing for Sydney' Foundation, 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 donation to Tee'd Off with ALS Golf Scramble, benefiting the Lyle Rakers Charitable Foundation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate \$100.00 to the Lyle Rakers Charitable Foundation, from the Tourism Fund. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker thanked everyone for supporting the 2021 Albers Hootenanny held on Sunday, September 05. The event was a great success, thanks to great community involvement.

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