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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 December 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.

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

President Schomaker presented military recognition signs to Joseph Gatons and Justin Steiger. Mr. Gatons received the sign with his wife, Morgan, and children Kam, Anna and Dax. Mr. Steiger received the sign with his wife, Nikki, and daughters Paislee and Brooke.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Meeting held on November 08, 2021.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid 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 Kenow 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, Zoning Administrator Brendel and Attorney Terry Bruckert were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert was absent, her absence was excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Joseph & Morgan, Kam, Anna, and Dax Gatons and Justin & Nikki, Paislee and Brooke Steiger were in attendance to receive military recognition signs. Brandon Ratermann of HMG Engineers, Inc. was in attendance to discuss drainage issues at State Route 161 and East Railroad Street. Central High School students Brandon Ratermann, Aidan Sobieralski, Ethan Wilmot and Joe Windmiller were in attendance to observe per class requirement. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board that the draft drainage ordinance

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



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is currently under review by Oates Associates, Inc.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel noted one accessory permit was granted in November, for \$25.00.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann had nothing to report.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the required firearms training for the Albers Police Department is complete, with all officers receiving the training.

Chief Vielweber reported the recent Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) audit and the Albers Police Department in full compliance.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that citations have been issued for ordinance violations at 316 S. Commercial Street. Attorney Bruckert stated the importance of enforcing the ordinances to maintain order in the Village and that a lien may be placed on the property if necessary. He noted a 30-day response from the renter and/or property owner as the usual timeline before pursuing court actions for ordinance violations.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented committee reports to the Trustees.

The Board reviewed invoices totaling \$51,897.16.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$51,897.16. 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. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer noted improvements to the JC Hall retention wall are being reviewed with plans to be presented to the Board as they are available. Administrator Brendel will be submitting plans and accepting bids for the project.

Athmer updated the Board that welcome signs are being drafted by Jeannie Brendel, and will be available for review at an upcoming meeting.

Athmer updated the Board that landscaping at Village Hall has been completed by Boeckmann Landscaping.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that the designated trees at Lehrter/JC Park and Opossum Lane have been cut down with stumps to be received within the upcoming weeks.

Timmermann presented a proposed task order from HMG Engineers, Inc. addressing drainage improvements at State Route 161 and East Railroad Street, the Board discussed the proposal with Brandon Ratermann of HMG Engineers, Inc. Mr. Ratermann stated that HMG Engineers, Inc. will be working with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and other State agencies as required to properly complete the project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann accept the proposed task order agreement from HMG Engineers, Inc. addressing drainage improvements at State Route 161 and East Railroad Street, not to exceed \$7,400.00. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 1 - abstain; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Timmermann asked President Schomaker to update the Board on the County Road #8 sidewalk extension

north of Debra Drive to Court Road. President Schomaker reported Clinton County engineers are completing the studies for the sidewalk.

Timmermann reported the damaged curbing on North Broadway Street from two recently razed homes has been filled in with no action required by the Village of Albers.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves reported cleaning leaves from streets and Village property as the season dictates.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow asked Attorney Bruckert to address the Board concerning the Sanitary Sewer District. Attorney Bruckert updated the Board about hearing scheduled on Tuesday, December 14, to address dissolving the district and will have information at the upcoming meeting.

Kenow reported the computer and equipment ordered from CDW Computer is in transit. He is researching alternative vendors to provide new computer and equipment.

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

Kenow noted that new sources are being researched for upgrades in modems, as the current 3G modems are being discontinued. A meeting is being planned with HMG Engineers, Inc. to discuss the upgrades.

Kenow asked to remove LinktoSite Renewal from the agenda.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported -2.46% water loss for November, -1.16% water loss for the previous twelve months.

Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board of issues with the lift station at Rosewood Drive and that the pump has been pulled seven times since July. He is researching updates to the lift station and using solid-state pumps versus the current grinder pumps. An annual preventative maintenance program will be discussed to properly maintain the lift station.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker ask the Board to consider a donation to the Clinton County Vietnam Veteran's.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to donate \$150.00 to the Clinton County Vietnam Veteran's from the Tourism Fund. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker ask the Board to consider a donation to the Community Link in response to a requesting support.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$100.00 to the Community Link 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 Schwierjohn to adjourn the meeting. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk