

# Village of Albers

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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 February 14, 2022.

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 Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2022.

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, Zoning Administrator Brendel and Attorney Terry Bruckert were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert was absent, her absence was excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Deb Clark, resident and Metro-East Diaper Bank officer, was in attendance to promote the 2022 Diaper Drive and accept a donation from the Village of Albers. Brian Buchheit of HMG Engineers, Inc., was in attendance to discuss the waste water treatment plant. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow invited Brian Buchheit of HMG Engineers, Inc., to address the Board concerning proposed improvements to the waste water treatment plant. Mr. Buchheit outlined a plan for improving the plant by installing micro-bubble aerators to improve efficiency of the plant and avoiding mechanical sludge removal. The proposed cost of the improvement is approximately \$85,000.00 with additional costs for installing auxiliary supports for the aerators. Superintendent Horstmann agreed to implementing the improvements and agreed with Mr. Buchheit's recommendation. The Board discussed the proposal with Mr. Buchheit.

*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*



A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the purchase and installation of micro-bubble aerators outlined in the proposal by HMG Engineers, not to exceed \$95,000.00. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

Kenow updated the Board that the current contract with Certop, Inc., expires in April. The updated contract will be discussed at the upcoming Committee Meeting.

Kenow noted the Sanitary Sewer District has been dissolved, with no further action to be taken. All assets, including certificates of deposit, will be transferred to the Village of Albers.

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

Kenow reported the computer ordered has not yet been received.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported -.79% water loss for January, -.96% water loss for the previous twelve months.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board of the upcoming Planning Commission Meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022, to discuss the proposed Heckenkemper Heritage Subdivision.

Schwierjohn updated the Board that the draft drainage ordinance is currently under review by Oates Associates, Inc.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel noted one accessory and one new home permit was issued in January.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to address the Board concerning police officer wages. Chief Vielweber updated the Board that current police officer wages of \$18.00/hour are relatively low compared to local departments of comparable size. He asked the Board to consider increasing police officer hourly wages as of May 01, for the next three years at +\$1.50/hour in 2022, +\$1.50/hour in 2023 and +\$1.00 in 2024. The Board discussed the proposal. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to approve increasing police officer hourly wages as of May 01, for the next three years per the following rates of +\$1.50/hour in 2022, +\$1.50/hour in 2023 and +\$1.00 in 2024, was discussed. 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.

Dave Wellen, resident, asked Chief Vielweber about updates on the previously approved License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras. Chief Vielweber is working with State to retain permits from Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and schedule installation.

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

McDermid presented the draft Appropriations Ordinance to the Board, asking the Board to contact him with any updates. The ordinance will be presented at the April meeting for vote and approval.

The Board reviewed invoices totaling \$71,321.40.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$71,321.40. Behrmann 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.

McDermid discussed the upcoming expiration date of \$100,000.00 currently held certificate of deposit with the Board. It was decided to cashing it in at expiration.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer had nothing to report.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that he will be speaking with Kyle Laux, owner of Laux HVAC & Sheet Metal, concerning cleaning out the ditch on East Railroad Street. He will be updating the Board after speaking with Mr. Laux.

Timmermann updated the Board on the State Route 161/East Railroad Street culvert project. HMG Engineers will be managing the project and reporting all updates as the project proceeds.

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.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider updated methods of leaf clean-up within the Village, with the topic to be discussed at the upcoming Committee Meeting.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves reported salt spreader has been repaired and all streets are clear of snow.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker reminded everyone of the 2022 Metro-East Diaper Bank Drive in the Village of Albers and asked everyone to generously support this very worthy organization. He also asked the Board to consider a \$100.00 donation to the Metro-East Diaper Bank. Deb Clark, resident and Metro-East Diaper Bank officer, was in attendance to promote the 2022 Diaper Drive and accept the donation from the Village of Albers.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate \$100.00 to the Metro-East Diaper Bank from the Tourism Fund. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker invited everyone to the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the Albers Elementary School Booster Club on Friday, February 18, at Albers Elementary School.

President Schomaker invited everyone to the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner co-hosted by American Legion Post #1026 and Knight of Columbus Council #9768 on Thursday, February 24, at American Legion Post #1026.

President Schomaker invited everyone to support the upcoming fish fry hosted by the Friends of the Cougars on Ash Wednesday, March 02, and every Friday during Lent at American Legion Post #1026.

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*