

# Village of Albers

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## MINUTES OF MEETING #2 - Opening Fiscal Year 2023 OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON May 09, 2022.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Steve Schomaker called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the agenda as presented. Schwierjohn 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, Attorney Terry Bruckert and Zoning Administrator Brendel were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert was absent, her absence was excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Chad Leitch of BBL Attorneys at Law, was in attendance to observe. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: President Schomaker announced committee assignments for the upcoming fiscal year.

Finance / Ordinance Committee - McDermid, Chairman, with Behrmann and Timmermann as members.  
Improvements / Park Committee - Athmer, Chairman, with McDermid and Schwierjohn as members.  
Police / Disaster Response Committee - Behrmann, Chairman, with Kenow and Timmermann as members.  
Streets & Lighting Committee - Timmermann, Chairman, with Athmer and Kenow as members.  
Water & Sewer Committee - Kenow, Chairman, with Behrmann and Schwierjohn as members.  
Zoning / Grants Committee - Schwierjohn, Chairman, with Athmer and McDermid as members

President Schomaker thanked all the Trustees for serving and their commitment to serving all Albers residents.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann had

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*Eric Rolves - Streets & Lighting Superintendent*

*Jeannie Brendel - Zoning Administrator*

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nothing to report.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn had nothing to report.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel had nothing to report.

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

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber had nothing to report.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy Hubert, Treasurer: Treasurer Hubert was absent, her absence was excused. McDermid had nothing to report on behalf of Treasurer Hubert.

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

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann had nothing to report.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves had nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business was presented.

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.

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## MINUTES OF MEETING #1 Closing Fiscal Year 2022 OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON May 09, 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 April 11, 2022.

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 remove Sod at Lehrter/JC Park - Discussion / Vote, from the Improvements/Park Committee.

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

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Brandon Ratermann of HMG Engineers, was in attendance to discuss ongoing projects. Chad Leitch of BBL Attorneys at Law, was in attendance to observe. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann asked Brandon Ratermann of HMG Engineers to administer the bid opening for the culvert project on State Route 161. Mr. Ratermann noted that one bid was received from Haier Plumbing for the posted culvert project on State Route 161. The bid was opened by Timmermann, announcing the bid of \$39,965.00. Mr. Ratermann stated that HMG Engineers would be contacting Haier Plumbing to discuss the bid to negotiate terms.

Timmermann presented a professional services agreement from HMG Engineers for Park Avenue Detention

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Basin Improvements. The Board reviewed the agreement and discussed the issue.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to the professional service agreement with HMG Engineers for Park Avenue Detention Basin Improvements. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; 1- abstain; motion carried.

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 asked President Schomaker to update the Board on the County Road #8 sidewalk extension north of Debra Drive to Court Road. President Schomaker reported the culverts are currently being installed for the sidewalk project.

Timmermann updated the Board that the Clinton County Highway Department is working on the curves north of Albers on County Road #8 and will be delivering excess dirt from the project to the Village of Albers.

Timmermann asked President Schomaker to report yard waste removal options. President Schomaker updated the Board of a recent meeting with Joe Ottenschnieder concerning removal of yard waste at the sewer pond. Mr. Ottenschnieder offered to pick up two truckloads of yard waste per year from the designated areas by the sewer pond for \$500/year, to be paid every December. Superintendent Rolves agreed to load the trucks for Mr. Ottenschnieder and continue delivering yard waste from the designated area at Lehrter/JC Park to the sewer pond.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to pay Joe Ottenschnieder \$500 every December for yard waste removal at the sewer pond. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves reported that grass mowing season has begun and he is working hard to keep Albers looking nice.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow presented the hydrant use ordinance for first review, the Board reviewed the updated to current policy.

Kenow reported the computer ordered has not yet been received.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported -17.45% water loss for April, -4.29% water loss for the previous twelve months. Superintendent Horstmann noted that water usage is currently being estimated due to a malfunctioning meter, resulting in a higher-than-average water loss.

Superintendent Horstmann reported that the installation of small bubbler aerators at the sewer plant is complete and working well. He noted that 30-45 days or more may be needed to allow oxygenation to fully return to the pond.

Superintendent Horstmann reported recent concerns of possible mine subsidence issues west of Albers. One home west of Albers on State Route 161 has sunk approximately 2'-3' and water services have been shut-off to the home. Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board that the line is being monitored daily by a water operator to observe any changes to the line.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn had nothing to report.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel reported 1 accessory permit for March and 3 accessory permits for April.

Administrator Brendel updated the Board that she will be researching if an updated Comprehensive Plan may be needed.

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

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

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the Albers Police Department is participating in the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) National Take Back Program. Prescription drugs may be dropped off at Albers Village Hall for proper disposal per the program.

Chief Vielweber noted an increase in animals-at-large complaints. He asked anyone needing to report unattended animals to call Clinton County Animal Control at 618-594-4483, because there are no facilities to house and care for animals in the Village of Albers.

Chief Vielweber noted that the current alternative vehicle permits have been distributed.

Chief Vielweber reported recently attending crisis intervention training. President Schomaker thanked Chief Vielweber for his service and willingness to serve as a crisis intervention officer.

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

The Board reviewed invoices totaling \$38,651.26.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$38,651.26. 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. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer updated the Board that designs for the JC Hall retaining wall are being developed. He is searching for an architect to help develop drawings and scope of work for the project.

Chief Vielweber noted that Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and AmerenIL have approved the installation of cameras on Commercial Street with final approval to be granted by the Clinton County Board in the upcoming month.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker announced the annual Spring Yard Sales, held on the second Saturday in May, will be Saturday, May 14.

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*