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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 November 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.

MILITARY RECOGNITION: President Schomaker presented a military recognition sign to Nolan J. Winkeler, serving in the US Army National Guard. Brian and Angie Winkeler, Nolan’s parents, were in also in attendance. On behalf of the residents of Albers, President Schomaker thanked Nolan for his service.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Meeting held on October 10, 2022.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. Schwierjohn asked to amend the Zoning Committee to “Knipemann Subdivision Preliminary Plat – Discussion” and President Schomaker asked to add “Storm Sewer Maps - Discussion” to Streets & Lighting.

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

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Nolan Winkeler with his parents, Brian and Angie Winkeler were in attendance to receive Nolan’s military recognition sign. Dave Wellen; resident, was in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board on the submitted letter of credit for \$580,000.00 on behalf of Rose-Charles Subdivision from FCB Banks. President Schomaker noted that a verbal approval of the letter was given by Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineers. Schwierjohn voiced

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



concerns that the amount of credit may not cover the liability of the Village if needed to cover expenses. The Board discussed the subdivision, requesting that the specific phases of development be included in the final plat. Zoning Administrator Brendel was asked to contact Dennis Holtmann, Rose-Charles Subdivision developer, requesting clarification of the phases of the subdivision and that the phases be included on the final plat. Approval of the letter of credit be moved to the upcoming meeting for further discussion and approval.

Schwierjohn notified the Board that the Planning Commission Meeting reviewed the Kniepmann Subdivision Preliminary Plat at a recent meeting. A list of comments, including setbacks and easement requirements, will be given to the developer prior to the final plat review with compliance of Village requirements before final plat approval and Planning Commission review.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel reported the following permits were issued for October 2022, totaling \$525.00 – 1 preliminary plat permit for Kniepmann Subdivision at \$500.00 and one accessory permit at \$25.00.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board on the storm sewer repair at the intersection of East Dwight Street and State Route 161. The electric drop box in the street was damaged due to improper placement of the drop box. Hair Plumbing repaired the damage, which was approved as an emergency project, with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and AmerenIL completing the project. The Village will be submitting a damage claim to AmerenIL to reimburse expenses for the damage after the project is complete.

Timmermann reported the Parkview Manor retention pond project is almost complete. Kassen Excavating is finishing the project in the upcoming weeks.

Timmermann reported the storm sewer replacement at Pin Oak Drive is scheduled to begin soon.

Timmermann reported the handrail installation is not yet complete on the State Route 161 Culvert Project, but he will keep the Board updated on the installation.

Timmermann reported three breaks in the storm sewer at Lehrter/JC Park were repaired by Kassen Excavating for a total cost of \$2,500. The project was a maintenance repair, not requiring Board approval.

Timmermann asked President Schomaker to update the Board on the County Road #8 sidewalk extension north of Debra Drive to Court Road. The project has started and is progressing.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves was absent, his absence was excused.

President Schomaker thanked Superintendent Rolves for snow removal after the surprise 8” snowfall on Saturday, November 12.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow updated the Board that Clearwave Communications contacted the Village of Albers concerning installation of fiber-optics within village-limits. He is waiting for Clearwave Communications to return his inquiries on the installation and expecting engineering plans from the company before installation is approved.

Kenow presented Ordinance #599-14112022, amending water and sewer rates for final review and vote. He stated that current rates, which have not increased since 2016, are being increased to better align with current costs. Rate increases will be effective January 01, 2023 and will be included on statements mailed to residents on February 01, 2023.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve Ordinance #599-14112022, amending water and sewer

rates. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported -1.43% water loss for October, -8.86% water loss for the previous twelve months.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to update the Board on security cameras. Chief Vielweber noted that the License Plate Readers (LPR) are in place and will soon be ready to use. He also noted installation of the cameras at Lehrter/JC Park and maintenance shed are held up pending installing reliable internet connections. Chief Vielweber is working with Verizon to complete both projects and expects cameras to be operational within the upcoming weeks.

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

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the new squad truck is expected to arrive within the upcoming 10 months. He also noted accessories and equipment are arriving to be installed on the truck when it arrives.

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

McDermid updated the Board on the recent electrical aggregation bids presented by Good Energy. He noted that letters will be forthcoming to residents announcing that we are continuing our municipal electricity aggregation program with a new supplier, Constellation NewEnergy. Our primary goal is always to protect our residents from rising electrical supply rates. Since June 2019, Albers residents and small businesses have been receiving fixed rates of 4.29 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) versus the AmerenIL market rate currently at 12.236 cents per kWh. This equates to an average household savings of over \$50 per month, with larger households and businesses saving considerably more. Our current contract with Homefield Energy ends December 2022 and we have secured a fixed rate of 12.10 cents per kWh contract with Constellation NewEnergy for a 22-month term beginning February 2023 through December 2024. To provide you the lowest long-term rate, there will be a two month gap until our contract begins with Constellation NewEnergy. The gap between the two contracts will be filled by AmerenIL as our supplier. The process will be as follows:

Supplier	Dates	Rates per kWh	Action from Residents
Homefield Energy	Contract Ends December 2022.	4.29 cents	NO ACTION REQUIRED
AmerenIL	December 2022 – February 2023	Current Market Rate 12.236 cents	NO ACTION REQUIRED
Constellation NewEnergy	February 2023 – December 2024	12.10 cents	NO ACTION REQUIRED

Over the next 90 days you will be receiving two letters from AmerenIL and one letter from Constellation NewEnergy.

- Letter from AmerenIL – Notifying you that Homefield Energy contract will end December 2022.
NO ACTION REQUIRED BY RESIDENTS.
- Letter from AmerenIL – Stating they are the new provider beginning January 2023 until February 2023.
NO ACTION REQUIRED BY RESIDENTS.
- Letter from Constellation NewEnergy – Notifying you that Constellation New Energy will be our new provider beginning February 2023 to December 2024.
NO ACTION REQUIRED BY RESIDENTS.

McDermid noted that a complete listing of electric suppliers has been requested by the Village for follow-up. Any residents not currently opting-in the Village electrical aggregation program will be contacted to ensure they understand the details of the program.

McDermid updated the Board on ambulance services provided through Special Service Area #8 (SSA #8).

He noted that all entities served by the ambulance service; including Albers, Damiansville, Lookingglass Township and New Baden are working together to revise current operations of the district; transferring district control from New Baden to a formal ambulance district. A recent meeting was attended by McDermid and President Schomaker to discuss the reorganization. A memorandum provided by attorneys Bruckert, Behme & Long, P.C., concerning organizing a new ambulance district was reviewed by the Board. McDermid added that he is looking forward to continuing the partnership with neighboring entities and serving Albers residents in providing the best possible ambulance service.

McDermid presented Ordinance #598-14112022, Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Levy, for final review and vote. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid approve Ordinance #598-14112022, Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Levy. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried. McDermid directed Clerk Morris to file the ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk.

The Board reviewed invoices totaling \$95,752.15.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$95,752.15 plus all monthly statement not yet received. 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. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer noted that Administrator Brendel presented preliminary improvement plans on JC Hall from Brendel Architects. Athmer will be working with Administrator Brendel on revisions to the improvement plans and proceeding on the project.

Athmer reported the cameras at the maintenance shed have been received but are not yet operational. He noted a delay in Wi-Fi/cellular services being installed with Verizon.

Athmer updated the Board that the recent insect issues at JC Building have been resolved by Affordable Termite & Pest Control.

Athmer asked the Board to consider paying \$4,000.00 of the total \$9,000.00 cost to paint and seal the bathroom and concessions floors at the Lehrter/JC Park. The Board discussed the project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to pay \$4,000.00 to the project painting and sealing the bathrooms and concessions floors at the Lehrter/JC Park, to be paid as a Special Projects under Improvements.

Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

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.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk