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

PRESIDENT, Steve Schomaker

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Kent Schwierjohn

Jeff Timmermann

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON January 09, 2023

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. Behrmann was present via phone.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Meeting held on December 12, 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 amended. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Abigail Crosby and Camryn Hall, Central High School students, were in attendance to observe a class requirement. Dennis Holtmann and JoAnn Netemeyer and Dave Wellen were in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn presented Phase 1 of the final plat for lots 1-21 of the Rose-Charles Subdivision. Subdivision covenants and letter of credit were also presented with the final plat. The Board reviewed and discussed the final plat, letter of credit and covenants.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve Phase 1 of the final plat for lots 1-21 of the Rose Charles Subdivision with approved letter of credit and submitted covenants. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 1 – nay; motion carried.

Schwierjohn noted there were no updates to the Kniepmann Subdivision. Administrator Brendel added that comments concerning the subdivision were submitted to Netemeyer Engineering, subdivision engineer,

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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concerning the development and the Village is waiting for updates. Schwierjohn asked that the topic be removed from upcoming agendas until updates are available.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel reported no permits were granted in December. \$525.00 was received for the quarter (October – December) including one preliminary plat and one accessory permit being granted.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann reported a claim has been submitted to AmerenIL to help off-set costs of the project caused by the incorrectly placed street light pole interfering with storm sewer drainage at the intersection of East Dwight Street / State Route 161. Timmermann will be update the Board on the claim status as AmerenIL responds to the claim.

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

Timmermann reported the handrail installation on the State Route 161 Culvert Project is complete.

Timmermann asked President Schomaker to update the Board on the County Road #8 sidewalk extension north of Debra Drive to Court Road. President Schomaker noted that an agreement between the Village of Albers and Clinton County has been submitted to the Clinton County Board with approval expected in January.

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

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 noted that issues from neighboring communities with the installation have been reported and are being addressed with Clearwave Communications. Kenow stated that a formal engineering plan and letter of credit will be required by Clearwave Communications if/when negotiations with the Village of Albers begin.

Kenow reminded everyone that water and sewer rates will increase as of January 01, 2023, per the recently approved Ordinance #599-14112022. Rate increases will be reflected on February 2023 statements.

Kenow updated the Board that the uninterruptable power supply (UPS) has been received and will be installed by Kohrmann Electric as scheduling allows.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann was absent, his absence was excused. Kenow reported -15.44% water loss for December, -10.11% 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 stated the cameras are on backorder and will be installed as soon as they are received, expected to be no later than the end of the month.

Chief Vielweber noted that the License Plate Readers (LPR) are in place and fully operational. The required agreement with the Village of Albers and Illinois State Police has been signed and is enforceable.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board on the installation of a beacon at the intersection of State Route 161 / Commercial Street. An agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Village of Albers is being reviewed and will be available for approval at the upcoming meeting.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that reimbursement for expenses incurred by the recent train derailment have been received from Norfolk Southern and will be distributed to all involved parties.

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

President Schomaker thanked Chief Vielweber for his outstanding commitment to the Village of Albers and his professionalism ensuring the safety and security of all our residents.

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 we sent 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 by address has been received from AmerenIL for follow-up by the Village. All residents not currently opting-in the Village electrical aggregation program have been 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. Approval by the Clinton County Board granting the organization of an independent ambulance district will be discussed at the upcoming Clinton County Board meeting and a required referendum must be prepared for Lookingglass Township for the consolidation to proceed. McDermid added that he is looking forward to continuing the partnership with neighboring entities and serving Albers residents by providing the best possible ambulance service.

The Board reviewed invoices totaling \$71,826.21.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$71,826.21. 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 is revising 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.

President Schomaker thanked Rick & Kathy Engelmann for generously donating a new television for the JC Hall.

Athmer reported the cameras at the maintenance shed will be installed as soon as they are received.

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