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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 #1 – Closing Fiscal Year 2023

OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON May 08, 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.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Meeting held on April 10, 2023.

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. President Schomaker asked to add “Reunification Shelter – Discussion / Vote” to the Police & Disaster Response agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer 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, Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves and Attorney Terry Bruckert were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert was absent, her absence was excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Telecommunicator Jodi Nehrt, Clinton County Sheriff’s Office; Brian Engelman and Dave Wellen, residents, were in attendance to observe.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: President Schomaker and Chief Vielweber recognized the retirements of Telecommunicator Jodi Nehrt and Detective Todd Timmermann from the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office. On behalf of the residents of Albers, President Schomaker and Chief Vielweber thanked both retirees for their outstanding service to the residents of Albers by presenting plaques in honor of their tenure. Telecommunicator Nehrt was in attendance, Detective Timmermann will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer opened sealed bids from JT Build and Engelman Construction for renovations to the JC Hall. JT Build bid \$4247888 with options,

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



Engelmann Construction bid \$404,691.00 with options. Athmer noted that bids will be reviewed by the Improvements Committee with the bid to be awarded at the Special Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber update the Board concerning installation of a 4-way beacons at the State Route 161 / Commercial Street intersection. Chief Vielweber informed the Board that the beacons have been received and will be installed this week.

Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to update the Board on security cameras. Chief Vielweber stated the cameras have been installed and will be operational soon.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider recognizing American Legion Post #1026 as a Reunification/Shelter in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. The Board discussed the proposal. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to recognize American Legion Post #1026 as a Reunification/Shelter in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Police Chief's Report – Chief Brian Vielweber: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief Report.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that prominent “Solicitor Permits Required” have been erected at all entrances to Albers and asked all residents to be safe while interacting with anyone approaching their homes.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that active shooter training was recently conducted at Albers Elementary School. He noted that the faculty and staff were very engaged and everyone is committed to protecting our students.

Chief Vielweber asked the Board to consider purchasing updated radios for the Albers Police Department. He stated that the current radios will soon be obsolete, as Clinton County Sheriff's Office will be updating to a new county-wide system. Towers and telecommunications updates will be paid by Clinton County with individual radios to be paid by each municipality. Chief Vielweber noted that the purchase was included on the current budget and was an expected expense. The Board discussed the upgrade with Chief Vielweber. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to approve up to \$12,000.00 for the purchase of new radios for the Albers Police Department. The purchase includes 4 portable radios, 3 squad car radios, licensing and equipment. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried. Chief Vielweber thanked the Board for their constant support of the Albers Police Department.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the electronic speed signs on Commercial Street are both operational, with new sensors installed on the sign on North Commercial Street.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow presented the proposed agreement from TWM Engineering for overseeing the removal of sludge from the Village lagoon system for Board review. The Board discussed the proposal.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the proposed agreement from TWM Engineering for overseeing the removal of sludge from the Village lagoon system, at a cost of \$12,800.00. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Kenow updated the Board that he is waiting to be contacted by representatives of Clearwave Communications concerning installation of fiber-optics within village-limits. He noted that an engineering plan and bonds will be required if/when Clearwave Communications proposes installation in the Village of Albers.

Kenow updated the Board on the sewer ponds, noting oxygen levels are improving and water visibility is

clearing. He assured residents that efforts are continuing in clearing the sewer ponds and the Village understands the importance of properly maintaining the sewer ponds.

Kenow noted the leak on Albers Road was repaired March 18, 2023, with approximately 1.5 million gallons estimated to be lost due to the leak. A claim will be submitted to Exxon/Mobil Corporation, attributing the leak to mine subsidence.

Water & Sewer Superintendent – Chris Horstmann: Superintendent Horstmann reported 10.26% loss for April, with an average of 15.82% for the previous twelve months. The excessive water loss is partially traceable to the recent leak on Albers Road.

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

McDermid updated the Board that the most recent tax levy has been calculated by the Clinton County Clerk, with McDermid verifying accuracy and approving the final levy.

McDermid asked the Board to submit grant search items to him for research and review by Lexipol, recently retained to assist in grant writing opportunities for the Village of Albers.

McDermid updated the Board on ambulance services provided through Special Service Area #8 (SSA #8). He noted that all entities served by the ambulance district; 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. The required referendum was approved by Lookingglass Township, allowing the organization of the ambulance district 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 \$104,134.15

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$104,134.15. 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. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

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

President Schomaker updated the Board that Moran Economic Development is working on amending our current Enterprise Zone. The amendment will correct an error omitting one parcel from the Enterprise Zone, approved in 2014. The required public hearing was held and the process is proceeding. Passage of the amended Enterprise Zone is expected in August or September.

President Schomaker noted that the Kniepmann Subdivision on Court Road is on hold, pending guidance from the developer.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel noted four accessory permit was granted in April totaling \$100.00.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann asked President Schomaker to report on the reported a claim submitted for damages caused by an incorrectly installed street light pole interfering with storm sewer drainage at the intersection of East Dwight Street / State Route 161. President Schomaker noted that AmerenIL denied liability in the claim, directing further inquiries to JF Electric, one

of the contractors involved installing the street light pole. President Schomaker is addressing the claim with JF Electric and will update the Board as information becomes available.

Timmermann reported the storm sewer replacement at Pin Oak Drive is complete.

Timmermann updated the Board that the sidewalk extension agreement on North Commercial Street with Clinton County has been filed with the Clinton County Clerk's office. Updates will be reported as they become available.

President Schomaker announced repairs on the bridge on County Road #8 between Albers and Damiansville are being scheduled by the Clinton County Highway Department, work dates will be shared as soon as announced.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves updated the Board that grass mowing season is starting and he has been cleaning storm drains.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported -40.33% water loss for February, -14.77% water loss for the previous twelve months, noting that the higher than average water loss is due to recent water line breaks, which have been repaired. Superintendent Horstmann noted that he and his department are searching for more leaks contributing to the excessive water loss.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Schomaker read a thank you note from Toots Timmermann's family in recognition of after Toots' recent passing.

President Schomaker read thank you notes from Murray Center and Hoyelton Youth & Family Services for tickets donated for the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus recently held in Albers. Tickets are donated by individuals and organizations to ensure residents served by Community Link, Murray Center and Hoyelton Youth & Family Services may attend the circus.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: Schwierjohn invited everyone to the Scott Air Force Base (SAFB) air show the upcoming weekend.

President Schomaker reminded everyone of the yard sales in Albers and Damiansville Saturday, May 13.

President Schomaker invited everyone to the Mother's Day Breakfast at the Legion Sunday, May 14, from 8a.m.-11:30a.m.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING #2 – Opening Fiscal Year 2024
OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON May 08, 2023
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Steve Schomaker called the meeting to order at 7:40p.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 McDermid to approve the agenda as presented. Athmer 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, Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves and Attorney Terry Bruckert were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert was absent, her absence was excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Engelmann and Dave Wellen, residents, were in attendance to observe.

CANVASS AND STATEMENT OF RESULTS – CONSOLIDATED ELECTION – President Schomaker read the canvass and statement of results from Consolidated Election held on April 04, 2023.

Clerk Morris administered oaths of office to Trustees Athmer, Buhrmann and McDermid. President Schomaker thanked all the Trustees for their continued service to the Village of Albers.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – President Schomaker announced the following committee assignments: Improvements / Park – Athmer, Chairman with McDermid and Schwierjohn; Police / Disaster Response – Behrmann, Chairman with Kenow and Timmermann; Water & Sewer – Kenow, Chairman with Behrmann and Schwierjohn; Finance / Ordinance – McDermid with Behrmann and Timmermann; Zoning – Schwierjohn, Chairman with Athmer and McDermid; Streets & Lighting – Timmermann, Chairman with Athmer and Kenow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

Police Chief's Report – Chief Brian Vielweber: Chief Vielweber had nothing to report.

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

Water & Sewer Superintendent – Chris Horstmann: Superintendent Horstmann had nothing to report.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid reviewed financial reports for each committee for the new fiscal year.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy Hubert, Treasurer: Treasurer Hubert had 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.

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.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann had nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications was 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