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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 August 10, 2020.

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 minutes from the Regular Meeting from July 13, 2020, were reviewed.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. Athmer asked to add "Water Line at American Legion - Discussion / Vote" to Improvements & Park Committee, Schwierjohn asked to add "Drainage Code Updates Ordinance - First Reading" to Zoning Committee and President Schomaker asked to add "Crime Stoppers Hole Sponsor - Discussion / Vote" to New Business.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the Agenda as amended. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Brenda Morris, Clerk; Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves, Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann, Zoning Administrator Brendel and Attorney Luke Behme were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert and Chief Vielweber were excused from the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann asked President Schomaker to address Emergency Management Coordinator appointment. President Schomaker updated the Board that Chief Vielweber has been very diligently working to ensure the safety of Albers residents and businesses during the COVID-19 outbreak and recommended appointing Chief Vielweber as Emergency Management Coordinator. Chief Vielweber will be responsible for coordinating, communicating and

Stephen Schomaker - Village President

Trustees - Scott Athmer, Dennis 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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responding to any emergencies affecting the Village of Albers. Reimbursement from the appointment and other expenses incurred during the COVID-19 outbreak may be available through the Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (CURE) Support Program managed by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Equal Opportunity (IDCEO).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann appoint Chief Brian Vielweber as Emergency Management Coordinator, at a rate of \$23/hour. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Behrmann asked the Board to consider the purchase of two electronic radar speed signs with optional traffic statistics package from K&K Systems, Inc., to be placed on North Commercial Street. The signs are being purchased to help reduce speeding within village limits. The Board discussed purchasing two more signs in the future, if needed. Schwierjohn noted that the purchase of the signs may be purchased through the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) fund and will research the details.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to purchase two electronic radar speed signs with optional traffic statistics package from K&K Systems, Inc., purchase not to exceed \$10,000.00. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Behrmann updated the Board that the current alternative vehicle renewal process is being reviewed. Proposed updates will be available at upcoming committee meetings.

Behrmann updated the Board that cameras at the maintenance shed will be discussed at the upcoming committee meeting.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber was absent, his absence was excused. Behrmann presented the Police Chief's Report

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow updated the Board that no updates are available on the request by the Village of Damiansville to amend the current water supply services agreement. Brian Buchheit of HMG Engineers, is working with engineers at Curry & Associates, representing the Village of Damiansville, to find an optimal solution benefiting both communities.

Kenow noted that water and sewer rates are being reviewed and will be discussed at the upcoming Committee Meeting.

Kenow thanked Superintendent Horstmann for coordinating the move of supplies from under the water tower to the storage shed; including and purchasing and installing new shelving.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board that parts for the hydrant to be installed at the corner of North Broadway and West Alois Streets have been received and the installation is being scheduled.

Superintendent Horstmann reported -3.72% water loss for July, -3.00% water loss for the previous twelve months.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid updated the Board that the rate for residents included in the electrical aggregation program will be \$.04290/kwh for twenty-four months beginning December 01, 2020. The rate is included in the most recent contract negotiated by Homefield Energy on behalf of the Village of Albers and other participating communities.

McDermid presented the invoices to the Board for review, totaling \$31,557.94.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve payment of invoices totaling \$31,557.94. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

McDermid reviewed the committee reports with the Board and asked trustees to contact him with questions.

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 he has been in contact with representatives of Wisper Internet in setting the utility pole at Lehrter/JC Park. Wisper Internet is also presenting a proposal for costs of installing WIFI at the maintenance shed for use in security cameras.

Athmer updated the Board that American Legion Post #1026 is requesting a 2" water line to be installed from Memorial Drive to Legion property for use on the ball fields. The Legion has agreed to pay all expenses, including any expenses incurred by Superintendent Horstmann and/or Certop, Inc. The project is to be supervised and approved by Superintendent Horstmann. No tap fees will be assessed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve the installation of a 2" water line from Memorial Drive to Legion property for use on the ball fields. The Legion will pay all expenses, including any expenses incurred by Superintendent Horstmann and/or Certop, Inc. The project is to be supervised and approved by Superintendent Horstmann. No tap fees will be assessed. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann asked the Board to consider the purchase of a 2011 Chevrolet 2500 HD pick-up truck for \$12,500.00 from Michael Hubert. The truck will replace the 2007 pick-up truck currently used by Superintendent Rolves, which will go out for bid to be sold. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to purchase a 2011 Chevrolet 2500 HD pick-up truck for \$12,500.00 from Michael Hubert. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves updated the Board that designated streets will be oiled Thursday, September 10.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board about concerns with back yard drainage issues on residences on the north side of Wildwood Drive. The Board discussed several options and will continue pursuing solutions to the issues.

Schwierjohn updated the Board on the Planning Commission Meeting held on Thursday, August 06. The Planning Commission presented a proposed draft ordinance updating the current drainage code and guidelines addressing repurposed container restrictions. Schwierjohn presented the draft ordinance updating current drainage code for first reading and directed Clerk Morris to post the draft ordinance for public review. Schwierjohn asked Attorney Behme to draft an ordinance addressing repurposed container restrictions to be presented at the upcoming committee meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn presented the drainage code draft ordinance for first reading and public review and directed Attorney Behme to draft an ordinance addressing repurposed container restrictions. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker commended Schwierjohn, Administrator Brendel and Ryan Wuebbels, Planning Commission Secretary, for professionally planning and running the recent Planning Commission Meeting. He noted receiving several comments on how well the meeting was run and thanked Schwierjohn, Administrator Brendel and Mr. Wuebbels for their professionalism.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel presented the following permits were approved: June - 4 accessory permits @ \$25.00/permit, totaling \$100.00
July - 5 accessory permits # \$25.00/permit, totaling \$125.00

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker asked the Board to consider donating \$50.00 Clinton County Crimestoppers for their annual golf tournament.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$50.00 to Clinton county Crimestoppers from the Tourism Fund. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker reminded everyone that the village-wide yard sales are scheduled for Saturday, September 12.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to adjourn the meeting. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk