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

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Mike McDermid
Kent Schwierjohn
Jeff Timmermann

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON September 11, 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.

President Schomaker asked all in attendance to observe a moment of silence in memory of the September 11, 2001, attacks.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Athmer, Behrmann, Kenow, McDermid, and Timmermann were present at roll call. Schwierjohn was absent, his absence was excused.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MEETING - August 14 2023: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session meeting on August 14, 2023.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 — nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

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

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Marsha Maller, representing TWM, Inc., was in attendance to discuss the sludge removal project at the sewer ponds; Jamie Broeckling, Tina Irizarry, Shelley Kenow; Andrew Plocher; Lauren and Leo Langhauser were in attendance in support of the Swing for Sydney Foundation; Jessie Goodin and Dave Wellen, residents, were in attendance to observe.

President Schomaker read the Proclamation #09112023 recognizing October 01-07, 2023, as Mental Health Awareness Days in the Village of Albers and asked the Board to approve the proclamation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow approving Proclamation #09112023, recognizing Mental Health Awareness Days in the Village of Albers. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0

— nays, motion carried.

President Schomaker thanked Shelley Kenow and the Swing for Sydney Foundation for bringing awareness to mental health issues and organizing the Mental Health Awareness and Memorial Walk in Memory of Sydney Irizarry on Friday, October 06, at Lehrter/JC Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer updated the Board that renovation of the JC Hall is proceeding with renovations having begun, including installing dry wall and insulation. Exterior projects are scheduled to begin in the upcoming weeks.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE Cliff Behrmann Chairman: Behrmann announced Chief Vielweber recently received a \$ 10,000.00 body-worn camera grant from the Bureau of Justice on behalf of the Albers Police Department. The Albers Police Department is one of only 265 agencies receiving the grant. All in attendance thanked Chief Vielweber for securing the grant.

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

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow presented the bid for sludge removal presented by Metro-Ag, Inc. of Breese, IL, noting the sludge has not been removed from the ponds in 55 years of operation. Kenow asked Marsha Maller of TWM Engineering to discuss the bid and project. Ms. Maller stated that Metro-Ag, Inc. was the only bidder submitting. The bid includes dewatering the sewer ponds with sludge removal and is expected to take 180 days to complete. Ms. Maller also stated that Metro-Ag, Inc. is negotiating with local land owners for injecting the sludge. Permits from the State of Illinois are required and the project will begin after permits are granted. TWM Engineering will be scan and inspect the project upon completion. The Board discussed the project with Ms. Maller. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to accept the bid for \$ 160,000.00 from Metro-Age, Inc. for the sludge removal project at the sewer ponds. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 — 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 with the strong odor has been eliminated. He assured residents that efforts are continuing in clearing the sewer ponds and the Village understands the importance of properly maintaining the sewer ponds.

Water & Sewer Superintendent — Chris Horstmann: Superintendent Horstmann reported 4.91% loss for August, with an average of 13.91 % loss for the previous twelve months.

Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board that that residents have been notified of the use of

chloramines being used in the water system for approximately 4-6 weeks, replacing free-chlorine. Using chloramines are recommended to burn off excess ammonia in the water lines and is a standard operating procedure.

Superintendent Horstmann notified the Board hydrants are being flushed Thursday and Friday, September 21-22.

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

McDermid noted the current AmerenIL electrical rate is currently lower than the agreed Village municipal aggregation rate with Constellation New Energy, reminding all in attendance that the rates may change weekly and the Village is currently under contract with Constellation New Energy.

McDermid referred to a letter sent to residents concerning the rates update and reminded all residents to remain vigilant when managing their household accounts.

McDermid updated the Board on continuing ambulance service. He stated the Villages of Albers, Damiansville and New Baden, in cooperation with Lookingglass Township, are regularly meeting to offer the best ambulance service to residents. Attorney Bruckert noted the trailer bill establishing ambulance districts is being discussed by representatives in the State of Illinois.

McDermid updated the Board that the currently leased copier/scanner is scheduled to be replaced per contract with SumnerOne. The Board discussed the lease.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the updated copier/scanner per contract with SumnerOne. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 — yeas; 0 nays; motion carried.

The Board reviewed invoices totaling \$ 187,742.37.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$187,742.37. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 — yeas; 0 — nays; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Cind 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. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 — yeas; 0 — nays; motion carried

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn Chairman: President Schomaker presented for Schwierjohn.

President

Schomaker presented a variance request reducing setbacks for the property of Ben Kruep & Jessie Goodin at 501 W. State Route 161. The variance was reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals, who unanimously approved the variance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the variance at 501 W. State Route 161 upon recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 — yeas; 0 — nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker presented a variance requesting a non-conforming structure for the

property of Bill & Jeannie Brendel at 119 N. Commercial Street. The variance was reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals, who unanimously approved the variance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to approve the variance at 119 N. Commercial Street upon recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker noted the Board that amendments to the Enterprise Zone are proceeding, with more information expected in the upcoming months. The application has been received by the Illinois DCEO (Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity and is expected to be complete in the next 90 days, on or around the beginning of November.

Schwierjohn reminded the Board of the upcoming Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 17 to discuss variance requests at two residences.

President Schomaker updated the Board that the Kniepmann Subdivision is proceeding with a Planning Commission meeting to be scheduled when the final plat is presented.

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

STREETS & LIGHTING – Jeff Timmermann Chairman: Timmermann noted a Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) training session is being hosted at the Aviston Fire House on Monday, October 16. Treasurer Hubert, Trustee McDermid, Superintendent Rolves are attending.

Timmermann asked the Board to consider purchasing a pavilion for use as a salt shelter at the maintenance shed for \$6,500.00. The salt shelter will be built with concrete barriers and a solid base to be purchased later. The Board discussed the purchase and building of the salt shelter.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to purchase a pavilion to be used as a salt shelter for \$6,500.00. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 — yeas; 0 — nays; motion carried.

Timmermann asked the Board to consider purchasing a new mower from EJ Kehrer Farm Supply valued at \$14,800.00 at a cost of \$10, 100.00. The Board discussed the purchase.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to purchase a mower from EJ Kehrer Farm Supply for 000.00. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 yeas; 0 — nays; motion carried.

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.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves updated notified the Board that streets will be oiled Thursday, September 14, 2023, and a map of designated street will be available soon.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker asked the Board to approve a \$100.00 donation to the

Swing for Sydney Foundation in support of the upcoming Mental Health Awareness and Memorial Walk in Memory of Sydney Irizarry.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donation \$ 100.00 to the Swing for Sydney Foundation from the Tourism Fund. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 — yeas; 0 nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker invited everyone to the St. Bernard Catholic Church Wurstmarkt on Sunday, September 24.

President Schomaker reminded everyone trick-or-treating in the Village of Albers will be Friday, October 27 from 6p.m.-8p.m. for grade school age children and younger.

President Schomaker thanked the Albers Commercial Club, especially the Hootenanny Committee, for hosting a success Hootenanny on Labor Day weekend. He commended everyone for their hard work and commitment to our community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to adjourn the meeting. Timmemann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 — yeas; 0 nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk