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

PRESIDENT, Steve Schomaker

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Kevin Kenow

Mike McDermid

Kent Schwierjohn

Jeff Timmermann

MINUTES OF MEEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON December 11, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Steve Schomaker called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Athmer, Kenow, McDermid, Schwierjohn and Timmermann were present at roll call; Behrmann attendance via phone.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – November 13, 2023: The Board reviewed the minutes from the public hearing on November 13, 2023.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MEETING – November 13, 2023: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session meeting on November 13, 2023.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

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

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Jacob Kehder and Kali Wuebbels, Central High School students and Albers residents, were in attendance to observe as a civics class requirement. Brian Engelmann, Cara Kehder, Dave Wellen, Albers residents, were in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer updated the Board that JC Hall renovations are complete and the building is operational. Sound proofing/softening is being considered to be installed in response to recommendations from renters. Athmer noted that Chief Vielweber is installing security cameras.

President Schomaker thanked Scott & Deb Athmer and Engelmann Construction for completing

the renovation ahead of schedule and doing such great work.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE Cliff Behrmann Chairman: Behrmann asked Kenow to update the Board on the purchase of new computers for the police department. Kenow recommended purchasing two computers, expecting to be used for 5-7 years. He also asked the Board to consider adding a \$300 fee to the purchase for necessary programs and anti-virus supplements. The Board discussed the purchase.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to purchase two computers with software not to exceed \$3,000.00. Behrmann 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 the laptop for the new squad truck will be operational in the upcoming days.

Chief Vielweber noted that the 2007 Chevrolet Impala will be presented for sale through sealed bids and he offered to manage the sale.

President Schomaker thanked Chief Vielweber for securing a \$15,000.00 grant from Norfolk Southern Railroad. Chief noted that the grant funds will be used for purchasing and operating radios for the police department.

President Schomaker updated everyone that the private railroad crossing on property owned by Ed Netemeyer east of town is not to be used by the public. Signs will be erected at the crossing, designating the property as private.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow updated the Board that the lagoon sludge removal project will be scheduled as soon as required IEPA permits are received.

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 of interest in possibly extending water services on Court Road. He asked the Board to consider authorizing TWM Engineering to conduct a feasibility study on the extension. The Board reviewed a proposed feasibility study agreement and discussed the project. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to contact TWM Engineering for feasibility study on a water line extension on Court Road, not to exceed \$20,000.00. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Kenow noted that the oxygen levels at the sewer plant are stabilizing.

Water & Sewer Superintendent — Chris Horstmann: Superintendent Horstmann was absent, his absence was excused. Kenow reported 4.26% loss for November, with an average of 13.84 % loss

for the previous twelve months.

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

McDermid noted a Truth in Taxation hearing scheduled for 4p.m. Thursday, December 21, 2023. The hearing is required in response to changes in taxes levied due to changes in ambulance service funding and updates to Special Service Area #8 (SSA #8) funding.

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 account.

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. Each entity will be required to levy taxes for the ambulance district for the upcoming fiscal year. McDermid noted that the formation of an independent ambulance service will be the first in the State of Illinois and every effort is being made to ensure a smooth transition from the previous model. President Schoamker thanked Attorney Bruckert for working diligently with all entities establishing the new ambulance district.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$71,100.01. Athmer 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. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board that the Planning Commission approved annexing property owned by Behrmann Meat & Processing on County Road #8 and St. Bernard Cemetery to the Village of Albers.

The Board reviewed Ordinance #607-12112023, annexing Behrmann Meat & Processing on County Road #8 to the Village of Albers, accepting the property as Commercial.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve Ordinance #607-12112023, annexing Behrmann Meat & Processing on County Road #8 to the Village of Albers. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 1 - abstain; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Schwierjohn asked Clerk Morris to file the ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk.

The Board reviewed Ordinance #608-12112023, annexing St. Bernard Cemetery on County Road #8 to the Village of Albers, accepting the property as Non-Urban 1 (NU-1).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve Ordinance #608-12112023, annexing St. Bernard Cemetery on County Road #8 to the Village of Albers. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote

was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Schwierjohn asked Clerk Morris to file the ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk.

Schwierjohn noted no updates to the Kniepmann Subdivision on Court Road.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel Administrator: Administrator Brendel reported one accessory permit and 1 principal permit were approved in November.

STREETS & LIGHTING – Jeff Timmermann Chairman: Timmermann presented Ordinance #609-12112023, amending Opossum Lane. The Board reviewed the ordinance, amending a previously submitted ordinance designating incorrect information.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve Ordinance #609-12112023, amending Opossum Lane. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried. Schwierjohn asked Clerk Morris to file the ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk.

Timmermann updated the Board that Santel Construction will be pouring concrete for the salt shelter by the maintenance shed with the expenses previously approved. Timmermann and Superintendent Rolves are scheduling with the contractor to complete the project.

Timmermann updated the Board that the sidewalk extension on North Commercial Street is being scheduled with the Clinton County Highway Department.

President Schomaker reported the Clinton County Highway Department recently repaired the storm sewer on County Road #8 at the St. Bernard Cemetery.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves reported street sweeping is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13.

Superintendent Rolves reminded everyone that all streets in the Village of Albers are designated snow streets and to remove vehicles if/when snow is predicted.

President Schomaker thanked Superintendent Rolves and Chief Vielweber for recently replacing stop signs requiring attention.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a \$100.00 donation to the YMCA of Clinton County.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to donate \$100.00 to the YMCA of Clinton County from the Tourism Fund. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 — yeas; 0 nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a \$200.00 donation to the Clinton County Vietnam Veterans.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate \$200.00 to the Clinton County Vietnam Veterans from the Tourism Fund. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 — yeas; 0 nays; motion

carried.

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

