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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 January 08, 2024

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 – December 11, 2023: The Board reviewed the minutes from the public hearing on December 11, 2023 vacating a portion of Opossum Lane. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the minutes as presented. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MEETING – December 11, 2023: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session meeting on December 11, 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 TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING – December 21, 2023: The Board reviewed the minutes from the Truth in Taxation Hearing on December 21, 2023. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 1 - abstain, 0 - nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve the agenda as presented. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: No guests were in attendance.

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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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE Cliff Behrmann Chairman: Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to report on behalf of the Police Department. Chief Vielweber announced a \$15,000.00 grant was received by Norfolk Southern Railroad. The grant funds have been allocated for purchase of an updated radio system and body cameras for officers. President Schomaker commended Chief Vielweber on securing the grant and thanked him for professionally serving the residents of Albers.

Police Chiefs Report Chief Brian Vielweber: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief Report.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the 2007 Chevrolet Impala squad car will be sold by sealed bids and will submit an announcement in the upcoming week.

Chief Vielweber noted the new Police Department computers have been received and will be installed as soon as possible.

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

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the Village Hall generator has been installed for a year and is running smoothly. He recommended renewing the current service contract with Oakley Services, Inc. to maintain the generator. President Schomaker asked Chief Vielweber to contact Oakley Service, Inc. with an updated service contract to be presented at the next meeting.

WATER & SEWER Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow updated everyone in attendance of the increase in water, sewer and waste service rates beginning January 01, 2024, per Ordinance #599-14112022 and contract with Waste Management.

Kenow updated the Board that the lagoon sludge removal project is complete pending installation of the new aerators. He noted 1.8 million gallons of sludge was removed by the lagoons. The total balance for the project has been paid, not including the final 10% to be paid when all work is complete and approved by TWM Engineering. Logan Johnson, Certop Water Operator, stated that the lagoon ponds are being refilled before installing the aerators and riprap rock will line the lagoon to complete the project.

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 that TWM Engineering are conducting a feasibility study on the extension of water lines on Court Road and he will be reporting information as it becomes available.

Kenow updated the Board that the water and sewer extension on Albers Road / County Road #8 is being planned by TWM Engineering in cooperation with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (I-EPA).

Water & Sewer Superintendent Chris Horstmann: Superintendent Horstmann was absent, his absence was excused. Logan Johnson, Certop Water Operator, reported 7.08% gain for December, with an average of 11.97 % loss for the previous twelve months.

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 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. Attorney Bruckert updated the Board that the State of Illinois House of Representatives are reviewing a trailer bill addressing ambulance service districts.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$33,585.02. 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. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

ZONING Kent Schwierjohn Chairman: Schwierjohn asked the Board to review Ordinance #607-12112023, annexing Behrmann Meat & Processing on County Road #8 to the Village of Albers, accepting the property as Commercial. Schwierjohn asked the Board to approve rerecording the ordinance, clarifying the legal description. The Board reviewed the ordinance and discussed rerecording.

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

Schwierjohn directed Clerk Morris to file the rerecorded ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk.

Zonin Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel Administrator: Administrator Brendel reported no permits were issued in December.

STREETS & LIGHTING — Jeff Timmermann Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that Santel Construction poured concrete for the salt shelter by the maintenance shed.

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

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report Eric Rolves: Superintendent Rolves reported street

sweeping will continue as weather permits with all streets to be swept annually.

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.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business was presented.

President Schomaker thanked everyone in the Village of Albers for a great 2023 and stated that he is looking forward to a very prosperous 2024.

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