

# Village of Albers

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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 April 08, 2024

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

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MEETING – March 11, 2024: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session meeting on March 11, 2024.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn 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.

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

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Ty Jones, Central High School student and Albers resident, was in attendance to complete a civics class requirement. Marsha Maller, TWM Engineer, was in attendance to address ongoing projects. Ruth Jones and David Wellen, Albers residents, were in attendance to observe.

### 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 noted that decals for

*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*



homeowners who do not wish to have door-to-door salespeople approach their residences have been ordered and will be arriving soon.

Chief Vielweber presented an updated ordinance updating 7-1-7 Notice Regulating Soliciting for reading and review. The Board discussed the update and asked Chief Vielweber to continue reviewing the ordinance to update as needed.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the agreement between the Village of Albers and Clinton County Highway Department installing a crosswalk beacon at the intersection of North Commercial Street and Dwight Street was signed by both parties with work being scheduled in the near future.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that current alternative vehicle permits expire April 30, 2024. Renewal letters have been sent to all current permit holders with renewal fees added to April water/sewer/trash statements.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that security cameras at Lehrter/JC Park are being repaired and are scheduled to be operating in the upcoming week.

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

WATER & SEWER Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow presented the proposed forty-year water purchase agreement being presented by the Village of Damiansville for review. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow approve the proposed forty-year water purchase agreement between the Villages of Albers and Damiansville. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Kenow presented the proposed water purchase agreement being presented by the Village of New Baden for review. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow approve the proposed water purchase agreement between the Villages of Albers and New Baden. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Kenow presented two easements for properties involved in the sewer extension project on Albers Road. It was agreed to pay property owners \$5/foot for granting the easements. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow authorize the easement with Kalmer Lumber & Pallet Manufacturing, Inc. for the sewer extension project on Albers Road. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 1 – abstain; 0 – nays; motion carried.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow authorize the easement with Behrmann's Meat & Processing for the sewer extension project on Albers Road. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 1 – abstain; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Kenow updated the Board that plans for replacing lines on State Route 161 with flexible lines are being revised due to revisions of elevation changes and updates will be presented when available.

Kenow updated the Board that the bid opening for rebidding the upcoming Waterline Extension Project on County Road #8 is scheduled for Monday, April 29 at Albers Village Hall.

Kenow updated the Board that Clearwave Communications has Village of Albers recommendations for approving a service contract the response will be shared when available.

Kenow updated the Board that TWM Engineering is conducting a feasibility study on the extension of water lines on Court Road and that the results will be shared when available.

Kenow updated the Board that bi-weekly curbside yard waste pick up is resuming Wednesday, March 27, 2024. He also reminded all in attendance that yard waste may now be taken to Kalmer Lumber & Pallet on Court Road and is no longer accepted at Lehrter/JC Park.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Chris Horstmann: Superintendent Horstmann reported -6.60% loss for March, with an average of -5.50 % loss for the previous twelve months.

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

McDermid presented the Ordinance #608-04082024, Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations, for final review and vote.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve Ordinance #608-04082024, Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

McDermid directed Clerk Morris to file the ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk.

McDermid presented the 2023 Annual Financial Report to the Board for review.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to the 2023 Annual Financial Report. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

McDermid updated the Board on the Albers Ambulance Special Service Area. He noted that creating the area seems to be on track with cooperation from officials from Damiansville, New Baden and Lookingglass Township to partner in establishing an independent ambulance district in the near future.

McDermid presented Resolution #04082024, a resolution authorizing execution of a service agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program. The resolution authorizes President Schomaker and/or McDermid to approve the best bid presented on behalf of the residents of Albers. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to the 2023 Annual Financial Report. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

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 reminding all residents to remain vigilant when managing their household account.

McDermid presented invoices to be paid, the Board reviewed the invoices.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$46,946.91. Kenow 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 presented the TWM Engineer Civil Plans and Drainage Calculations Review for Behrmann Meats & Processing and reviewed the details of

the plan with the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to accept the TWM Engineer Civil Plans and Drainage Calculations Review for Behrmann Meats & Processing to allow construction to proceed.

Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 yeas; 1 – abstain; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Schwierjohn updated the Board that an updated zoning map has been completed to include recent annexations and presented the updated map for approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve the updated zoning map. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Kenow added that updated the Comprehensive Plans and Planning Commission maps may also be considered.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel Administrator: Administrator Brendel was absent, her absence was excused.

STREETS & LIGHTING – Jeff Timmermann Chairman: Timmermann presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) General Maintenance Program Resolution for final review and approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to accept the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 MFT General Maintenance Resolution. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Timmermann thanked Schwierjohn and TWM Engineers for assisting in completing the MFT submission.

Timmermann updated the Board that Larry Santel of Santel Construction spoke with President Schomaker concerning finishing the salt shelter. Mr. Santel apologized for the delay in completing the project and assured that it would be finished soon.

Timmermann updated the Board that the sidewalk extension on North Commercial Street is being scheduled with the Clinton County Highway Department. He asked that the subject be moved to the upcoming committee meeting for discussion.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report Eric Rolves: Superintendent Rolves updated the Board that work on repairing designated streets has begun.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker updated everyone in attendance that discussions are on-going with the Illinois Commerce Commission and Norfolk Southern Railroad to find solutions to the railroads current slow-down order.

President Schomaker asked all interested residents to complete the on-line survey concerning internet services in Clinton County. The survey is being conducted through a partnership with University of Illinois and Clinton County officials and may be accessed at <https://go.illinois.edu/ConnectClintonCounty>.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider making a \$100 donation to the Foz Ryan Golf Classic benefiting Special Olympics Region J on Saturday, May 24.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate to a \$100 donation to the Foz Ryan Golf Classic from the Tourism Fund. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider making a \$100 hole sponsorship to the Albers

Elementary School Booster Club Golf Scramble on Saturday, June 01.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate to a \$100 hole sponsorship for the Albers Elementary School Booster Club Golf Scramble from the Tourism Fund. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old 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*