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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 June 10, 2024

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

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MEETING #1 – MAY 13, 2024: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting #1 on May 13, 2024.

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

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES MEETING #1 – MAY 13, 2024: The Board reviewed the minutes from Executive Session Meeting #1 on May 13, 2024.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented and keep them sealed. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MEETING #2 – MAY 13, 2024: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting #2 on May 13, 2024.

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 Kenow to approve the agenda as presented. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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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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 homeowners who do not wish to have door-to-door salespeople approach their residences. Decals are available at Village Hall, Tonnie's Hardware & Rental and Albers FCB Bank.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the crosswalk beacon at the intersection of North Commercial Street and Dwight Street will be installed in the near future.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that security cameras at Lehrter/JC Park have been installed and are operational but issues with internet service are being addressed.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that issues with alternative vehicle permit holders are being addressed. A letter is being drafted to all current permit holders reminding everyone of the importance of complying with Village and State of Illinois guidelines when operating alternative vehicles.

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

President Schomaker announced Clin-Clair Fire Department (CCFD) received a new fire truck to be used and stored south of the railroad tracks has been received and is expected to be operational in approximately 10 days. The firetruck was acquired to ensure timely emergency response to calls south of the railroad tracks during the current railroad slow-down order. The railroad tracks are currently blocked up to 20 minutes due to the railroad slow-down order, adversely affecting emergency response times south of the railroad tracks.

President Schomaker read the letter received by the Illinois State Police (ISP) to all in attendance concerning the recent ISP Information Technology Security Audit. Chief Vielweber and the Albers Police Department successfully completed the Information Technology Security Audit conducted by ISP, ensuring compliance of information systems handling criminal justice information. President Schomaker commended Chief Vielweber on professionally managing the Albers Police Department and his continued commitment to ensuring the safety of Albers residents and businesses.

WATER & SEWER Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow asked the Board to consider waiving fees for a one-time water tap at Kalmer Lumber & Pallet, 7720 Albers Road. Waiving the fee is being considered in response to the invaluable cooperation from Kevin Kalmer with all the owners of Kalmer Lumber & Pallet in granting an easement for a sewer line extension.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to waive fees for a one-time water tap at Kalmer Lumber & Pallet, 7720 Albers Road. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Kenow presented the updated Agreement to Extend the Join Water Line with Damiansville, replacing the previously approved agreement, specifically updating paragraph 3.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow approve the updated Agreement to Extend the Join Water Line, replacing the previously approved agreement. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Kenow updated everyone that Summerfield-Lebanon-Mascoutah (SLM) Water Commission providing our water, rates will be increasing to \$2.75/1,000 gallons. Kenow stated that scheduled water rate

increases will be reviewed in response to the increase, ensuring expenses are in-line with current rates. Rates for water sold to the Village of Damiansville will increase to \$2.75/1,000 gallons as of June 01, 2024 and will be reflected on the statement mailed July 01, 2024.

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

Water & Sewer Superintendent Report: Logan Johnson, Certop Water Operator, was in attendance. Operator Johnson reported -3.41% loss for May, with an average of -5.14 % loss for the previous twelve months.

Operator Johnson updated the Board that the sewer ponds are being monitored daily and new aerators are operational with oxygen levels increasing. President Schomaker thanked Operator Johnson for efficiently managing the current sewer pond concerns.

Operator Johnson noted that completed Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Service Line Surveys are required from all water customers. The surveys are being received from all customers with continuing follow-up on surveys not yet received. 100% compliance is required by the IEPA and Operator Johnson ensured that requirement will be met.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid Chairman: McDermid presented committee reports to the Trustees noting the fiscal year close-out.

McDermid updated the Board that the Municipal Aggregation Agreement with Homefield Energy has been signed and will be effective December 01, 2024, at a rate of 8.954 ¢/kWh, which is expected to be lower than AmerenIL rates.

McDermid noted the current AmerenIL electrical rate is currently lower than the agreed Village municipal aggregation rate with Constellation New Energy, reminding all residents 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 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 reported that the Illinois House of Representatives approved the ambulance bill that is currently being reviewed by the Illinois Senate.

McDermid had no updates on the asbestos lawsuit currently involving the Village of Albers and will report information as it becomes available.

McDermid presented invoices to be paid, the Board reviewed the invoices. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$39,399.69. 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. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

ZONING Kent Schwierjohn Chairman: Schwierjohn had nothing to report.

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

STREETS & LIGHTING – Jeff Timmermann Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that he will be contacting Larry Santel of Santel Construction to discuss finishing the project and will follow-up with the Board at the upcoming meeting.

Timmermann updated the Board that the sidewalk extension on North Commercial Street is currently on hold.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report Eric Rolves: Superintendent Rolves updated the Board that work on repairing Debra Drive and Susan Drive is ongoing with resurfacing and building the bases on both the streets being considered.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker announced the new firetruck to be used on the southside of the railroad tracks

President Schomaker invited everyone to the Albers Blast-Off Parade & Fireworks! on Wednesday, July 3rd, with parade at 6:30p.m. and fireworks at 9p.m.

President Schomaker invited everyone to the Hootenanny Sunday, September 01, at Lehrter/JC Park.

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>.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

President Schomaker thanked all our local volunteers and employees working with Meals on Wheels through Western Clinton County Senior Services (WCCSS) and St. Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry, especially Chief Vielweber, McDermid, Clerk Morris and Jodi Schlarmann, Albers resident.

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