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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 September 09, 2024

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

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2024: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting on August 12, 2024.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - yeas, 0 - nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 26, 2024: The Board reviewed the minutes from Public Meeting on August 26, 2024.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - yeas, 0 - nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the agenda as presented. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

President Schomaker asked Chief Vielweber to record minutes for the meeting as Recording Clerk, Chief Vielweber accepted the appointment.

President Schomaker presented Resolution #10042024, proclaiming September 29 to October 05, 2024, Mental Health Awareness Days in the Village of Albers and read the proclamation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve Resolution #10042024, proclaiming September 29 to October 05 Mental Health Awareness Days in the Village of Albers. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - yeas, 0 - nays, motion carried.

Stephen Schomaker - Village President

Trustees - Scott Athmer, Cliff Behrmann, Kevin Kenow, Mike McDermid, Kent Schwierjohn and Jeff Timmermann

Brenda Morris - Village Clerk

Cindy Hubert - Village Treasurer

Jeannie Brendel - Zoning Administrator

Brian Vielweber - Police Chief

Eric Rolves - Streets & Lighting Superintendent

Chris Horstmann - Water & Sewer Superintendent



We Care, We Recycle

Kenow invited everyone to the 7th Annual Mental Health Awareness & Memorial Walk In Memory of Sydney Irizarry on Friday, October 04 at Lehrter/JC Park, directing anyone interested in attending to the event Facebook page.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Marsha Maller of TWM Engineers was in attendance to discuss current projects. Albers residents and Central High School students Isaac Boatman, Alaina Huegen, Kaleb Jansen, Trevor Jansen and Ava Plocher, were in attendance to complete a civics class requirement. Robyn Boatman and Dave Wellen, residents, were in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer was absent, no information was presented.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE Cliff Behrmann Chairman: Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to report on behalf of the Police Department.

Chief Vielweber reported security cameras at Village Hall are installed and operational.

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

WATER & SEWER Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow updated the Board that the project replacing water lines on State Route 161 near Thole Road with flexible lines in an effort to avoid damage from mine subsidence is complete.

Kenow updated the Board that Clearwave Communications has confirmed installing services in the Village of Albers has been tentatively scheduled for 2025.

Kenow updated the Board that Thole Tree Service will be contacted to discuss clearing trees from the fence at the sewer plant with pricing available at the upcoming meeting.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Report: Superintendent Horstmann reported a recent failure of pressure sensors at the water tower caused a low pressure the previous week. A new sensor has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it is received.

Superintendent Horstmann discussed proposals on water tank inspection with the Board and agreed to get bids for the project from reputable firms for the upcoming meeting.

Superintendent Horstmann reported free chlorine is currently being used to aid in water quality and residents have been notified.

Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board that a valve was recently replaced on the south side of Albers and the replacement is complete.

Superintendent Horstmann reported -4.24% water loss was reported for August with a -4.84% loss year to date.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid Chairman: McDermid reminded 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. He 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.

Attorney Bruckert updated the Board on the asbestos lawsuit currently involving the Village of Albers. Attorney Bruckert noted that limited discovery is currently being conducted with the possibility to move to dismiss after discovery is complete.

McDermid presented invoices to be paid, the Board reviewed the invoices. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$51,565.77. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - 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. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

ZONING Kent Schwierjohn Chairman: Schwierjohn invited Marsha Maller of TWM Engineers to update the Board on the OSLAD (Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development) Grant. Ms. Maller explained that the OSLAD Grant submission is almost complete and will be submitted soon. If received, \$125,000.00 will be paid from the grant with a 50% match required by the Village of Albers.

Schwierjohn presented Resolution #09092024, required to be included with the OSLAD grant submission. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve Resolution #09092024. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Schwierjohn presented Resolution #09092024A, required to be included with the ITEP (Public Transportation Enhancement Capital Assistance Grant). A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve Resolution #09092024A. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

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 the salt shed is complete with minor water barrier issues to be addressed by Superintendent Rolves.

Timmermann updated the Board that the sidewalk extension on North Commercial Street is currently on hold and funding for the project is being through a grant application.

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.

Superintendent Rolves updated the Board that street oiling is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker thanked everyone who supported our Hootenanny Sunday, September 01, at Lehrter/JC Park, noting that it was a huge success.

President Schomaker reminded everyone of the upcoming Albers & Damiansville Fall Yard Sales on Saturday, September 14.

President Schomaker announced the St. Bernard Wurstmarkt on Sunday, September 29, 2024.

President Schomaker announced the 7th Annual Mental Health Awareness & Memorial Walk at Lehrter/JC Park, Friday, October 04, and encouraged everyone to support this very worthy cause. President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a donation to the event.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate \$100.00 to the 7th Annual Mental health Awareness & Memorial Walk from the Tourism Fund. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a donation to the Metro-East Diaper Bank.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$100.00 to the Metro-East Diaper Bank from the Tourism Fund. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 4 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

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 announced Trick-or-Treating in the Village of Albers will be Friday, October 25 from 6p.m.-8p.m.

President Schomaker thanked Kent & Kati Schwierjohn family for generously donating ten loads of soil to Lehrter/JC Park.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to adjourn the meeting. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 4 — yeas; 0 nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk