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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 October 14, 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 – SEPTEMBER 09, 2024: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting on September 09, 2024.

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 AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

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

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Attorney 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: Brian Engelmann and Dave Wellen, residents, were in attendance to observe.

President Schomaker presented Proclamation #10142024, recognizing the inaugural year for the Albers-Damiansville baseball and softball teams. He commended Albers Elementary School, in partnership with Damiansville Elementary School, for providing a new way for students to learn, grow and compete while showing community pride.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve Proclamation #10142024. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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



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

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the Albers Police Department has been awarded the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Less Lethal Alternative for Law Enforcement Grant. Four tasers will be provided by the grant, totaling \$10,173.60. President Schomaker and all Trustees commended Chief Vielweber on receiving the grant.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board on the Bureau of Justice Assistance Award from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership, stating the 50/50 match federal grant

Chief Vielweber reminded everyone that the Village of Albers accepts unneeded medication for safe disposal in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Takeback Program.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the new alternative vehicle received by the Albers Police Department is operational. He asked the Board to consider purchase of doors for the vehicle, the Board agreed to discuss the purchase at the upcoming meeting.

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

WATER & SEWER Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow noted no communication with Clearwave Communications on the installation of fiber optics. He announced that Verizon is currently offering 5G services in the Village of Albers.

Kenow presented bids from Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group and Midco Diving & Marine Services for water tower inspection. The Board reviewed the bids and discussed the project. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to accept the bid from Midco Diving & Marine Services for \$6,236.00 to include cleaning and inspection, with inspection video. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Report: Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board that new water tower sensor has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it is received.

Superintendent Horstmann reported -7.34% water loss was reported for September with a -4.85% 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 presented the Mansfield Energy agreement providing natural gas at a fixed rate of \$.4960/therm for three years. The agreement includes Albers Village Hall and maintenance shed on North Hill Street. The Board discussed the agreement. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the agreement with Mansfield Energy for a fixed rate of \$.04960/therm for three years. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays;

motion carried.

McDermid presented the draft tax levy ordinance for review and asked Clerk Morris to post the draft for public comment. McDermid asked Trustees to contact him with any updates, noting that the ordinance will be presented for approval at the November meeting.

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 \$90,269.70. 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 updated the Board on the OSLAD (Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development) and ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) grants. He stated both grants have been submitted and results being reported as soon as available.

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

Timmermann updated the Board that the Clinton County Highway Department will be resurfacing County Road #8 from the intersection of State Route 161 and South Commercial Street to the I-64 exit.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider storm sewer mapping. Timmermann agreed to discuss at upcoming meetings.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report Eric Rolves: Superintendent Rolves updated the Board that street sweeping will be Tuesday, October 24.

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

President Schomaker invited everyone to the Clinton County Veteran's Day Celebration in Albers on Monday, November 11, and asked the Board to consider being Platinum Sponsor supporting the event. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate \$300.00 as Platinum Sponsors for the 2024 Clinton

County Veteran's Day Celebration from the Tourism Fund. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Timmermann asked the Board to enter Executive Session concerning Personnel per Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Litigation/Ordinance Violation per Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow enter Executive Session at 7:26p.m. concerning personnel per Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

The public was asked to exit the meeting. President Schomaker, Trustees, Attorney Bruckert, Chief Vielweber and Clerk Morris were in attendance for Executive Session.

Executive Session was held.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow exit Executive Session at 8:23p.m. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

The public was invited to return to the meeting.

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