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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 November 11, 2024

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

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

President Schomaker asked everyone in attendance to observe a moment of silence in honor of all veterans and thanked all servicemen and women for their dedication to our country.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MEETING – OCTOBER 14, 2024: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting on October 14, 2024.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES MEETING – OCTOBER 14, 2024: The Board reviewed the minutes from Executive Session at the October 14, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented and keep them sealed. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the agenda as presented. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: No visitors were in attendance.

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

Brian Vielweber - Police Chief

Cindy Hubert - Village Treasurer

Eric Rolves - Streets & Lighting Superintendent

Jeannie Brendel - Zoning Administrator

Chris Horstmann - Water & Sewer Superintendent



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

Chief Vielweber updated the Board on purchasing accessories, including doors and a trailer, for the alternative vehicle. He is researching options and will report to the Board at the upcoming meeting.

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 the Body Worn Cameras mandate will be in effect by the State of Illinois as of July 2025 for all police departments, the Albers Police Department's body worn cameras are fully operational and currently in use. Chief Vielweber stated that funding for purchase and operation of the body worn cameras was sourced by grants, including a \$10,000 soft-match grant for training and operations. President Schomaker thanked Chief Vielweber for receiving the grants and professionally promoting the Albers Police Departments.

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.

Kenow updated the Board that an electrical pole was required to be moved for the sewer line extension on County Road #8 to the new Behrmann Meats & Processing property. The additional cost of moving the pole has been added to the extension project, totaling \$2,979.64. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to pay \$2,979.64 for the electrical pole move. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Report: Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board that new water tower sensor has been received and he is waiting for installation and programming.

Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board that the water tower inspection is being scheduled for spring.

Superintendent Horstmann noted a leak reported on North Broadway Street, stating that the leak is being monitored and will be repaired when found.

Superintendent Horstmann reported -4.26% water loss was reported for October with a -3.33% 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. A letter detailing electrical supply information was sent to all residents and McDermid asked everyone to contact Village Hall with any questions.

McDermid Ordinance #609-11112024, 2025 Tax Levy for review and approval, noting that taxes assessed by the Village of Albers are unchanged from the previous year.
A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approval Ordinance #609-11112024, 2025 Tax Levy. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.
McDermid directed Clerk Morris to file the ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk's office.

McDermid updated the Board on the Lookingglass Ambulance District, noting the independent ambulance district will include Albers, Damiansville, New Baden and Lookingglass Township. Establishing the district was approved by voters at the recent election and plans are continuing to establish the district.

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 \$41,606.86. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - 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 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

ZONING Kent Schwierjohn Chairman: Schwierjohn was absent, his absence was excused.

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 storm sewer mapping is being considered and will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report Eric Rolves: Superintendent Rolves was absent, his absence was excused.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker asked the Board to consider purchase of holiday decorations at Village Hall.
A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve up to \$1,000 for purchase of holiday decorations at Village Hall from the Tourism Fund. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker commended American Legion Post #1026 for successfully hosting the 2024 Clinton County Veterans Day celebration and thanked everyone involved with planning the day.

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. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk