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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 December 09, 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 absent, his absence was excused.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 4 – yeas, 1 – abstain, 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 5 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: John Horstmann of Certop, Inc., and Dave Wellen, resident, were in attendance to observe. Central High School students Jacob Athmer, Colby Detmer, Codyn Eilers, Giovanni Guerrero and Quinton Kehder, were in attendance to observe per a civics class requirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer was absent.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider appointing Mike Athmer to the Park Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to appoint Mike Athmer to the Park Board. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - 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



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 a trailer for transporting the alternative vehicle has been purchased by donations from Behrmann Meat & Processing and Kalmer Lumber & Pallet. Chief Vielweber also noted that doors for the alternative vehicle are still being considered for purchase.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that four tasers are currently operational in the Albers Police Department. Tasers with first year maintenance were purchased for \$10,713.60 through grant funding secured by Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS). Chief Vielweber recommended a taser maintenance contract for 2026-2030 for \$761.85/year to include docking and data collection and testing be considered.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to purchase a maintenance contract for taser docking, data collection and testing for 2026-2023 for \$761.85/year. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker thanked Chief Vielweber and Logan Johnson for setting up the impressive Christmas lights display at Village Hall. He stated residents and visitors have complimented their efforts and their efforts are very much appreciated.

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 curbside yard waste pick up is suspended until March. Residents with yard waste during winter are advised to take yard waste to the designated area at Kalmer Lumber & Pallet.

Kenow reminded all residents to be mindful of changes in waste services schedules for the upcoming holidays. Schedules for the weeks of Christmas and New Year are posted online and at the Albers Post Office or residents may contact Village Hall with questions.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Report: Superintendent Horstmann was absent, Logan Johnson, Water Operator, was in attendance.

Operator Johnson updated the Board that the new water tower sensor has been received waiting for installation and programming.

Operator Johnson updated the Board that the water tower inspection is being scheduled for spring.

Operator Johnson updated repairs to a recent water line leak on Opossum Lane.

Operator Johnson reported -12.89% water loss was reported for November with a -4.05% loss year to date. He noted meter readings for the month were estimated due to equipment failures with Sensus, issues have been corrected and meters will be read next month.

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 had nothing to report on the ongoing asbestos lawsuit involving the Village.

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. President Schomaker added that representatives from each community are being nominated for approval by the Clinton County Board. Brian Wuebbels is being nominated to represent Albers on the Lookingglass Ambulance District at the Clinton County Board meeting on Monday, December 16, 2024.

McDermid asked the Board to approve canceling the contract renewal for grant retainer services with Lexipol when the current contract ends in February.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to cancel contract renewal for grant retainer services with Lexipol when the current contract ends in February. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$154,659.26. Kenow 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. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

ZONING Kent Schwierjohn Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board that updates are not available for the OSLAD and ITEP grant submissions.

Schwierjohn asked President Schomaker to update the Board on solar farms. President Schomaker requested that zoning ordinances be reviewed addressing solar panels and solar farms in the Village of Albers. Schwierjohn and Administrator Brendel agreed to address the issue and will be presenting at upcoming meetings.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel Administrator: Administrator Brendel presented the Zoning Administrator's Report for the second quarter. No permits were issued in October and November, 2 accessory permits were issued in September and 1 accessory permit issued in August.

STREETS & LIGHTING – Jeff Timmermann Chairman: Timmermann asked President Schomaker to address the Board concerning the dump truck. President Schomaker updated the Board that the dump truck will be repaired by Voss Repair in Bartelso, purchasing a new dump truck will be considered at a later date.

Timmermann updated the Board that the Clinton County Highway Department is scheduled to

resurface County Road #8 this spring and has offered The Village will be responsible for moving the chips and chips must be maintained on Village property. The Board discussed the proposal.

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 a representative from Civil Design, Inc. will be in attendance at the January Committee Meeting to discuss mapping.

Timmermann reminded drivers that all streets in the Village of Albers are designated snow routes. No street parking is allowed anytime within twelve hours after a snowfall of two inches or more.

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

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker updated the Board that funds from the Sanitary Sewer District will be transferred to Village accounts when all designated accounts are closed. Sanitary Sewer District accounts are open as deposits are still being received from last year's taxes for the district and certificates of deposit are not yet mature. Per recent motions, all funds from the Sanitary Sewer District will be transferred to the Village. Treasurer Hubert and Sanitary Sewer District Treasurer Diane Luitjohan are cooperating with attorneys to close the Sanitary Sewer District, with all documents and funding being transferred to the Village.

President Schomaker asked everyone in attendance to remember Rich Bradford's family after Rich's sudden passing this weekend. On behalf of all present, President Schomaker, extended his deepest sympathy to Rich's family and friends.

President Schomaker asked everyone to remember Wilbert "Wib" Timmermann at his recent passing and extended his deepest sympathy to Wib's family and friends.

President Schomaker thanked residents for decorating their homes for the holidays and reminded everyone to have Christmas lights on for the Holiday Lights Contest Sunday, December 15 from 6p.m.-9p.m.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a \$100 donation to the Clinton County Vietnam Veterans.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to make a \$100 donation to the Clinton County Vietnam Veterans from the Tourism Fund. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a \$100 donation to the Clinton County YMCA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to make a \$100 donation to the Clinton County YMCA from the Tourism Fund. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - 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 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk