

# Village of Albers

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*"Providing security and services to improve the quality of life for our residents."*

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON June 09, 2025

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

ROLL CALL: Trustees Athmer, Behrmann, Kennedy, Kenow, McDermid and Timmermann were present at roll call.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MEETING #1 – May 09, 2025: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting #1 on May 09, 2025.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MEETING #2 – May 09, 2025: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting #2 on May 09, 2025.

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 AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed.

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

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Kharibian and Dave Wellen, residents, were in attendance to observe. Jim Toennies, Lehrter/JC Park Board President, was also in attendance.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer updated the Board he will be working with Attorney Bruckert on possibly developing a Return to Work policy and will have information on the policy at upcoming meetings.

*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*

*Blake Deimeke - 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.

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

Chief Vielweber asked the Board to consider installing a stop sign at South Francis Street intersecting East Railroad Street. The Board agreed to discuss the request at the upcoming Committee Meeting.

WATER & SEWER AND TECHNOLOGY - Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow reported a right of way agreement was signed with Clearwave Communications and installation is service for installation is expected in the near future.

Kenow updated the Board that the contract with Certop, Inc. expired March 31, 2025. He stated that the proposed renewal is being reviewed by the Water & Sewer Committee and will be discussed at the upcoming Committee Meeting. He asked the Board to consider extending monthly payments to Certop, Inc. at the previous rate with any increases to be paid if/when a new contract is approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to continue paying Certop, Inc. the previous contracted rate until a new contract is approved with any increases to be paid as agreed. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Kenow updated the Board that improvements managing the sewer pond are being recorded, including decreasing odors and increasing oxygen levels. He noted the addition of a filter screen installed by Spaeth Welding and reduction of trash are helping clear the system. Kenow noted recent meetings with Curry & Associates identified specific concerns and plans for maintaining the system are being considered. Superintendent Horstmann added that sewer testing equipment has been ordered and will be used to more closely monitor the sewer system.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Report: Superintendent Horstmann reported -7.29% water loss for May with a -5.82% loss year to date.

Superintendent Horstmann noted that the tank inspection is being scheduled.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid Chairman: McDermid updated the Board that the new electrical aggregation contract has been signed with Homefield Energy at a rate of \$0.11948/kWh. The Village of Albers entered into the electrical aggregation contract on behalf of all residents, authorizing Homefield Energy as the electric supplier for all residential accounts. McDermid recommends residents remain with Homefield Energy as current rates are lower than AmerenIL. Residents may opt-out of the program by contacting AmerenIL or Homefield Energy. McDermid referred to a letter sent to residents concerning the rates update reminding all residents to remain vigilant when managing their residential account and asked all residents to contact him or Village Hall with any questions.

McDermid asked Attorney Bruckert to report on the asbestos lawsuit involving the Village has been settled with no further action required. He thanked Attorney Bruckert for his attention to resolving the lawsuit.

McDermid updated the Board on the Lookingglass Ambulance District, noting the independent ambulance district includes Albers, Damiansville, New Baden and Lookingglass Township. McDermid noted that the newly acquired ambulance funded by ExxonMobil has been received and delivered. He noted \$49,000.00 was donated by ExxonMobil for the purchase of the ambulance, with funds not used

to purchase the ambulance to be paid to The Village of New Baden for purchase of ambulance equipment.

President Schomaker thanked Brian Wuebbels, Lookingglass Ambulance District Board Member for filling in for Alan Gilbert, New Baden Ambulance Administrator, during Allen's current illness.

McDermid presented invoices to be paid, the Board reviewed the invoices.  
A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$71,063.59. 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. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

ZONING Sean Kennedy Chairman: Kennedy updated the Board that the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant submitted on behalf of the Village of Albers was denied but more funding opportunities will be pursued.

Kennedy asked the Board to consider revising the zoning map to include all updates since the previous printing. Kennedy agreed to contact HMG Engineers for pricing details.

Kennedy updated the Board that Attorney Bruckert is working on extending the bond/escrow deposit on Rose-Charles Subdivision with details to be presented at the upcoming meeting.

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 work by the Clinton County Highway Department has started on County Road #8, with crews installing culverts and addressing other repairs this summer.

Timmermann updated the Board that the sidewalk extension on North Commercial Street is currently on hold and funding for the project is expected to be funded through grants.

Timmermann presented the 2024 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) for close-out.  
A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve the 2024 MFT close-out, totaling \$34,612.84. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report Blake Deimeke: Superintendent Deimeke updated the Board that the parade route will be swept before the Albers Blast-Off Parade & Fireworks.

Superintendent Deimeke reported installing "No Driving on Grass or Ball Fields" signs at Lehrter/JC Park notifying drivers to stay off park property.

Superintendent Deimeke noted that plans are being made to oil the JC Hall parking lot and west of JC Drive, and the intersections of N. Franklin Street and Park Avenue and Cottonwood and Park Avenue in the upcoming weeks.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker noted that he recently attended 'Mayors for Meals' with

McDermid in support of 'Meals on Wheels' a food assistance program for area seniors by the Western Clinton County Senior Services (WCCSS) in Trenton. President Schomaker thanked all Meals on Wheels volunteers and everyone who works to serve our seniors and those in need.

President Schomaker announced Music in the Park every Thursday this summer at Lehrter/JC Park Stage. Local bands will be playing 7p.m.-9p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend this fun, free, family friendly night every Thursday this summer.

President Schomaker invited everyone to the Father's Day Breakfast at American Legion Post #1026 on Sunday, June 14.

President Schomaker announced Deacons Glenn Netemeyer and Kevin Templin of St. Bernard & St. Bernard parishes as the 2025 Blast-Off Parade Grand Marshals. He thanked both men for their tireless service to our community and for leading the 2025 Blast-Off Parade on Thursday, July 3. He invited everyone to the 2025 Albers Blast-Off Parade & Fireworks on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

President Schomaker invited all Trustees to the Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors (SWIMCOM) meeting hosted by the Village of Albers at American Legion Post #1026 on Thursday, June 26. He asked everyone to contact Clerk Morris if they will be attending.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

*Brenda Morris, Village Clerk*