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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 August 11, 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 – July 14, 2025: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting July 14, 2025.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann 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: Jim Toennies, resident and Lehrter/JC Park Board Co-President was in attendance to report on park activities. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer asked Mr. Toennies to report on park activities. Mr. Toennies stated that expanding and relocating the west diamond has begun and is progressing, he thanked the Board for supporting all park improvements. President Schomaker noted that the park updates are impressive and thanked Mr. Toennies and the Albers Park Board for continually promoting our community through their dedication to the park.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann Chairman: Behrmann had nothing to report.

Stephen Schomaker - Village President

Trustees - Scott Athmer, Cliff Behrmann, Sean Kennedy, Kevin Kenow, Mike McDermid 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 Chief's Report - Chief Brian Vielweber: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief Report.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that new electronic speed signs are being installed and will be operational soon.

WATER & SEWER AND TECHNOLOGY - Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow noted no new communication from Clearwave Communications. The signed right of way agreement with Clearwave Communications has been submitted and a reply from Clearwave Communications is expected in the near future.

Kenow asked the Board to approve hiring Curry & Associates, Inc. as the engineer of record for the Water & Sewer Department. The Board discussed the proposal.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve hiring Curry & Associates, Inc. as the engineer of record for the Water & Sewer Department. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Kenow asked the Board to consider developing an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IL-EPA) Engineering Plan to facilitate funding for sewer plant improvements. Kenow explained that the plan can be prepared to be submitted in the spring and will allow loans to be used to reimburse sewer plant improvements.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the IL-EPA Engineering Plan, not to exceed \$20,000.00. 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. Sewer testing equipment has been received and will be used to more closely monitor the sewer system.

Kenow reminded all residents to keep meters visible and accessible for meter reading and maintenance.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Report: Superintendent Horstmann reported -20.85% water loss for July with a -7.13% loss year to date. Superintendent Horstmann noted that the high water loss report may be the result of estimated meter reading for the month and do not indicate leaks in the system.

Superintendent Horstmann noted that residents have been notified to keep all meters visible and accessible for

FINANCE - Mike McDermid Chairman: McDermid updated the Board that the new electrical aggregation contract is being prepared and will be presented soon. A current 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 updated the Board on information concerning solar aggregation programs currently being offered and does not recommend participating in the program at this time. He noted long-term concerns

and operational obligations for parties involved in the program that make it cost prohibitive at this time.

McDermid updated the Board on the Lookingglass Ambulance District, noting the independent ambulance district includes Albers, Damiansville, New Baden and Lookingglass Township. President Schomaker noted that all ambulances are operating and the district is serving all

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$50,778.90. 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.

McDermid noted a certificate of deposit is coming due and that he will be directing Treasurer Hubert to roll the funds to a new certificate of deposit with the highest rates, per previous Board discussions.

ZONING Sean Kennedy Chairman: Kennedy noted conversations with HMG Engineers concerning updating the current zoning maps and that more information will be shared as it becomes available.

Kennedy informed the Board that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Insurance Program has been updated.

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 on County Road #8 is complete and thanked the Clinton County Highway Department for professionally managing the project.

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 announced streets are scheduled to be oiled Wednesday, September 10, 2025, with a map of included streets available soon.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report Blake Deimeke: Superintendent Deimeke reported that streets will be oiled Wednesday, September 10, and a map will be submitted as time arrives.

Superintendent Deimeke updated the Board that the area around Lehrter/JC Park Stage and JC Hall will be swept in an effort to clean the area for the upcoming Albers Hootenanny.

Superintendent Deimeke updated the Board that the backhoe will be taken for repairs to the joystick.

Superintendent Deimeke noted that the tractor will be taken for repairs. The Board discussed possibly replacing the tractor, it was decided to continue discussing best options.

President Schomaker thanked Superintendent Deimeke, Greg Hall and Mark Detmer for hauling rock for the recent Lehrter/JC Park baseball diamond relocate.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker announced the Illinois America250 Commemoration will be celebrating the United States' upcoming anniversary in 2026 and that the Village of Albers will be participating in the celebration.

President Schomaker thanked everyone for supporting the Albers Germanfest at the final Music in the Park at Lehrter/JC Stage and JC Hall on Thursday, August 07. He noted a big crowd for the event that closed out the 2025 Music in the Park season. He thanked Bill & Jeannie Brendel for scheduling all the great entertainment for the summer and stated he is looking forward to another great season of Music in the Park next summer.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a \$50.00 donation to the Clinton County Crimestoppers golf tournament.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$50.00 to the Clinton County Crimestoppers golf tournament from the Tourism Fund. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - 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 Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk