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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 January 12, 2026

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

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES – December 08, 2025: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting December 08, 2025.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed.

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

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Attorney Terry Bruckert, Chief Vielweber, Clerk Morris, 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: James Huelsmann and Conner Scott, Central High School students, were in attendance per a civics class requirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer reported that new pillars have been poured for the new ball diamond lights and thanked Clearwave for boring the project.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann Chairman: Behrmann to update the Board on behalf of the Police Department.

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



We Care, We Recycle

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that a siren and compressor is being purchased from the Village of Lebanon at a cost of \$353.53 to replace the siren currently at the sewer pond that is not operational.

WATER & SEWER AND TECHNOLOGY - Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow updated the Board that Clearwave Fiber is almost finished installing in the Village of Albers. He also noted that service will be extended north on County Road #8 to the intersection of Peltas Lane but will not extend into Purple Martin Lane. Residents west on Purple Martin Lane will be responsible for setting up Clearwave Fiber service independently if installation is requested.

Kenow updated the Board that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Engineering Plan has been submitted on behalf of the Village of Albers by Curry & Associates Engineers with funding being awarded in March 2026. Kenow noted he will be meeting with Curry & Associates Engineers Thursday, January 22 to discuss the plan.

Kenow updated the Board that sewer pond daily readings are being recorded and show improvement, including decreasing odors and increasing oxygen levels. He thanked Superintendent Horstmann and our water operators for closely monitoring the sewer pond and improving operations.

Kenow noted that upgrading meter reading to radio read from touch read will be discussed at upcoming committee meetings and that the transition may be planned in phases due to the high cost of replacement.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Report: Superintendent Horstmann reported -13.48% water loss for December with a -6.04% loss year to date, noting that the higher than usual loss is partially attributed to a watermain break on North Commercial and >40,000 gallon used by a non-metered pump used for Clearwave Fiber installation that has not yet been recorded in our system.

Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board that the tank inspection is tentatively being scheduled for March and will update the Board when scheduling is confirmed.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid Chairman: McDermid updated the Board 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 noted the electrical aggregation rates currently include only residential customers and commercial accounts may be included under a separate offer and are under review by Good Energy, LP.

McDermid presented invoices to be paid, the Board reviewed the invoices. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$49,642.78. 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. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

ZONING - Sean Kennedy Chairman: Kennedy asked the Board to consider releasing the required bond held by the owners/developers of Rose Charles Estates in response to subdivision planning/development being suspended, the Board discussed the bond release. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kennedy to release the bond requirement on Rose Charles Estates until plans for developing the subdivision is reconsidered. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

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 grant funding for the project is expected.

Timmermann asked the Board to approve the sale of the light pick-up truck by sealed bid, the Board discussed the sale. It was agreed that bids would be advertised and a \$500.00 minimum bid would be set with sealed bids reviewed at the February 09, 2026, meeting.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report Blake Deimeke: Superintendent Deimeke updated the Board that he will be contacting Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) representatives addressing concerns on cooperating on repairs at the intersection of State Route 161 and South Franklin Street.

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. Updates on the celebration will be shared as plans are complete.

President Schomaker invited everyone to support the Clin-Clair Fire Department at the Mouse Races Dinner & Cash Drawing on Saturday, January 31.

President Schomaker asked McDermid to present donation requests to the Board for discussion and review. The Board reviewed and discussed donation requests from Dax's Defenders Fundraiser and Mater Dei Auction.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve on JC Hall rental valued at \$150.00 for the 2026 Mater Dei Auction. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve a \$100.00 donation to Dax's Defenders from the Tourism Fund. Kennedy 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 Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk