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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 March 09, 2026

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

President Schomaker asked all in attendance to remember the family of Bob Netemeyer after Bob's recent passing. He thanked Bob for his dedicated service as a member of the Village of Albers Planning Commission, Albers Elementary School Board, Clinton County Board and dedicated service to our community by volunteering on numerous projects and committees.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES – February 09, 2026: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting February 09, 2026.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – 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. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - 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: Carson Richter, Central High School student and Albers resident, was in attendance per a civics class requirement. Dave Wellen was in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer 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



We Care, We Recycle

President Schomaker thanked Superintendent Deimeke, Jim Toennies, Gregg Heimann and all who helped install the lights at the park. He also added that everyone is looking forward to the ball tournament at Lehrter/JC Park in May and commended the Park Board for planning the event.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann Chairman: Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber 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.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the siren test was successful for the month with several issues identified. He noted that phone lines have been repaired to facilitate remote activation and the siren at Clin-Clair Fire Department is scheduled to be repaired.

Chief Vielweber presented the draft ordinance for first reading adding crosswalks at the intersection of Susan and Debra Drives at the intersection of North Commercial Street and at the main entrance of Albers Elementary School to school parking lot; the Board reviewed the ordinance.

Chief Vielweber presented the draft ordinance for first reading that adds a stop sign on East Railroad Street at the entrance of the sewer treatment plant and discussed the ordinance with the Board.

Chief Vielweber presented the previously approved contract with Clinton County Animal Control, asking the Board to consider rescinding the approval. He stated that many municipalities are dismissing the contract and there are numerous questions concerning the execution of the agreement. The contract outlines services from Clinton County Animal Control at a cost to the Village of \$1/resident per year, the contract is being offered to all municipalities in Clinton County. The Board discussed rescinding the contract with Chief Vielweber.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to rescind the previously approved Clinton County Animal Control contract. Timmermann second. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that a snow plow to be used on the ATV has been purchased through donations to the Albers Police Department and will be installed when received.

WATER & SEWER AND TECHNOLOGY - Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow noted that Clearwave Fiber was recently purchased by Delta Communications. Installations in the Village continues and residences and businesses now have the option of signing up for services.

Kenow presented the Master Right of Way License Agreement between the Village of Albers and Clearwave Fiber / Delta Communications for review and approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the Master Right of Way License Agreement between the Village of Albers and Clearwave Fiber / Delta Communications. McDermid second. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

Kenow directed Clerk Morris to file the signed agreement with the Clinton County Clerk & Recorder.

Kenow updated the Board that long-term water tower monitoring is being researched in response to the recent failures in notifications of low water levels; noting a back-up alarm system being considered to ensure notification.

Kenow updated the Board that the sewer pond is currently operating well with daily monitoring being conducted. He stated that solutions are being researched to best address managing the sewer pond.

Kenow updated the Board that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Engineering Plan

has been submitted on behalf of the Village of Albers by Curry & Associates Engineers with funding being awarded in March 2026. A public hearing was held on February 23, 2026, and part of the Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination (PEID) required by the IEPA.

Kenow updated the Board that sewer pond daily readings are being recorded and showing 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.

Kenow reported the initial membership in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network has been accepted and the Village of Albers is looking forward to actively participating in the network.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Report: Superintendent Horstmann reported -13.03% water loss for February with a -5.86% loss year to date.

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 presented the draft appropriations ordinance for review, asking Trustees to contact him with any updates. The final ordinance will be presented at the April meeting.

McDermid presented invoices to be paid, the Board reviewed the invoices. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$130,329.25. 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 noted that the Dollar General construction proceeding with all zoning guidelines being reviewed and implemented.

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 consider the purchase of a pre-owned street sweeper for \$4,000.00. The Board discussed the purchase. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann purchase a pre-owned street sweeper for \$4,000.00. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report Blake Deimeke: Superintendent Deimeke noted that the mosquito fogger has been repaired and Lehrter/JC Park is being opened for the season.

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 reminded everyone of the upcoming election on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

President Schomaker announced donations for the St. Bernard & St. Damian Lenten Food Drive are being accepted at Village Hall.

President Schomaker announced donations for the 2026 Operation Diaper Drop sponsored by the Metro-East Diaper Bank are being accepted at Village Hall.

President Schomaker announced the Albers-Damiansville Spring Yard Sales are scheduled for Saturday, May 09.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider donating to the 2026 Albers Elementary School Golf Scramble as hole sponsors, the Board discussed the request.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$100.00 from the Tourism Fund to the 2026 Albers Elementary School Golf Scramble. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker congratulated our 2026 Girls Basketball State Champions, Central High School girls' basketball team. On behalf of the Board, he commended their hard work and impressive achievement.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENTERED: The Board entered Executive Session to discuss purchase or lease of Real Property per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow at 7:24p.m. to enter Executive Session to discuss purchase of lease of Real Property. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker, Attorney Bruckert, Clerk Morris and Trustees Athmer, Behrmann, Kennedy, Kenow, McDermid and Timmermann entered Executive Session. All other officials and guests exited the meeting

Executive Session was held.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow at 7:33p.m. to exit Executive Session. Kennedy seconded the

motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

The Board returned to open session.

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