

# Village of Albers

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON April 13, 2026

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 MEETING MINUTES – March 09, 2026: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting March 09, 2026.

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 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES – March 09, 2026: The Board reviewed the minutes from Executive Session Meeting March 09, 2026.

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

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – March 19, 2026: The Board reviewed the minutes from the Special Meeting on March 19, 2026.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kennedy to approve the minutes as presented. Behrmann 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 Chad Leitch, 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: Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

*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*



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer had nothing to report.

Athmer updated all in attendance on a ball tournament being planned for the last weekend of May and thanked organizers for their hard work promoting Albers.

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 failing fuses have been replaced and all sirens are operational. Chief Vielweber reminded all in attendance that sirens are tested at 10:00a.m. the first Tuesday of every month if weather is not threatening.

Chief Vielweber presented Ordinance #626-04132026 for final review and vote. The ordinance adds crosswalks at Susan Drive at North Commercial Street; Debra Drive at North Commercial Street and at Albers Elementary School main entrance to school parking lot on North Broadway Street. The Board reviewed and discussed the ordinance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to approve Ordinance #626-04132026, amending to approve the minutes as presented and keep them sealed. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

Chief Vielweber presented Ordinance #627-04132026 for final review and vote. The ordinance adds a stop sign on East Railroad Street at the entrance of the sewer treatment plant and discussed the ordinance with the Board. The Board reviewed and discussed the ordinance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to approve Ordinance #627-04132026, amending to approve the minutes as presented and keep them sealed. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

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 updated the Board that parts have been received and repairs are tentatively scheduled for updating water tower monitoring.

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.

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

Water & Sewer Superintendent Report: Superintendent Horstmann reported +1.63% water gain for March with a -6.13% average loss for the past twelve months.

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

FINANCE - Mike McDermid Chairman: McDermid presented Ordinance #628-04132026, appropriations for fiscal year 2027, for final review and vote. The Board reviewed and discussed the ordinance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve Ordinance #628-04132026. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried. McDermid directed Clerk Morris to file the ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk.

McDermid updated the Board a current contract has been signed with Homefield Energy at a rate of \$0.1319/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 reminded 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 invoices to be paid, the Board reviewed the invoices.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$72,975.23. Kennedy 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. Timmermann 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 hiring Gregg Heimann as a short-term employee to assist Superintendent Deimeke at a rate of \$25/hour. The Board discussed the request.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to hire Gregg Heimann as a short-term employee to assist Superintendent Deimeke at a rate of \$25/hour. Behrmann 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 street oiling is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, and a proposed route is being reviewed.

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 announced the Albers-Damiansville Spring Yard Sales are scheduled for Saturday, May 09, 2026.

President Schomaker announced the Albers Blast-Off Parade & Fireworks! is scheduled for Friday, July 03.

President Schomaker announced the Albers Commercial Club Hootenanny will be Sunday, September 06.

McDermid asked the Board to consider a donation to Western Clinton County Senior Services (WCCSS), for their upcoming volunteer appreciation dinner.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$100.00 from the Tourism Fund to WCCSS. 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*