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

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Kent Schwierjohn

Jeff Timmermann

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON March 12, 2018

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Regular Session minutes from the February 12, 2018, President and Board of Trustees Regular Meeting were reviewed.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve the Agenda as presented. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: David Crabtree and Malinda Heuring representing Wisper Net were in attendance to discuss expanding services to Albers. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Brenda Morris, Clerk; Attorney JD Brandmeyer; Dan Holtmann, Streets & Lighting Superintendent, Jeannie Brendel, Zoning Administrator; Brian Vielweber, Police Chief and Chris Horstmann, Water & Sewer Superintendent were in attendance. Cindy Hubert, Treasurer; was absent.

President Schomaker asked Kenow to discuss the proposal from Wisper Net about adding services in the Village of Albers. Kenow asked Mr. Crabtree and Ms. Heuring to present their product to the Board. Ms. Heuring stated that an antenna may be placed on the water tower or alternate location to serve village and rural residents around Albers. Wisper Net offers 10, 15 and 20 megabyte packages. Kenow asked Wisper Net representatives to be available discuss details of services and agreements as the Village considers adding alternative internet service providers.

Stephen Schomaker - Village President

Trustees - Scott Athmer, Dennis Behrmann, Kevin Kenow, Mike McDermid, Kent Schwierjohn and Jeff Timmermann

Brenda Morris - Village Clerk

Brian Vielweber - Police Chief

Cindy Hubert - Village Treasurer

Dan Holtmann - Streets & Lighting Superintendent

Jeannie Brendel - Zoning Administrator

Chris Horstmann - Water & Sewer Superintendent



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented his report.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the current Neighborhood Vehicle permits expire as of April 30, 2018. He will be working with Clerk Morris on ensuring all vehicles are in compliance.

Chief Vielweber updated everyone that the Albers Police Department will be hosting a Jeep Poker Run on Saturday, September 15, to benefit the DARE program. The DARE program costs approximately \$600-\$700 annually to educate students at Albers Elementary School.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented a Home Kitchen Requirements Ordinance. Home kitchens selling products to the public are required to meet certain guidelines to avoid further licensing requirements as stated in the ordinance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve Ordinance #567 - Home Kitchen Requirements. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

McDermid asked all Trustees to review the current 2019 Appropriations Ordinance and directed Clerk Morris to post the current draft.

McDermid presented the Charter Communications franchise agreement for review and approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the Charter Communications franchise agreement. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Electrical rates as of June 2019 are \$.05496/kwh. Current rates and rate comparisons may be found at www.pluginillinois.org.

McDermid presented the invoices for review.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay the bills submitted in the amount of \$26,514.17. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy Hubert, Treasurer: Treasurer Hubert was absent. McDermid presented her report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the Treasurer's Report. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer was absent. President Schomaker updated the Board that Netemeyer Engineering is scheduled to survey the maintenance shed property in the upcoming week.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann noted the submission of a letter to Senator Kyle McCarter and Representative Charlie Meier asking for funding for Phase I engineering on improvements on State Route 161.

Streets and Village Superintendent's Report - Dan Holtmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Holtmann updated the Board that he has qualified for mosquito abatement again this year.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow reminded everyone that bi-weekly yard waste services begin on Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported water loss of -10.18% was reported for February, average water loss year-to-date is -4.65%.

President Schomaker asked Superintendent Horstmann about a letter received concerning the recent IL-EPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) inspection. Superintendent Horstmann assured the Board that all issues are being addressed and do not directly affect services.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board of a recent request for the approval of Thole Estates, a property being developed outside Albers village-limits, but within our Comprehensive Plan. The property will be reviewed by the Plan Commission in the near future, with the recommendation coming before the Board.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel had nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker updated the Board on a recent meeting with representatives of our ambulance district. He noted that operations within the ambulance district are improving and is confident that the Village of Albers and cooperating interests will continue providing great service to our residents. Topics discussed at the meeting included hiring a full-time employee, improving collections and raising funds for the purchase of a used ambulance. President Schomaker asked the Board to consider \$5,000 on behalf of the Village of Albers to the ambulance district. All participants in the district, including Albers, Damiansville, New Baden and Lookingglass Township are each being asked to contribute.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$5,000 to the purchase of an ambulance. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker reminded everyone of the upcoming election on Tuesday, March 20. Albers Village Hall will be the polling place for Lookingglass #4 Township.

President Schomaker reminded everyone of the upcoming Farm Auction at the American Legion on Wednesday, March 28. He asked residents to be aware of increased traffic during the week of the event.

President Schomaker announced the Albers Commercial Club will be hosting the Culpepper-Merriweather Circus at Lehrter/JC Park on Friday, April 13, 2018. He invited everyone to attend this great event.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to adjourn the meeting at 7:35p.m. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk