

# Village of Albers

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS

### PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON June 10, 2019.

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

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The minutes from the Regular Meeting #1 on May 13, 2019, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the minutes as presented. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas, 0 – nays, 1 - abstain; motion carried.

The minutes from the Regular Meeting #2 on May 13, 2019, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the minutes as presented. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas, 0 – nays, 1 - abstain; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. Schwierjohn asked to add "Board of Appeals Meeting - Thursday, June 27 @ 6p.m." to Zoning/Ordinances/Grants Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the Agenda as amended. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann reviewed the Police Chief's Report, commending Chief Vielweber and all officers on effectively and efficiently operating the department.

*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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Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief's Report.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that he is continuing to educate bus drivers on properly using cameras installed on buses and working towards ensuring safety of all students and drivers on school routes.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented reports to each Trustee for their respective committees.

McDermid updated the Board on a recent meeting with Good Energy. He stated that due to changes in rates, the current AmerenIP rates are lower than the rates available from Homefield Energy. McDermid encouraged residents to consider opting-out of the current aggregation program.

McDermid presented the Ordinance #575-06102019, travel reimbursement ordinance, as designated by the State of Illinois, for final reading and vote.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid approve Ordinance #575-0610219, travel reimbursement ordinance, for approval. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

McDermid updated the Board that an SSA#8 Ambulance District Meeting held Tuesday, May 21, at New Baden Village Hall. McDermid and President Schomaker represented the Village at the meeting. He reported an increase in current taxes of 2% is expected to be approved for funding ambulance service per SSA#8. McDermid and President Schomaker both commended improvements in operations of the ambulance service; noting solid communications, planning and budgeting have strengthened the department.

McDermid presented the invoices for review.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay the bills submitted in the amount of \$30,843.71. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

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

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer noted that improvements have begun on the maintenance shed expansion and work is on schedule. The concrete foundation and flooring have been poured.

Athmer updated the Board that an energy audit has recently been completed on all Village buildings to pursue opportunities to receive the Energy Efficiency Incentive Grant from AmerenIP, replacing fluorescent lighting with LED lighting. Athmer will be coordinating with AmerenIP on completing the grant and replacing the lighting.

President Schomaker asked Athmer to continue working with AmerenIP installing additional electrical outlets near the Lehrter/JC Park stage.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that the previously approved project improving North Franklin Street has been completed by Kassen Excavating. The Board discussed continuing efforts to ensure the street is properly maintained.

Timmermann asked the Board to accept the extension of East Railroad Street from Laux HVAC, per recommendation from Superintendent Holtmann.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to accept the extension of East Railroad Street from Laux HVAC, with the entire street to be owned and maintained by the Village of Albers. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Streets and Village Superintendent's Report - Dan Holtmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Holtmann had nothing to report.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow updated the Board that bids replacing the utility pole replacement at the west lift station are being accepted. Superintendent Horstmann noted that he has been pursuing bids for replacing the utility pole, but none have been received.

Kenow noted that he has no updates on solar panels being installed at the water plant and will consult the Board if/when details are available. Kenow asked that the topic of 'Solar Panels at Water Plant' be moved to committee meeting agenda but removed from the formal agenda, pending updates.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann presented the water loss report. -3.79% water loss for May, with a -5.22% water loss for the previous twelve months was reported.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Plan Commission is scheduled to meet on Thursday, June 13 and the Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Thursday, June 27.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel reported three accessory permits were accepted for \$75 for the month of May.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were reported.

OLD BUSINESS: Clerk Morris asked the Board to consider disposition of Executive Session audio recordings and minutes from including and prior to February 13, 2018. Per State guidelines, Pursuant to the Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act, the verbatim record (i.e., audio or video recording) of a closed session meeting may be destroyed no less than 18 months after the completion of the meeting recorded if (1) the Village approves the destruction of the particular recording and (2) the Village approves the minutes of that closed session meeting. The Board considered the request.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to destroy audio recordings of Executive Session minutes including and prior to February 13, 2018. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Clerk Morris asked the Board to determine the confidentiality of Executive Session minutes including and prior to February 13, 2018. The Board considered the request.

A MOTION AS MADE BY Behrmann to keep all Executive Session minutes including and prior to February 13, 2018, sealed. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker congratulated the Albers Elementary School students recognized as 'Student of the Month' for their respective classes. May Students' of the Month were Brooke Steiger, Kinley Toennies, Jayce Santel, Emree Athmer, Austin McDonald, Emiliano Navarro, Ava Plocher and Jillian Kloeckner.

President Schomaker invited everyone to 'Music in the Park' every Thursday from June 06 to August 15 to hear great local bands performing on the Lehrter/JC Park stage from 7p.m.-9p.m. President Schomaker thanked Bill & Jeannie for planning another great season of 'Music in the Park'.

President Schomaker invited everyone to our annual Blast-Off Parade & Fireworks! on Wednesday, July 3rd; parade at 6:30p.m. and fireworks at 9p.m. He thanked everyone who has donated to the fireworks show and reminded all residents that donations are being accepted on-line and at Village Hall.

The Board discussed approval of a donation to this year's Blast-Off Parade & Fireworks!  
A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$100 from the Tourism Fund to the Blast-Off Parade & Fireworks! Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to adjourn the meeting. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

*Brenda Morris, Village Clerk*