

# Village of Albers

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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 July 08, 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 on June 10, 2019.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the minutes as presented. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas, 0 – nays; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. Timmermann asked to add "Rock Prices - Discussion / Vote" to Streets & Lighting Committee. Athmer asked to add "Maintenance Shed - Alternate Proposal - Discussion / Vote" to Improvements & Park Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the Agenda as amended. McDermid 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: Kevin & Anita Drake, residents and parents of Mykayla Drake, were in attendance to receive a military recognition sign for Mykayla's service in the United States Air Force. Kerry & Peggy Fehrmann, residents, were in attendance to observe the recommendation from the recent Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. 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*



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

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

McDermid updated the Board of a press release being composed concerning recent updates in rates for Ameren Illinois and Homefield Energy. He stated that residents are being asked to consider ending contracts with Homefield Energy because of lowered rates from Ameren Illinois.

McDermid presented the invoices for review.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay the bills submitted in the amount of \$56,606.40. Kenow 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. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – 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.

Athmer asked the Board to consider upgrades to the maintenance shed expansion including replacing metal and weather stripping around four overhead doors and replacing current man door with metal door with additional estimated cost of \$6,234.00 by Engelmann Construction.

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.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann asked the Board to review bids for improvements on North Franklin Street from Christ Brothers and Rooters Asphalt.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to accept the proposed lower bid from Rooters Asphalt for improvements on North Franklin Street at a cost of \$35,950.00. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Timmermann informed the Board to consider covering streets with slag instead of chips this fall after street oiling due to improved results. Overages in cost not covered by Motor Fuel Tax funds will be paid from the General Fund.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve the purchase of slag this fall after street oiling. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Streets and Village Superintendent's Report - Dan Holtmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Holtmann noted recently receiving mosquito larvicide from the Clinton County Health Department.

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 Clin-Clair Fire Department (CCFD) has been asked to submit a schedule of two

hydrants within the Village to be replaced per year.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann presented the water loss report. -8.12% water loss for June, with a -5.41% water loss for the previous twelve months was reported.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board that HMG Engineers is being asked to review and update subdivision codes per a recommendation from the Plan Commission. Schwierjohn asked the Board to consider the proposal to be discussed further at the August Board of Trustees meeting.

Schwierjohn asked the Board to consider the recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Thursday, June 27, approving the variance requested by Kerry & Peggy Fehrmann at 305 S. Commercial Street. The requested variance allows a shed to be built at 25' high, instead of the current limit of 20' high.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve the variance request by Kerry & Peggy Fehrmann at 305 S. Commercial Street allowing a shed to be built at 25' high. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel reported one variance request was submitted for \$325.00 in June.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were reported.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business reported.

NEW BUSINESS: 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 everyone for attending our annual Blast-Off Parade & Fireworks! on Wednesday, July 3rd. He noted that the parade and fireworks shows were very well attended and has become a great annual event for Albers.

President Schomaker invited any officials interested in attending the IML Conference to contact him

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a donation to the Clin-Clair Fire District Annual Golf Scramble.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$100.00 to the Clin-Clair Fire District Annual Golf Scramble from the Tourism Fund. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker updated the Board that recent visits from the Illinois Liquor Commission to local liquor license holders were well handled by all local businesses visited; no violations were reported. He commended all businesses/organizations visited for professionally overseeing operations and deterring underage drinking.

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*