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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 MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON February 10, 2020.

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 January 13 2019, were reviewed.

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

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: The minutes from the Executive Session Minutes on January 13 2019, were reviewed.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. Athmer asked to add "JC Building Improvements" to the Improvements and Parks report. Behrmann asked to add "Police Officer Wage Review - Discussion / Vote" to the Police and Disaster Response report. McDermid asked to add "Sexual Harassment Policy/Ordinance - First Reading" to "Finance report.

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 Luke Behme; Dan Holtmann, Streets & Lighting Superintendent; Brian Vielweber, Police Chief; and Chris Horstmann, Water & Sewer Superintendent were in attendance. Cindy Hubert, Treasurer and Jeannie Brendel, Zoning Administrator were absent.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann presented Ordinance #580-02102020, an ordinance amending Chapter 27, Article 10 relating to sex offender regulations for final review and vote.

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



- We Care, We Recycle

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to approve Ordinance #580-02102020. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

Behrmann asked the Board to consider a \$.50/hour pay raise for part-time officers from \$17.50/hour to \$18/hour effective March 01, 2020. He recommended the pay increase to keep our officer pay rate comparable to area departments.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to approve a \$.50/hour pay raise for part-time officers from \$17.50/hour to \$18/hour effective March 01, 2020. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief's Report. Behrmann commended Chief Vielweber for efficiently operating the Police Department.

President Schomaker recognized Chief Vielweber's recent interview and article in the 'Illinois Association of Police Chiefs' magazine highlighting his long-time, outstanding service. All in attendance congratulated Chief Vielweber.

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

McDermid presented the 2021 Appropriations Ordinance for first reading. He asked all Trustees to review their respective committee budgets for updates to the ordinance and directed Clerk Morris to post the draft ordinance for public review.

McDermid presented the Identity Theft Program Ordinance and Program for first reading and directed Clerk Morris to post the draft ordinance for public review. The Board discussed the ordinance with Kenow recommended the guidelines extend to outside vendors.

McDermid presented the Sexual Harassment Ordinance for first reading. He asked all Trustees and Attorney Behme to review the ordinance and directed Clerk Morris to post the draft ordinance for public review.

McDermid presented the invoices for review. Total invoices are \$30,584.03.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay the bills submitted in the amount of \$30,584.03. 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 updated the Board on recommendations from WisperNet on installing a 60' pole near the stage for optimal WIFI service at Lehrter/JC Park, he is continuing to work with WisperNet and will update the Board as more information becomes available.

Athmer asked the Board to consider improvements to the upstairs at the JC Building. Renovations being recommended include updating the kitchen, replacing flooring, improving insulation, expanding the floor plan, rewiring the electrical panel and rerouting some HVAC vents. Most of the labor for improvements, excluding electrical work, will be performed by volunteers. The Board discussed the proposal.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to spend up to \$20,000.00 for improvements to the upstairs of the JC Building. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann noted that Eric Rolves will begin his contract with the Village of Albers, as approved at the January Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Rolves will begin effective Tuesday, February 11, as defined in the contract.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Dan Holtmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Holtmann recommended the purchase of a new backpack leaf blower.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow noted that Christmas decorations will soon be moved out of the old water plant, securing the plant for water operations.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported -4.9% water loss for January, with a -5.71% water loss for the previous twelve months.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board of the Planning Commission's meeting on Thursday, January 23, reviewing the proposed Dennis Holtmann First Subdivision, which is within the village's Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended the proposal. The Board discussed the recommendation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve the proposed Dennis Holtmann First Subdivision. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel was absent. Schwierjohn reported zero (0) permits submitted in January.

COMMUNICATIONS: No communications presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business reported.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker invited everyone to attend the Culpepper Merriweather Circus sponsored by the Albers Commercial Club on Friday, February 17, at the Lehrter/JC Park.

President Schomaker noted the Hunter Safety Course being offered at American Legion Post #1026 on April 24-25.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session.

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