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

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON June 08, 2020.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Closing Fiscal Year 2020 on May 11, 2020, were reviewed.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The minutes from the Regular Meeting #2 Opening Fiscal Year 2021 on May 11, 2020, were reviewed.

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

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Brenda Morris, Clerk; Chief Vielweber, Superintendent Rolves, Superintendent Horstmann, Administrator Brendel and Attorney Luke Behme were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert was excused from the meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to discuss updates to Alternate Vehicle Permit Renewals. Chief Vielweber updated the Board that current alternative vehicle permit renewals are being reviewed and an updated procedure will be presented at the upcoming Committee Meeting for review.

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

Eric Rolves - 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. He noted increased expenses in April due to an extra pay period in the month and payment of the new squad car computer, the department is operating within budgetary guidelines.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that citations have recently been written to unlicensed alternative vehicle drivers and that our officers are monitoring drivers within the Village.

President Schomaker thanked Chief Vielweber for serving with ILEAS (Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System) units during the recent protests in other communities, including Edwardsville, Highland, Granite City and Breese.

President Schomaker read a note from Stephanie Tonnies, representing Tonnies Hardware & Rental, thanking Chief Vielweber for his diligent efforts on resolving a recent theft issue and his commitment to resolving the situation.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow updated the Board on the request by the Village of Damiansville to amend the current water supply services agreement. Brian Buchheit of HMG Engineers, is working with engineers at Curry & Associates, representing the Village of Damiansville, to find an optimal solution benefiting both communities. Mr. Buchheit recommends limiting the height of the new water tower in the Village of Damiansville not to exceed the height of the Village of Albers water tower.

Kenow noted that water and sewer rates are being reviewed and will be discussed at the upcoming Committee Meeting.

Kenow reported -4.86% water loss for May, -5.14 water loss for the previous twelve months.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann was absent, his absence was excused.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented Resolution #06082020, authorizing "Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt-Out of Such a Program". The resolution authorizes McDermid and President Schomaker to execute a service agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity on behalf of Albers residents and small businesses. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve Resolution #06082020, authorizing "Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt-Out of Such a Program". Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

McDermid updated the Board that the upcoming electrical aggregation bidding is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

McDermid presented Ordinance #582-06082020, adopting the Village Sexual Harassment Policy for final review and vote. The ordinance outlines the sexual harassment policy per State of Illinois requirements. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept Ordinance #582-06082020, adopting the Village Sexual Harassment Policy. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

McDermid presented the invoices to the Board for review, totaling \$24,186.15. A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve payment of invoices totaling \$24,186.15. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

McDermid reviewed the committee reports with the Board and asked trustees to contact him with questions.

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. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to submit any extra expenses due to the COVID-19 emergency to Clerk Morris. The Village will be pursuing options to have the expenses reimbursed.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer updated the Board on installing WIFI at Lehrter/JC Park. He will be contacting Wisper Internet and Charter Communications to discuss specific requirements of completing the project and will have updates at upcoming meetings.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann asked Schwierjohn to update the Board on the REBUILD Illinois Capital Program. Schwierjohn advised the Board to apply for an additional \$26,000, submitted as \$13,000 twice in the upcoming year, for supplemental maintenance through the program for reimbursements on oil/chipping and maintenance.

Timmermann asked the Board to consider the replacement and improvement of the culvert on South Franklin Street. The Board discussed the project and directed Superintendent Rolves to complete it in a timely manner.

Timmermann updated the Board of needed improvements on the storm sewers on Meadowlark Drive and asked Superintendent Rolves to schedule the improvements.

Timmermann updated the Board on upcoming improvements to the alley on the 100-block between North Commercial and North Francis Streets, including installation of a storm sewer drop-box.

Timmermann presented the approved MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) close-out information to the Board. Submitted totals are \$28,206 for January-December 2019 and 1,426.50 for January-April 2020.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves was in attendance.

President Schomaker thanked Superintendent Rolves for helping address illegal dumping within the Village. Superintendent Rolves and Chief Vielweber are pursuing a current case with the Illinois Department of Conservation prosecuting an illegal dumping violator and are diligently watching for violations.

President Schomaker asked Superintendent Rolves and Chief Vielweber to research camera purchases for the area around the Village Maintenance Shed. Cameras are being considered to help eliminate illegal dumping and abuses of the Village dumpster.

President Schomaker thanked Superintendent Rolves for working hard serving our residents in his new position. Several Trustees also voiced appreciation and thanked Superintendent Rolves for his efforts.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board on the recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on June 04, 2020. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the variance request by Rady & Deb Sellinger at 205 Wildwood Drive, allowing the accessory structure to be built four feet (4') from the rear property line, instead of the required five feet (5'). The Zoning Board of Appeals also recommended the accessory building be covered in vinyl siding.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation to approve the variance request by Rady & Deb Sellinger at 205 Wildwood Drive, allowing the accessory structure to be built four feet (4') from the rear property line, instead of the required five feet (5') and the additional recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals to cover the accessory building be covered in

vinyl siding. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel presented the Zoning Administrator's Report for March and April. \$350 was collected in March for one variance request and one accessory permit with \$125 collected in April for five accessory permits.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker invited everyone to the Albers Blast-Off Fireworks! on Friday, July 03, hosted by the Albers Commercial Club. He reminded everyone that the fireworks cost approximately \$7,000 and donations are being accepted to pay for the event.

President Schomaker updated the Board that the previously scheduled Culpepper & Merriweather Circus will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

President Schomaker announced the Albers Elementary School graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, at the Lehrter/JC Park stage.

President Schomaker reminded everyone that a new date for the previously scheduled Culpepper & Merriweather Circus will be set as soon as possible. All tickets purchased will be honored at the rescheduled shows.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

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

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk