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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 September 14, 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 from August 10, 2020, were reviewed.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. Behrmann asked to add "Varel Donation - Discussion / Vote" to Police and Disaster Response Committee.

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

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Chief Vielweber, Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves, Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann, Zoning Administrator Brendel and Attorney Luke Behme were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert and Clerk Morris were excused from the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Brooke Schipke was in attendance to receive a military recognition sign with her parents, Andy & Sandy Schipke. Shelley Kenow and Andres Irizarry were in attendance to observe the passage of the Mental Health Awareness Proclamation and promote the upcoming Virtual Mental Health and Memorial Walk; Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

President Schomaker presented Proclamation #09142020, proclaiming October 01-05, 2020, as Mental Health Awareness Days in the Village of Albers. He invited everyone to participate in the upcoming Virtual Mental Health and Memorial Walk to bring awareness to this very important issue, supporting the Swing for Sydney Foundation and honor the life of Sydney Irizarry.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve Proclamation #09142020, recognizing October 01.05, 2020, as Mental Health Awareness Days in the Village of Albers, and donating \$100 to the Swing for

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



- We Care, We Recycle

Sydney Foundation from the Tourism Fund in support of the upcoming Virtual Mental Health and Memorial Walk. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann updated the Board that the current alternative vehicle renewal process is being reviewed. Proposed updates will be available at upcoming committee meetings.

Behrmann asked the Board to consider a donation to Rachel Varel, previous Police Chief, in memory of her husband, Dave Varel.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to donate \$100 to Rachel Varel, from the Tourism Fund, in honor of Dave Varel. Athmer 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.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow updated the Board that no updates are available 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.

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

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board that power monitoring system at the booster station is out of date and recommended it be updated. He presented a proposal by R.E. Pedrotti to update the system for a cost of \$1,378.00, all costs are part of regular operations and don't require additional approval.

Superintendent Horstmann reported -8.60% water loss for August, -3.99% water loss for the previous twelve months.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented the upcoming Tax Levy Ordinance for first reading and review. He directed Clerk Morris to post the draft for public review. He stated that taxes have not been increased by the Village of Albers from the previous eight years.

McDermid presented the invoices to the Board for review, totaling \$48,986.52.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve payment of invoices totaling \$48,986.52. Behrmann 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. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer updated the Board that he has been in contact with representatives of Wisper Internet in setting the utility pole at Lehrter/JC Park. Wisper Internet is also presenting a proposal for costs of installing WIFI at the maintenance shed for use in security cameras.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that the old pickup truck will be used for spreading salt.

Timmermann asked the Board to consider a motion addressing unimproved alley usage. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann stating "I move that if any person uses an unimproved alley situated in a Village right-of-way, and disturbs the surface of the right-of-way, such person shall be responsible for restoring the surface of the right-of-way to the original condition." Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

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

President Schomaker and Timmermann thanked Superintendent Rolves on doing a great job oiling the streets.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn updated the Board about concerns with back yard drainage issues on residences on the north side of Wildwood Drive. He is working on details and getting cost estimates on the project.

Schwierjohn updated the Board that an ordinance updating drainage regulations is under review and presented the draft ordinance for second reading.

Schwierjohn informed the Board that an ordinance regulating cargo containers is being prepared for first reading and review.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel updated the Board that four permits were approved in August at \$25.00/permit, totaling \$100.00.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker updated the Board that Trick-or-Treating in the Village of Albers will be Friday, October 30, from 6p.m.-8p.m., for school-age children and younger.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a donation to the Albers Booster Club Golf Tournament, benefiting students of Albers Elementary School.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to donate \$100.00 from the Tourism Fund to the Albers Booster Club Golf Tournament. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

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