

# Village of Albers

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

PRESIDENT, Steve Schomaker

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Kent Schwierjohn

Jeff Timmermann

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON January 11, 2021.

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, Kenow, McDermid, Schwierjohn and Timmermann were present at roll call. Behrmann was absent, his absence was excused.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The minutes from the Regular Meeting from December 14, 2020, were reviewed.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

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

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Clerk Morris; Chief Vielweber; Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves; Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann and Attorney Bruckert were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert and Jeannie Brendel, Zoning Administrator were absent, their absences were excused.

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann was absent

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief's Report. He noted an additional \$19,900.00 has been received by the Village of Albers from the CURE Program in response to Covid-19 with total payments of \$46,000.00 received to date. President Schomaker commended Chief Vielweber for applying for the funds and thanked him for his efforts.

Chief Vielweber reported issues with a failure of remotely setting off the sirens. Sirens are currently

*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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enabled to be set off manually while repairs are being made.

Chief Vielweber updated everyone in attendance about the pending legislation in the state of Illinois. He outlined details of House Bill#163/Senate Amendment 2, stating that aspects of the proposed legislation will adversely affect law enforcement locally and throughout the entire state. President Schomaker updated everyone in attendance that Representative Charlie Meier and Senator Plummer have been asked to vote 'no' on the legislation.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow asked Superintendent Horstmann to update the Board.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann presented estimates for tank inspection from Midco Diving & Marine Services, Inc. and Complete Restorations. The Board discussed the estimates with Superintendent Horstmann. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to accept the estimate from Midco Diving & Marine Services for \$3,7898.00 for inspection. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Superintendent Horstmann reported supplies have been ordered for repairs on the water line at 5258/5260 State Route 161 and repairs will be scheduled when supplies are received.

Superintendent Horstmann reported -4.68% water loss for December, -3.68% water loss for the previous twelve months.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented the invoices to the Board for review, totaling \$32,814.67.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve payment of invoices totaling \$32,814.67. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

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. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer is continuing to work with Wisper Internet on installing Wi-Fi at the maintenance shed.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that he is continuing to try scheduling curbing replacement on Debra Drive with Engelmann Concrete Construction, Inc.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves cleaning street gutters, park cleaning and maintaining Village property. President Schomaker thanked Superintendent Rolves for all his hard work.

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 will be presenting details and getting cost estimates on the project at an upcoming meeting.

Schwierjohn updated the Board that the draft ordinance addressing drainage is being reviewed and updated.

Schwierjohn noted that the Village is working closely with all involved parties developing Rose-Charles Subdivision being developed by Dennis Holtmann and family.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel was absent, her absence was excused.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker noted conversations with Casey's General Stores representatives in response to recent rumors that the Albers store may be closing. He was assured that this is not true and Casey's will continue being an integral part of our community.

President Schomaker thanked Chief Vielweber, Clerk Morris, Trustee McDermid, Deacon Glenn Netemeyer and everyone who volunteers for Meals on Wheels, delivering lunches to our senior residents through Western Clinton County Senior Services (WCCSS) and invited anyone interested in volunteering to contact WCCSS at (618) 224-9913.

President Schomaker thanked resident who asked about Ira, our Waste Management driver, who has recently been absent from his route. President Schomaker assured everyone that Ira is doing fine and is not currently employed by Waste Management.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to adjourn the meeting. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

*Brenda Morris, Village Clerk*