

# Village of Albers

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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 April 12, 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, Behrmann, Kenow, McDermid, Schwierjohn and Timmermann were present at roll call.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The minutes from the Regular Meeting from March 08, 2021, were reviewed.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the Agenda as presented. Athmer 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 Bruckert were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert and Clerk Morris were absent; their absence was excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Dennis Holtmann was in attendance with Pat Netemeyer and Ben Netemeyer of Netemeyer Engineering to discuss plans for Rose-Charles Estates Subdivision. Dan Friederich, Janice & Tim Friederich, Alex Heckenkemper, Brian & Julie Heckenkemper, Kevin Heckenkemper, Kevin Laird, Doug Netemeyer, Eric & Erin Ratermann, Kenneth Rogowski, Nick Thuenemann, Mel Toennies and Gary Tonnies were in attendance for updates on the Rose-Charles Estates Subdivision. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn presented Planning Commission recommendations from the March 18, 2021, meeting. Variance requests included exceptions to Village Code sections 34-5-7, A&B; 34-5-7, A; 34-5-12; 34-5-15; 34-5-54 and 34-5-65; 38-5-8. The Board discussed the variances.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to accept Planning Commission recommendations. Athmer

*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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seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

Schwierjohn presented the Rose-Charles Subdivision preliminary plat with Planning Commission review and recommendations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to accept the Rose-Charles Subdivision preliminary plat with Planning Commission review and recommendations. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 1 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker read a letter from Mr. Toebe, Albers Elementary School Superintendent, supporting the Rose-Charles Subdivision.

The Board discussed the impact of Rose-Charles Subdivision with those in attendance. Specific concerns from guests included increased traffic on Winter Road and lowering the speed limit on State Route 161 from Albers to Winter Road, as well as water run-off concerns from the development.

President Schomaker reminded Mr. Holtmann, Mr. Pat Netemeyer and Mr. Ben Netemeyer that a minimum of 4-6 weeks is required by the Village of Albers to review the final plat when submitted.

Schwierjohn presented the drainage ordinance for second reading and directed Clerk Morris to post for public review. The ordinance is being tabled with no action taken.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel presented two accessory permits for March 2021. One principal structure permit, three accessory permits and permits for Rose-Charles Estate were submitted for the first quarter ending March 31, 2021.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Dennis Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann thanked Chief Vielweber for effectively operating the Albers Police Department.

Athmer reported alternative vehicles on county and state roadways, in violation of Albers Village Code for permitted alternative vehicles and State of Illinois laws. He asked Chief Vielweber to address this issue with permit holders, reminding everyone of the laws.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief's report. Behrmann commended Chief Vielweber on effectively operating the police department.

Chief Vielweber reported that the new speed signs will be in place and operational soon.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow updated the Board he will be researching options on replacing the current Water Department computer.

Kenow reported the Sanitary Sewer District has a meeting scheduled in May and will report any updates from officers after the meeting.

Kenow noted the current contract with Waste Management expires in December. He will be working on how best to continue waste services for residents and reporting progress at upcoming meetings.

Kenow updated the Board that the current vendor providing firewall security for Village computers will not be renewing their contract, Village systems are sufficiently protected until a new vendor is located. He also noted that the current Water Department computer is outdated and will be replaced in the near future.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported -3.26% water loss for March, -3.37% water loss for the previous twelve months.

Superintendent Horstmann noted the pump at the south lift station has been replaced.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented Appropriations Ordinance #591 for final reading and vote.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve Appropriations Ordinance #591. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

McDermid directed Clerk Morris to file the ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk's office.

McDermid presented the invoices to the Board for review, totaling \$32,364.83.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve payment of invoices totaling \$32,364.83. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – 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. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer reported installation of the Wi-Fi pole at Lehrter/JC Park is complete. The pole has been erected with Wi-Fi services to be added soon. The Board discussed the important role of cameras in security of the Village of Albers

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann noted that the Streets & Lighting Committee will be meeting to discuss improvements to the maintenance shed parking lot, which is often muddy and in need of repairs.

Timmermann presented the REBUILD Illinois (RBI) Bond Funds for approval. The Village of Albers will be requesting \$26,159.90 in two allotments through the REBUILD Illinois (RBI) Bond Funds in addition to the current FY2022 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) submission.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve the request of \$26,159.90 through the REBUILD Illinois Bond Fund in addition to the FY2022 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT). Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Timmermann presented the FY2022 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) submission for the Village of Albers for \$38,055.52.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann approve the FY2022 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) for \$38,055.52. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Timmermann noted improvements to Opossum Lane are being considered with specific information to be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves noted that street sweeping is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28. He also updated the Board that he completed larvicide training required by the State of Illinois for mosquito abatement and fallen trees have been removed from Lehrter/JC Park.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker invited everyone to volunteer at the Annual Spring Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 17. Volunteers are gathering at Damiansville Park at 7a.m., then dispersing to pick up trash on local roads between Albers and Damiansville, including the exit ramp on I-64.

President Schomaker presented a request by the YMCA for an annual donation, noting that \$100.00 was donated last year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$100.00 to the YMCA from the Tourism Fund. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker noted John Majchrzak, Albers resident, is the new owner of Lawn Doctor, a new business in Albers. He welcomed John back to Albers and wished him success in his business venture.

President Schomaker reminded everyone in attendance that Albers-Damiansville Village-Wide Yard Sales will be Saturday, May 08 from 7a.m.-2p.m.

President Schomaker President Schomaker invited everyone to attend the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus on Thursday, June 17 at Lehrter/JC Park. Information will be available soon for purchasing tickets.

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*