

# Village of Albers

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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 November 08, 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.

President Schomaker asked everyone in attendance to remain standing for a moment of silence in honor of Tyler Timmins, fallen Pontoon Beach Police Officer, killed in the line of duty.

President Schomaker asked everyone in attendance to remain standing for a moment of silence in honor of Veteran's Day, especially past and present members of American Legion Post #1026.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Athmer, Behrmann, Kenow, McDermid, Schwierjohn and Timmermann were present at roll call. Schwierjohn attended electronically.

President Schomaker announced presenting military recognition signs to Bryson Callahan and Jeffrey Vernatti. Theresa & Shawn Callahan, Bryson's parents, were in attendance to receive Bryson's sign. Mr. Vernatti with his parents, Bud & Thelma Vernatti, and Emily Tucker, Kieran and Katalie were in attendance to receive his sign.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Meeting held on October 11, 2021.

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: Clerk Morris, Chief Vielweber, Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves, Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann, Zoning Administrator Brendel and Attorney Terry Bruckert were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert was absent, her absence was excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Shawn & Theresa Callahan, Jeff Vernatti, Bud & Thelma Vernatti, Beverly Burriell, Emily Tucker with Kieran and Katalie were in attendance to receive military recognition signs.

*Stephen Schomaker - Village President*

*Trustees - Scott Athmer, Cliff 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*



Josh Johnson, Waste Management Municipal Relations Manager, was in attendance to discuss the proposed waste management contract. Collin Daughtry, Hunter Ei, and Zach Landis, with Andrea Landis, were in attendance to observe per class requirement at Central High School. Oliver Varel, with Rachel Varel, was in attendance to observe as required for earning a Boy Scout badge. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to address recent sewer issues.

President Schomaker invited Mr. Wellen to address the Board. Mr. Wellen voiced concerns about a recent sewer issue, damaging the residence of his son, Chris Wellen, on East Johnson Street. Superintendent Horstmann responded to Mr. Wellen's concerns, stating that the clog has been cleared by jetting the line, reporting that there was no structural damage to the line. Mr. Wellen questioned who would be responsible for damages. Attorney Bruckert recommended an insurance claim be filed by the Village. The Board agreed to filing the claim with liability to be decided by the insurance provider.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn presented the proposal from Oates Associates for drainage ordinance review. The cost of the review is estimated to be approximately \$5,000.00. The Board discussed the proposal.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to accept the proposal from Oates Associates for drainage ordinance review, not to exceed \$5,000.00. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 1 - abstain; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel was absent, her absence was excused. Schwierjohn reported no permits submitted for October.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann had nothing to report

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber updated the Board that there have been no changes to the State of Illinois law enforcement bill and all mandates are expected to be effective July 2022.

Chief Vielweber noted that the stand alone and LPR have been ordered but delivery has been delayed.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented Tax Levy 2023 Ordinance #593-11082021, to the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve Ordinance #593-11082021. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

McDermid directed Clerk Morris to file the ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk as soon as possible.

McDermid presented committee reports to the Trustees.

The Board reviewed invoices totaling \$42,938.57.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$42,938.57. Behrmann 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. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer noted improvements to the JC Hall retention wall are being reviewed with plans to be presented to the Board as they are available.

Athmer updated the Board that welcome signs are being drafted by Jeannie Brendel, and will be available for review at an upcoming meeting.

Athmer asked President Schomaker to report the status of the new playground purchase at JC/Lehrter Park. President Schomaker stated that funds for the new playground have been raised by the Albers Commercial Club and Park Board. He asked the Board to approve purchase of the playground with Village funds to be reimbursed by the Albers Commercial Club, making the purchase tax-exempt.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to approve purchase of the playground with Village funds to be reimbursed by the Albers Commercial Club, making the purchase tax-exempt. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Athmer stated the concrete work at the Lehrter/JC Park stage is complete. He thanked all the volunteers for helping and Korhmann Brothers Masonry for donating the materials for the project.

Athmer updated the Board that he has been consulting with Boeckmann Landscaping concerning landscaping at Village Hall and will present pricing and service details as they are available.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann asked President Schomaker to address the project repairing the culvert at State Route 161 and East Railroad Street. President Schomaker updated the Board that he is working with Brandon Ratermann of HMG Engineers and will have a proposal at the upcoming committee meeting.

Timmermann asked President Schomaker to update the Board on the County Road #8 sidewalk extension north of Debra Drive to Court Road. President Schomaker reported meeting with representatives of Clinton County last week with surveying scheduled soon.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves reported that curbing was damaged on 100-block of North Broadway Street where two houses were recently razed. AmerenIL will be removing gas lines from the properties. The Board discussed the damaged and deferred a decision to repair the damaged curbing until a later date.

Superintendent Rolves reported cleaning leaves from streets and Village property as the season dictates.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow presented the proposed contract with Waste Management to be in effect January 01, 2021 through December 31, 2026. Kenow noted annual increases per the proposed contract and the long-standing relationship between the village and Waste Management. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the proposed 5-year contract with Waste Management beginning January 01, 2021 through December 31, 2026. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Josh Johnson, Waste Management Municipal Relations Manager, was in attendance representing Waste Management and thanked the Board for approving the new contract, offering any assistance in continuing to serve Albers residents.

Kenow reported the computer and equipment ordered from CDW Computer is in transit.

Kenow noted the hydrant use ordinance is being reviewed by committee and will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Kenow noted that new sources are being researched for upgrades in modems, as the current 3G modems are being discontinued.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported -0.90% water loss for October, -1.20% water loss for the previous twelve months.

Superintendent Horstmann updated the Board of issues with the lift station at Rosewood Drive and that the pump has been pulled seven times since July. He is researching updates to the lift station and using solid-state pumps versus the current grinder pumps.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker invited everyone 2021 Clinton County Veteran's Day Celebration in Carlyle on Thursday, November 11.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

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

*Brenda Morris, Village Clerk*