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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 March 14, 2022.

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 solidarity with the citizens of Ukraine. After the moment of silence, he asked the Board to consider approval of a Proclamation in Support of Ukraine, which was read aloud by President Schomaker. On behalf of all Albers residents and officials, the proclamation declares "unconditional solidarity with our Ukrainian neighbors in the United States and abroad". As stated in the proclamation, everyone is being asked to "find ways to show support and compassion to our Ukrainian friends and neighbors in the United States, and those in Ukraine, who are courageously and heroically fighting to save their homeland." A MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY MADE and seconded by all Trustees to approve the Proclamation in Support of Ukraine. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

In addition to the proclamation, blue and yellow lights will be displayed at Albers Village Hall in support of the Ukrainian people.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Athmer, Behrmann, Kenow, McDermid and Timmermann were present at roll call. Schwierjohn was absent, his absence was excused.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Meeting held on February 14, 2022.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. President Schomaker asked the Board to consider Executive Session to discuss "Possible acquisition of real estate". The Agenda was amended to add Executive Session to discuss "Possible acquisition of real estate".

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the agenda as amended. Behrmann 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, Zoning Administrator Brendel and Attorney Terry Bruckert were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert was absent, her absence was excused.

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



GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Nicole Netemeyer, wife of Kenneth W. Netemeyer, was in attendance to receive his military recognition sign. Madelyn Santel and Eden Rolves, Albers residents and Central High School students, were in attendance to observe per a class requirement. Rob Rolves, Dave Wellen and Gavin Wellen, Albers residents, were in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow asked the Board to authorize the approval of grant funding to be used for waste water treatment plant improvements. Funding has been received from Covid-19 grants recently received.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to authorize the approval of grant funding to be used for waste water treatment plant improvements. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

Kenow presented the Board with the proposed contract with Certop, Inc., effective April 01, 2022 through March 31, 2025. The Board reviewed and discussed the contract.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to accept the proposed contract with Certop, Inc., effective April 01, 2022 through March 31, 2025. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

Kenow reported the computer ordered has not yet been received.

Kenow updated the Board that curbside yard waste pick up resumes Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Bi-monthly pick-up schedule has been circulated to all residents.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported -2.37% water loss for February, -.75% water loss for the previous twelve months.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn was absent. Administrator Brendel presented the final plat to the Board for the Heckenkemper Heritage Subdivision. The Plan Commission recommends the final plat for approval per their recent meeting held on February 17, 2022.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to accept the Plan Commission recommendation approving the proposed plan for Heckenkemper Heritage Subdivision. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

The draft drainage ordinance is currently under review by Oates Associates, Inc. Michelle Spillers, PE, of Oates Associates, Inc. will attend the upcoming committee meeting to review the ordinance.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel noted one fence permit was issued in February.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to address the Board. Chief Vielweber announced that the Albers Police Department will begin accepting expired and/or unused prescription medications for disposal. The Albers Police Department will be partnering with the Drug Enforcement Agency to properly dispose of the medications. Residents will be notified of specific information as it becomes available.

Permits for installing License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras on Commercial Street / County Road 8 have been approved. Chief Vielweber reported the project is proceeding and camera installation is expected soon.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Vielweber, Chief of Police: Chief Vielweber presented the Police Chief's

Report.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid, Chairman: McDermid presented committee reports to the Trustees.

McDermid presented the updated draft Appropriations Ordinance to the Board, asking the Board to contact him with any updates. The ordinance will be presented at the April meeting for vote and approval.

The Board reviewed invoices totaling \$44,014.58.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$44,014.58. Athmer 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. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

McDermid reported the expired certificate of deposit from the Water & Sewer fund in the amount of \$100,000,000.00 was recently cashed in and deposited in the Water & Sewer fund.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer updated the Board that designs for the JC Hall retaining wall are being developed.

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that he will be speaking with Kyle Laux, owner of Laux HVAC & Sheet Metal, concerning cleaning out the ditch on East Railroad Street. He will be updating the Board after speaking with Mr. Laux.

Timmermann updated the Board on the State Route 161/East Railroad Street culvert project. HMG Engineers will be managing the project and reporting all updates as the project proceeds. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) permit authorizing the scope of work has been submitted.

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 Clinton County engineers are completing the studies for the sidewalk.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider updated methods of leaf clean-up within the Village, with the topic to be discussed at the upcoming Committee Meeting.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves reported delivery of new recycle carts to residents as needed.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker announced the resignation of Ken Book as Park Board President and thanked Mr. Book for his tireless service. President Schomaker asked the Board to appoint James (Jock) Toennies as Park Board President.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to appoint James (Jock) Toennies as Park Board President. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a \$100 donation to the YMCA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate \$100.00 to YMCA from the Tourism Fund. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker invited everyone to support the upcoming fish fry hosted by the Friends of the Cougars on Ash Wednesday, March 02, and every Friday during Lent at American Legion Post #1026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A MOTION WAS MADE to enter Executive Session by Kenow at 7:20p.m. to discuss possible acquisition of property. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried. President Schomaker, Attorney Bruckert and Clerk Morris with Trustees Athmer, Behrman, Kenow, McDermid, Kenow and Timmermann were in attendance. All other attendees exited the meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE to exit Executive Session by Athmer at 7:35p.m. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 5 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

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

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk