

# 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 September 12, 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 and observe a moment of silence for the recent tragic death of Mark Mattern, Albers resident. President Schomaker extended his sympathies to the family and encouraged everyone to remember Mark and his family.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Meeting held on August 08, 2022.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed. McDermid asked to add “Tax Levy – Discussion” to the Finance 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: Clerk Morris, Chief Vielweber, Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves, Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann, Zoning Administrator Brendel and Attorney Terry Bruckert and were in attendance. Treasurer Hubert and was absent, her absence was excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Jamie Broeckling, Tina Irizarry and Shelley Kenow with Lauren and Leo Langhauser were in attendance to promote Mental Health Awareness Days and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health Awareness & Memorial Walk. Rylee Jansen, Marli Kleiboeker, Makenna Lake, Hayli Rinne, Sophia Kennett, Emma Ratermann, Kaydence Schroeder, Emma Taylor, Kalie Wellen; Central High School students, were in attendance to observe per a class requirement; Brandon Ratermann of HMG Engineers was in attendance to discuss ongoing projects; Dave Wellen; resident, was in attendance to observe.

President Schomaker presented Proclamation #09122022, establishing September 26-30, 2022, as Mental Health Awareness Day in the Village of Albers and asked everyone to support the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health Awareness & Memorial Walk in Memory of Sydney Irizarry on Friday, September 30 at Lehrter/JC Park.

*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*



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A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve Proclamation #09122022, establishing September 26-30, 2022, as Mental Health Awareness Day in the Village of Albers. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS & LIGHTING - Jeff Timmermann, Chairman: Timmermann recognized Brandon Ratermann of HMG Engineers and asked him to discuss ongoing projects in the Village of Albers. Mr. Ratermann submitted the pay estimate for the State Route 161 Inlet project, noting a handrail must be added per Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requirements. Athmer recommended powder cast aluminum be used on the handrail. He noted that vendors will be contacted for pricing the addition.

Timmermann opened the sealed bids for the Parkview Manor detention pond. Bids included a base price plus removal of unsuitable materials and excavation. Bids were received from Haier Plumbing & Heating and Kassen Excavating. The following bids were submitted: Haier Plumbing & Heating \$111,976.00 and Kassen Excavating \$55,725.00. The bids were discussed by the Board. The Board decided to reject both bids and discuss the project at the upcoming meeting.

Mr. Ratermann also updated the Board that the SR161 culvert project is complete with the exception of installing a required handrail. Bids will be submitted for the installations of the handrail in time for the October meeting.

Mr. Ratermann noted the subdivision requirements are being reviewed with updates to be proposed after review is complete.

Timmermann asked President Schomaker to update the Board on the County Road #8 sidewalk extension north of Debra Drive to Court Road. The project has started and is progressing. President Schomaker reported the inter-agency agreement between the Village of Albers and Clinton County is being reviewed. He also noted the Clinton County Highway Department will be delivering dirt, grading and completing project engineering with the Village of Albers installing two culverts and completing the sidewalk.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves, Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves updated the Board that street oiling is being planned for Thursday, September 15.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow, Chairman: Kenow updated the Board that Clearwave Communications contacted the Village of Albers concerning installation of fiber-optics within village-limits. He has been in contact with Clearwave Communications representatives to begin negotiations for the installation.

Kenow presented a proposed increase in water rates to the Board for review. He stated that current rates, which have not increased since 2016, will be increased to better align with current costs. Proposals for rate increases are being prepared for public review and further discussion. Rates are scheduled to increase as of January 01, 2023.

Kenow reported the replacement computer has been received and will be installed as soon as possible.

Kenow noted the booster station chlorine analyzer was struck by lightning. An insurance claim will be submitted for reimbursement due to damage.

Kenow updated the Board that required booster station pump repair has been completed. Repairs were due to wear and tear, totaling approximately \$12,000.

Kenow reported that Kohrmann Electric Company will be repairing damage to the west lift station, which is covered as a maintenance issue.

Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report - Chris Horstmann, Superintendent: Superintendent Horstmann reported -24.4% water loss for August, -7.97% water loss for the previous twelve months. He noted a large leak on the property behind 3820 State Route 161. Costs of leak repairs and water loss will be submitted as an insurance claim, as mine subsidence is the suspected cause of the loss.

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn, Chairman: Schwierjohn notified the Board that a Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2022, for review of the Final Plat for Rose-Charles Subdivision.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel, Administrator: Administrator Brendel reported the following accessory permits were issued: July 2022 – 3 permits totaling \$75, August 2022 – 2 permits totaling \$50. Seven accessory permits were for issued for the second quarter (April, May, June) totaling \$175.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann, Chairman: Behrmann updated the Board that the previously approved Village Hall generator has been ordered with arrival expected within the upcoming year.

Behrmann asked Kenow to address the Board concerning the uninterruptable power supply (UPS) to be installed at Village Hall. Kenow stated that Kohrman Electric will be installing the UPS with the generator.

Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to report on the new vehicle purchase. Chief Vielweber asked the Board to pre-approve the purchase of a new squad. He asked the Board to pre-approve the purchase of a new squad car, allowing him to negotiate the best price when bidding is open. The total cost of a new vehicle is expected to be \$62,000, including equipment installation. \$42,000 has been set-aside in the Police Department budget to off-set the cost of the purchase. Plans are to purchase a truck, replacing the current unmarked silver SUV, driven by Chief Vielweber. The oldest vehicle will be sold for approximately \$5,000. The Board discussed the purchase with Chief Vielweber.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to pre-approve the purchase of a new squad car, not to exceed \$70,000. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to update the Board on security cameras. Chief Vielweber noted that the License Plate Readers (LPR) are in place and will soon be ready to use. He also noted installation of the cameras at Lehrter/JC Park and maintenance shed are held up pending installing reliable internet connections; Chief Vielweber is working on a solution to this issue with internet providers.

President Schomaker thanked Chief Vielweber and Albers Police Department officers, the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, Illinois Environmental Protection (IEPA) representatives, Representative Charlie Meier and concerned Albers residents in resolving the recent noxious odor issues. He noted that the IEPA is continuing the monitor the source of the odors and eliminate any recurrence.

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

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

McDermid updated the Board on ambulance services provided through Special Service Area #8 (SSA #8). He stated that the levy for SSA #8 will increase from \$46,820 to \$55,687 for the Village of Albers for the upcoming year. He also noted that all entities served by the ambulance service, including Albers, Damiansville, Lookingglass Township and New Baden are working together to revise current operations of the district; transferring district control from New Baden to a formal ambulance district. McDermid added that he is looking forward to continuing the partnership with neighboring entities and serving Albers

residents in providing the best possible ambulance service.

The Board reviewed invoices totaling \$48,951.93.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$48,951.93. Timmermann 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. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer, Chairman: Athmer noted that he is waiting for preliminary improvement plans on JC Hall from Brendel Architects. Administrator Brendel agreed to have plans prepared by the end of the month.

Athmer reported the cameras at the maintenance shed have been received but are not yet operational.

Athmer asked the Board to consider monthly or quarterly pest control to be scheduled at the JC Hall. The topic will be discussed at the upcoming committee meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a \$100 donation to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health Awareness Walk in Memory of Sydney Irizarry.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve a \$100 donation to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health Awareness Walk in Memory of Sydney Irizarry to be paid from the Tourism Fund. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a \$100 donation to the Metro-East Diaper Bank in support of the 2022 Diaper Drive.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve a \$100 donation to the Metro-East Diaper Bank to be paid from the Tourism Fund. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker thanked all who attended the Clin-Clair Fire Department (CCFD) Family Day on Sunday, September 11, at Damiansville Park. He asked the Board to consider a \$100 donation to CCFD to help offset expenses for the day.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to approve a \$100 donation to CCFD. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider a \$50 donation to Community Link in response to a request from the organization.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timmermann to approve a \$50 donation to Community Link to be paid from the Tourism Fund. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 – yeas; 0 – nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker announced trick-or-treating will be held in Albers Friday, October 28 from 6p.m.- 8p.m. for children school age and younger.

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*