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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 October 09, 2023

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 MEETING – September 11, 2023: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session meeting on September 11, 2023.

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 to add donation to New Baden Ambulance District for purchase of Lucas CPR Device.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow 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, Attorney Bruckert, Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann and Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves were in attendance. Chief Vielweber, Treasurer Hubert and Zoning Administrator Brendel were absent, their absences were excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Marsha Maller of TWM, Inc., was in attendance to discuss the sludge removal project at the sewer ponds and the Kniepmann Subdivision; Pat Netemeyer of Netemeyer Engineering was in attendance to discuss the Kniepmann Subdivision; Jenna Toennies, Jim Toennies and Dave Wellen, residents, were in attendance to observe. Lillian Inman and Makayla Rhodes, Central High School students and Albers residents, were in attendance to observe as a civics class requirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer updated the Board that JC Hall renovations are proceeding interior painting complete and outside work beginning, noting the project is currently ahead of schedule.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE Cliff Behrmann Chairman: Behrmann updated the Board that all cameras are operational and thanked Chief Vielweber for promptly addressing the concerns.

Behrmann noted the new police truck has been ordered and is expected to arrive soon

Police Chief's Report — Chief Brian Vielweber: Chief Vielweber was absent. Behrmann presented the Police Chief Report.

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow presented the contract for sludge removal presented by Metro-Ag, Inc. of Breese, IL, noting the sludge has not been removed from the ponds in 55 years of operation. Kenow asked Marsha Maller of TWM Engineering to discuss the contract and project. Permits from the State of Illinois are required and the project will begin after permits are granted. TWM Engineering will be scan and inspect the project upon completion. The Board discussed the contract with Ms. Maller.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to accept the contract presented for \$ 160,000.00 from Metro-Ag, Inc. for the sludge removal project at the sewer ponds. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Kenow asked the Board to approval the sludge removal project, granting notice to proceed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the notice to proceed to Metro-Ag, Inc. for the sludge removal project at the sewer ponds. Behrmann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Superintendent Horstmann noted that the sewer lagoon water levels will be lowered before the sludge removal project begins, resulting in a potential increase in odors due to reduced oxygenation in the sewer lagoons. The Board discussed the impact on residents, agreeing to notify residents before the project begins with any possible concerns.

Kenow updated the Board that he is waiting to be contacted by representatives of Clearwave Communications concerning installation of fiber-optics within village-limits. He noted that an engineering plan and bonds will be required if/when Clearwave Communications proposes installation in the Village of Albers.

Kenow updated the Board on the sewer ponds, noting oxygen levels, are improving and water visibility is clearing with the strong odor has been eliminated. He assured residents that efforts are continuing in clearing the sewer ponds and the Village understands the importance of properly maintaining the sewer ponds. Kenow thanked Water Operator Logan Johnson for professionally maintaining the sewer ponds.

Water & Sewer Superintendent — Chris Horstmann: Superintendent Horstmann reported 7.24% loss for September, with an average of 13.11 % loss for the previous twelve months. Hydrants were flushed in October, possibly increasing water loss for the month. and is a standard operating procedure.

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

McDermid noted the current AmerenIL electrical rate is currently lower than the agreed Village municipal aggregation rate with Constellation New Energy, reminding all in attendance that the rates may change weekly and the Village is currently under contract with Constellation New Energy.

McDermid referred to a letter sent to residents concerning the rates update and reminded all residents to remain vigilant when managing their household accounts.

McDermid presented the draft tax levy to be approved at the November meeting. He noted that funding for the new ambulance district will be added to the levy, with discussions on how this addition will impact the currently proposed levy at the upcoming committee meeting.

McDermid updated the Board on continuing ambulance service. He stated the Villages of Albers, Damiansville and New Baden, in cooperation with Lookingglass Township, are regularly meeting to offer the best ambulance service to residents. Each entity will be required to levy taxes for the ambulance district for the upcoming fiscal year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$339,891.37. Kenow 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 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn Chairman: Schwierjohn noted the amendments to the Enterprise Zone are proceeding, with more information expected in the upcoming months. The application has been received by the Illinois DCEO (Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity) and is expected to be complete in the next 90 days, on or around the beginning of November.

Schwierjohn updated the Board that the Planning Commission recommended the final plat presented for Kniepmann Subdivision on Court Road at the September 14, 2023 meeting, be approved after revisions are made by the Developer's Engineer and reviewed by TWM Engineers. Marsha Maller of TWM Engineers noted all items noted in the Planning Commission's approval were addressed.

Ms. Maller also noted that all comments on previous submittals of the construction plans and drainage calculations had been addressed as well. Schwierjohn noted that a letter of credit had not been received. A maintenance bond would be required upon completion of construction as documented in the Village Code.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approve construction of the Kniepmann Subdivision on Court Road to begin. Filing of the final plat to be postponed until completion of construction or until approval of a letter of credit by the Board of Trustees. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel Administrator: Administrator Brendel was absent, Schwierjohn presented the Zoning Administrator's Report in her absence. Schwierjohn reported one new home permit was approved in September for \$250.00. One variance permit and one new home permit was recorded for the third quarter, totaling \$575.00.

STREETS & LIGHTING – Jeff Timmermann Chairman: Timmermann noted a Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) training session is being hosted at the Aviston Fire House on Monday, October 16. Treasurer Hubert, Trustee McDermid, Superintendent Rolves are attending. Timmermann updated the Board on plans to build a salt shelter for storing salt for road maintenance. He noted planning the project is being considered with updates available at upcoming meetings.

Timmermann updated the Board that the sidewalk extension agreement on North Commercial Street with Clinton County has been filed with the Clinton County Clerk's office. Updates will be reported as they become available. President Schomaker noted the Clinton County Highway Department has agreed to provide the dirt for the project.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves notified the Board that recently oiled streets will be swept on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker asked the Board to approve a \$50.00 donation to the family of Don Maue, past Breese Mayor, in sympathy of Mr. Maue's recent passing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$50.00 to the family of Don Maue, from the Tourism Fund. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked the Board to approve a \$100.00 donation to the 2023 Clinton County Veteran's Day Celebration in Aviston on Saturday, November 11.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to donate \$100.00 to the 2023 Clinton County Veteran's Day Celebration from the Tourism Fund. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker reminded everyone trick-or-treating in the Village of Albers will be Friday, October 27 from 6p.m.-8p.m. for grade school age children and younger. President Schomaker thanked the Albers Commercial Club, especially the Hootenanny Committee, for hosting a success Hootenanny on Labor Day weekend. He commended everyone for their hard work and commitment to our community.

President Schomaker thanked Jim and Jenna Toennies with all Park Board members and volunteers, for their tireless effort managing Lehrter/JC Park.

President Schomaker thanked Trustee McDermid, Chief Vielweber and all volunteers, for delivering meals to residents served by Meal on Wheels provided by the Western Clinton County Senior Center (WCCSC) in Trenton.

President Schomaker read a recent notice submitted by the Metro-East Diaper Bank announcing Clerk Morris as their 'Volunteer of Month' commended her involvement with the organization. He also thanked residents for supporting families served by the Metro-East Diaper Bank.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to adjourn the meeting. Timmemann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 — yeas; 0 nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk