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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 MEEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON November 13, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Steve Schomaker called the meeting to order at 6:45p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MEETING – October 09, 2023: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session meeting on October 09, 2023.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed.

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

OTHER VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Clerk Morris, Attorney Bruckert, Zoning Administrator Brendel, Water & Sewer Superintendent Horstmann and Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves were in attendance. Chief Vielweber and Treasurer Hubert were absent, their absences were excused.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: William Bretz and Corina Hegger, Central High School students and Albers residents, were in attendance to observe as a civics class requirement. Dave Wellen, residents, was in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer updated the Board that JC Hall renovations almost complete and ahead of schedule. President Schomaker thanked Athmer for all his hard work managing the project.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE Cliff Behrmann Chairman: Behrmann updated the Board that the new police truck will be in service this week.

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

WATER & SEWER - Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow updated the Board that the lagoon sludge removal project will be scheduled as soon as required IEPA permits are received.

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 of interest in possibly extending water services on Court Road. He will be reviewing the feasibility of the extension as details are reviewed.

Kenow asked the Board to consider a sewer line extension for Behrmann Meats & Processing new construction on County Road #8 south of Kalmer Lumber. Kenow asked the Board to consider requesting an engineering plan and estimated project cost from TWM Engineering. The Board discussed the extension.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Athmer to contact TWM Engineering for an engineering plan and estimated project cost for a sewer line extension for Behrmann Meats & Processing on County Road #8. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Kenow stated that he would be contacting Marsha Maller at TWM Engineering to discuss the engineering plan and estimated project cost with updates at the upcoming meeting.

Water & Sewer Superintendent — Chris Horstmann: Superintendent Horstmann reported 16.63% loss for September, with an average of 13.88 % loss for the previous twelve months.

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 account.

McDermid presented Ordinance #606-11132023, the tax levy ordinance for the upcoming fiscal year. He noted no increase assessed by the Village of Albers from the previous year but taxes previously assessed \$70,760.00 from Special Service Area #8 (SSA #8) have been transferred to the Village of Albers. The required Truth in Taxation hearing addressing the transfer was held at 6p.m. Monday, November 11, with no comment from the public.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve Ordinance #606-11132023, the tax levy for the upcoming fiscal year. 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.

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. McDermid noted that the formation of an independent ambulance service will be the first in the State of Illinois and every effort is being made to ensure a smooth transition from the previous model. President Schoamker thanked Attorney Bruckert for working diligently with all entities establishing the new ambulance district.

McDermid reported a public hearing was held at 6p.m. November 13, 2023, announcing the transfer of funds previously assessed by the Village of New Baden on behalf of the Village of Albers for Special Service #8 (SSA #8) to be added to the Village of Albers levy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$277,496.31. 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. Athmer seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried

ZONING - Kent Schwierjohn Chairman: Schwierjohn reported the Enterprise Zone amendment is complete and has been certified.

Schwierjohn noted no updates to the Kniepmann Subdivision on Court Road.

Schwierjohn asked the Board to consider annexing two properties to the Village of Albers. The St. Bernard Catholic Church Cemetery and property owned by Behrmann Meats & Processing on County Road #8 are the properties being considered. Attorney Bruckert requested legal descriptions for both properties to begin the process and prepare required ordinances.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel Administrator: Administrator Brendel had nothing to report.

STREETS & LIGHTING – Jeff Timmermann Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 11, concerning updates property on Opossum Lane. An ordinance amending ownership of Opossum Lane will be presented at the December Board of Trustees meeting.

Timmermann updated the Board that Santel Construction will be pouring concrete for the salt shelter by the maintenance shed with the expenses previously approved.

Timmermann updated the Board that the sidewalk extension on North Commercial Street is being scheduled with the Clinton County Highway Department.

Streets and Lighting Superintendent's Report - Eric Rolves Superintendent: Superintendent Rolves was absent, his absence was excused.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker presented Proclamation #10122023, in support of Israel for approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to approval Proclamation #10122023, in support of Israel. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 — yeas; 0 nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker read note from The Swing for Sydney Foundation and Tee'd Off with ALS committees for involvement in their recent fundraisers.

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