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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 February 12, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Steve Schomaker called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MEETING – January 08, 2024: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session meeting on January 08, 2024.

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.

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IMPROVEMENTS & PARK - Scott Athmer Chairman: Athmer had nothing to report.

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE Cliff Behrmann Chairman: Behrmann asked Chief Vielweber to report on behalf of the Police Department. Chief Vielweber noted three sealed bids were submitted for the purchase of the 2007 Chevrolet Impala squad car with the highest bid received by the Village of Livingston Police Department for \$3,500.00. The Board discussed the bid with Chief Vielweber.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Behrmann to accept the \$3,500 bid by the Village of Livingston Police

Stephen Schomaker - Village President

Trustees - Scott Athmer, Cliff Behrmann, Kevin Kenow, Mike McDermid, Kent Schwierjohn and Jeff Timmermann

Brenda Morris - Village Clerk

Cindy Hubert - Village Treasurer

Jeannie Brendel - Zoning Administrator

Brian Vielweber - Police Chief

Eric Rolves - Streets & Lighting Superintendent

Chris Horstmann - Water & Sewer Superintendent



Department for purchase of the 2007 Chevrolet Impala squad car. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that uninvited door-to-door sales representatives have been visiting homes in Albers. He cautioned residents to be safe when engaging with any uninvited sales representatives who visit their homes. Chief Vielweber noted that he is reviewing ways to assist residents with uninvited door-to-door sales representatives, including printing decals to be placed on front doors notifying sales representatives not to approach the home.

Chief Vielweber updated the Board that the Village Hall generator has been installed for a year and is running smoothly. He recommended renewing the current service contract with Oakley Services, Inc. to maintain the generator. President Schomaker asked Chief Vielweber to contact Oakley Service, Inc. with the current service contract to be extended.

WATER & SEWER Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow updated the Board that replacing current pipes with flexible pipe is being considered with more information available at upcoming meetings.

Kenow asked the Board to review the IEPA Permit Application for Sanitary Sewer Extension on County Road #8 to Behrmann Meat & Processing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to approve the IEPA Permit Application for Sanitary Sewer Extension on County Road #8 to Behrmann Meat & Processing. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 1 - abstain; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Kenow updated the Board that sealed bids to complete work on the water and sewer extension on County Road #8 to Behrmann Meat & Processing, will be opened Friday, March 01 @ 2p.m. at Albers Village Hall.

Kenow updated the Board that the Clin-Clair Fire Department (CCFD) requested adding a fire hydrant near Kalmer Lumber & Pallet Manufacturing, the hydrant will be added when water and sewer extension work is being completed on County Road #8.

Kenow updated the Board that the lagoon sludge removal project is complete, recommending final payment be authorized and all bonds released to MetroAg. President Schomaker commended MetroAg for professionally completing the project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to close-out the lagoon sludge removal project, release all bonds and make final payment of \$160,000.00 to MetroAg. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Kenow updated the Board that he is awaiting a proposed agreement from Clearwave Communications addressing installation of fiberoptics services in the Village of Albers. The proposed agreement is expected to be presented at the upcoming meeting. The agreement will be discussed addressing installation of fiberoptics services in the Village of Albers.

Kenow updated the Board that TWM Engineering are conducting a feasibility study on the extension of water lines on Court Road and he will be reporting information as it becomes available.

Kenow updated the Board that bi-weekly curbside yard waste pick up is resuming Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Kenow asked the Board to consider moving yard waste disposal from Lehrter/JC Park to a designated area at Kalmer Lumber & Manufacturing effective March 15, 2024. An agreement will be prepared and signed by President Schomaker and Kevin Kalmer, owner of Kalmer Lumber & Manufacturing. The site will be used by Village of Albers residents and maintained by Streets & Lighting Superintendent Rolves at a cost of \$4,000.00 to be paid annually to Kalmer Lumer & Manufacturing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to authorize an agreement between the Village of Albers and Kalmer Lumber & Manufacturing allowing residents to dump yard waste on a designated area at the Kalmer Lumber & Manufacturing property on County Road #8. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Chris Horstmann: Superintendent Horstmann reported 1.72% loss for January, with an average of 10.53 % loss for the previous twelve months. He noted leaks from the previous spring are included in the average, increasing the twelve-month average. Superintendent Horstmann also assured the Board that water and sewer lines in the area recently affected by mine subsidence are being closely monitored.

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

McDermid reported door-to-door solicitors were recently in the Village of Albers representing themselves as AmerenIL employees. He cautioned residents that AmerenIL employees do not visit homes to discuss electric/gas rates and not to share any private information with uninvited sales representatives.

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 had no new information on ambulance services. Attorney Bruckert stated that the trailer bill addressing emergency service districts is moving through the State of Illinois government.

McDermid presented the draft appropriations ordinance for first reading and review. He asked Trustees to make any necessary updates in the upcoming weeks with the updated draft to be available for public review at the Post Office following the February Committee Meeting.

McDermid presented invoices to be paid, the Board reviewed the invoices.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling \$231,811.79. 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. Kenow seconded the motion. Vote was 6 yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

ZONING Kent Schwierjohn Chairman: Schwierjohn asked the Board to consider hiring TWM, Inc., to conduct a drainage review for the Behrmann Meat & Processing property on Albers Road at a cost of approximately \$2,500.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Schwierjohn to hire TWM Inc., to conduct a drainage review for

Behrmann Meat & Processing property on Albers Road, not to exceed \$2,500.00. McDermid seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 1 — abstain; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel Administrator: Administrator Brendel reported no permits were issued in January.

Administrator Brendel asked the Board to consider updating the current map of the Village of Albers to include recent property additions. The Board agreed to discuss this request at the upcoming meeting.

STREETS & LIGHTING — Jeff Timmermann Chairman: Timmermann updated the Board that the Streets & Lighting Superintendent contract is being reviewed and will be presented after review.

Timmermann asked the Board to consider lighting and other safety additions to the crosswalk at the intersection of North Commercial and Dwight Street. He stated that the required agreement to improve the intersection is being requested from Clinton County Highway Department with agreement details to be available at the upcoming meeting.

Timmermann updated the Board that more blocks are needed for erecting the salt shed and the project should be complete in the upcoming week.

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 Rolves thanked Chief Vielweber for working with him replacing stop signs poles at various intersections and updated the Board that more will be replaced as scheduling allows.

Superintendent Rolves thanked Eric Rudolphi, AmerenIL lineman and Albers resident, for repairing the street light on North Broadway Street.

Superintendent Rolves updated the Board that he will be contacting AmerenIL about replacing a rotting pole on North Franklin Street.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker asked the Board to approve Proclamation #02122024, announcing Bob Kohrmann's 95th Birthday and recognizing Friday, February 09, 2024 as 'Bob Kohrmann Day' in the Village of Albers.

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

President Schomaker asked the Board to consider donating \$50.00 to Community Link CILA Program in memory of Bernard Wempe.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kenow to donate \$50.00 from the Tourism Fund to the Community Link CILA Program. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 5 - yeas; 1 – abstain; 0 - nays; motion carried.

On behalf of the family, Athmer thanked the Board for their gift honoring his father-in-law.

President Schomaker reminded everyone of the Metro-East Diaper Bank 2024 Spring Diaper Drive

with diapers and donations being accepted at Albers Village Hall for the month of February. He asked the Board to consider a \$100.00 donation to the Metro-East Diaper Bank in support of the organization.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to donate \$100.00 from the Tourism Fund to the Metro-East Diaper Bank. Schwierjohn seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

President Schomaker asked all interested residents to complete the on-line survey concerning internet services in Clinton County. The survey is being conducted through a partnership with University of Illinois and Clinton County officials and may be accessed at <https://go.illinois.edu/ConnectClintonCounty>.

President Schomaker announced the 2024 Lenten Food Drive being promoted by St. Bernard & St. Damian Catholic Churches. Donations are being collected to help support residents of Cairo, IL, served by DayStar Community Programs, he encouraged community support of this important effort.

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