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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Mike McDermid
Jeff Timmermann

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON September 14, 2026

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

President Schomaker asked for a moment of silence in memory of the recent passings of Pete Steuart, Albers business owner and long-resident; and Ken Wellen, life-long resident. Everyone in attendance observed the moment of silence.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES – August 10, 2026: The Board reviewed the minutes from Regular Session Meeting August 10, 2026.
A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to approve the minutes as presented. Kennedy 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 amended. Kennedy seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas, 0 - nays; motion carried.

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Cameron Wodochek was in attendance to receive a military recognition sign with Megan Wodochek, his wife, and daughters, Ava and Emma. Rhonda Breslin of Republic Services was in attendance for updates to the pending waste services contract. Alex Athmer and Jacey Fritz, Central High School students, were in attendance per civics class requirement. Dave Wellen, resident, was in attendance to observe.

On behalf of the Village of Albers and American Legion Post 1026, President Schomaker presented a military recognition sign to Cameron Wodochek honoring his service in the United States Air Force. All in attendance thanked and commended Cameron and his family for his service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

POLICE AND DISASTER RESPONSE - Cliff Behrmann Chairman: Behrmann had nothing to report.

Police Chief's Report - Chief Brian Vielweber: Chief Vielweber was absent, his absence was excused. Behrmann presented the Police Chief's Report.

WATER & SEWER AND TECHNOLOGY - Kevin Kenow Chairman: Kenow updated the Board that the sewer pond is currently operating well with daily monitoring being conducted. Deodorizers and deodorants are being added to the sewer pond in an effort to eliminate odors from the pond. He repeated his request to all customers to avoid flushing towels, wipes, etc. to help maintain the sewer system.

Kenow reported the recent announcement sent to all water customers via email and Facebook concerning the change from chloramines to free chlorine for approximately four to six weeks. This is an annual process that expels ammonia in the system and aids in maintaining water quality.

Kenow reported the current 5-year waste services contract with Waste Management expires at the end of the year. He updated the Board that the Request for Proposals (RFP) is available for waste service provider bidding and on our *albersil.org* website or by contacting Village Hall. Kenow addressed recent questions concerning the RFP from Rhonda Breslin of Republic Services. All questions were answered and posted on our *albersil.org* website.

Kenow updated the Board that hydrants are scheduled to be installed at the intersection of West Hendricks and North Franklin Streets and on Cherry Drive. He noted the list is being verified with Clin-Clair Fire Department (CCFD) and will be coordinated in the upcoming months.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Report: Superintendent Horstmann reported -14.74% water loss for August with a -9.54% average loss for the past twelve months.

FINANCE - Mike McDermid Chairman: McDermid updated the Board a current contract has been signed with Homefield Energy at a rate of $0.1319/kWh. The Village of Albers entered into the electrical aggregation contract on behalf of all residents, authorizing Homefield Energy as the electric supplier for all residential accounts. McDermid updated residents that AmerenIL rates are currently at $0.11326/kWh. Residents may opt-out of the program by contacting AmerenIL or Homefield Energy. McDermid reminded all residents to remain vigilant when managing their residential account and asked residents to contact him or Village Hall with any questions.

McDermid asked all Trustees to review the draft tax levy ordinance and contact him with any updates to their respective committees. The tax levy ordinance will be passed and approved at the December meeting.

McDermid presented invoices to be paid, the Board reviewed the invoices.
A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermid to pay invoices totaling $74,093.09. Kennedy 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.

ZONING - Sean Kennedy Chairman: Kennedy had nothing to report.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Jeannie Brendel Administrator: Administrator Brendel was absent, her absence was excused.

Kennedy reported one accessory permit issued, totaling $100.00.

STREETS & LIGHTING – Jeff Timmermann Chairman: Timmermann had nothing to report.

Streets & Lighitng Superintendent – Blake Deimeke – Superintendent Deimeke confirmed to the Board that the damaged utility pole on North Frankin Street will be replaced within the next ten days.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schomaker thanked everyone for supporting our 2026 Albers Commercial Club Hootenanny.

President Schomaker invited everyone to participate in the 2026 Diaper Awareness Week Diaper Drive September 14-20, supporting the Metro-East Diaper Bank. Friends and residents are asked to drop-off diapers and/or monetary donations to Village Hall. The Village of Albers proudly partners with the Metro-East Diaper Bank, serving local families in need with this most basic healthcare need.

President Schomaker invited everyone to support the upcoming Clinton County Crimestoppers Golf Scramble on Friday, September 18.

President Schomaker invited everyone to a chicken dinner 4:30p.m.-7p.m. at American Legion Post 1026 on Sunday, September 20.

President Schomaker asked everyone to make plans to participate in the Clinton County Veterans Day Celebration in Breese on Wednesday, November 11.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Timmermann seconded the motion. Vote was 6 - yeas; 0 - nays; motion carried.

Brenda Morris, Village Clerk