

Village of Albers

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Gary Johnston  
Mike McDermid  
Rob Rolves  
Jeff Timmermann  
Leonard Toennies

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERS HELD ON – December 13, 2004.

President Richard Casson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present at roll call: Dennis Behrmann, Gary Johnston, Rob Rolves, Jeff Timmermann, and Leonard Toennies. Absent was Mike McDermid.

The minutes of the regular meeting held November 8, 2004, were read. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes stood approved as read. It was moved by Dennis Behrmann, seconded by Gary Johnston, to approve the minutes. Trustees Behrmann, Johnston, and Rolves voted yea on said motion. Jeff Timmermann and Leonard Toennies both abstained from said motion.

The agenda for this meeting was reviewed. Rob Rolves made a motion, seconded by Jeff Timmermann, to approve the agenda. Trustees Behrmann, Johnston, Rolves, Timmermann, and Toennies voted yea on said motion.

It was noted that Attorney Mark Stedelin would be absent from this meeting.

The guests present at this meeting were the following: Dan Poettker and John Kues.

Dan Poettker addressed the Board with regards to the Sanitary Sewer District. Mr. Poettker noted that he wanted to inform the Board of the operations of the Sanitary Sewer District, and further questioned if the Board wants and/or desires that said District disband. Mr. Poettker further explained the purpose, operations, and duties of the Sanitary Sewer District to the Board. After discussion, the Board noted that they did not wish for said District to disband at this time in hopes of further development within the Village.

John Kues addressed the Board with regards to questions involving a water bill notice which he had received, as landlord, (in the amount \$287.41) on behalf of one of his rental properties. Discussion was had with Mr. Kues, John Horstmann, and the Board. John Horstmann recommended testing this meter to find out if it is a bad meter or not. Discussion was had. It was noted that, if Mr. Kues is interested in pulling the meter, and having same tested at the approximate cost of \$40.00 and then, if this situation is in

Mr. Kues' favor he would not pay the water bill, however, if same does not come out to be in Mr. Kues' favor, then he would be obligated to pay for the testing which was completed on this meter in addition to the water bill. After further discussion, Mr. Kues agreed to this proposal in having the water meter tested.

A motion was made by Rob Rolves, seconded by Leonard Toennies, to go into Executive Session at this time. Trustees Behrmann, Johnston, Rolves, Timmermann, and Toennies voted yea on said motion.

It was moved by Rob Rolves to adjourn the executive session meeting and return to the regular session of the Board Meeting, seconded by Jeff Timmermann. Trustees Behrmann, Johnston, Rolves, Timmermann, and Toennies voted yea on the said motion.

#### REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

##### POLICE:

Due to Mike McDermid's absence, Chief Varel read over both the Activity Report and the Financial Report of the Police Department with the Board.

Chief Varel addressed the Board with regards to the "No Parking – During School Functions" sign currently located in front of Albers Elementary School. Chief Varel further noted and requested that the sign be changed to read "No Parking – At Any Time – Fire Zone". Chief Varel noted that she did also review this situation with Fire Chief, Rick Musenbrock. Discussion was had. It was noted that the sign should be and will be changed to read as requested by Chief Varel.

Chief Varel addressed the Board with regards to Bob Norrenberns' property located on Bertha Street and the broken and/or boarded up windows associated therein. Chief Varel noted that same is an ordinance violation (further noting the residence is located close to school property). After discussion, the Board approved that the Village would send a nuisance letter to Mr. Norrenberns regarding the residence located on Bertha Street.

Chief Varel reported that new tires were placed on the 2000 Ford patrol car.

Chief Varel noted that the Police Department is 3.3% under budget at this time.

Jeff Timmermann addressed a situation which was brought to his attention of kids (high school age) getting off of the school bus and smoking right in front of school, further noting that these kids are not the age of eighteen (18). Mr. Timmermann stated that he wanted to bring this to Chief Varel's attention. Rick Casson noted the possibility of reviewing ordinances for underage smoking. It was noted that this was an ordinance which Mr. McDermid addressed at last month's meeting for a committee to review.

Chief Varel indicated that she has hired Chris Jolenbeck (an officer from Trenton) and Jeff Maverogorge (an officer from New Baden) to service extra police patrol/hours.

#### FINANCE:

Dennis Behrmann made a motion to pay the bills as submitted, seconded by Rob Rolves. Trustees Behrmann, Johnston, Rolves, Timmermann, and Toennies voted yea on said motion.

Dennis Behrmann presented to the Board a proposed Ordinance with regards to the Tax Levy. Mr. Behrmann read over this proposed Ordinance with the Board. Rob Rolves made a motion to pass Ordinance Number 365, "An Ordinance Providing For The Annual Tax Levy Upon All Real Estate and Personal Property Situated Within The Corporate Limits of the Village of Albers, Clinton County, Illinois, Subject to Taxation, for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1st Day of May, 2004, and Ending on the 30th Day of April, 2005", as presented, seconded by Gary Johnston. Trustees Behrmann, Johnston, Rolves, Timmermann, and Toennies voted yea on said motion. Discussion was had with regards to tax levies.

#### IMPROVEMENTS:

Rob Rolves stated that a letter was received regarding "Insure Illinois" (regarding health insurance). Mr. Rolves noted that he will be checking into this matter further to see if this is of interest to the Village.

Rob Rolves noted that the Village did receive a Labor poster, thanks to Gary Johnston calling Rickhoff and Associates and obtaining such.

Rob Rolves indicated Brett Schulte is currently working on the web-site for the Village with the hopes of having same in operation by January 1, 2005.

Rick Casson noted that a letter was received with regards to people falsifying themselves as working for Charter Communications. So noted.

Rob Rolves noted that the Village did receive the executed original with regards to the Ameren IP Ordinance (final version, signed by Ameren IP), but that he was still working on obtaining an executed original of the Trash Contract with D & L Disposal (final version, signed by D & L Disposal).

#### PARK:

Rob Rolves noted that the Park is closed for the season. Mr. Rolves noted that he had nothing further to report.

#### STREET & ALLEY:

Leonard Toennies stated that everything is going fine.

Leonard Toennies inquired of Dan Holtmann if he had anything to report on the temporary cab for the tractor which was discussed at last month's meeting (for snow removal purposes). Mr. Holtmann noted he had nothing to report yet at this time. Mr. Toennies noted that obtaining such a temporary cab is a good idea.

#### WATER & SEWER:

Gary Johnston reported that Joe Kehrer did have the annual check completed with regards to the RPZ (backflow prevention) valve and that same was reported to be fine, certified, and filed correctly.

Gary Johnston noted that he still had not obtained Rocky Robertson's Easement. Mr. Johnston indicated that Jeff Timmermann had talked to Mr. Robertson who indicates that Attorney Stedelin is in possession of same, however, not found to be true at this time, and that attorney Stedelin was going to check on this matter further with Mr. Robertson's Attorney.

#### ZONING:

Jeff Timmermann reported that there were no permits issued for the last month.

Jeff Timmermann stated that he had received a letter from Clinton County Zoning Administrator, Joyce Lucas. Mr. Timmermann read said letter to the Board which is requesting the number of permits issued for single family homes in the community from January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004. Mr. Timmermann noted that Jeannie Brendel has been informed to provide such a list to Ms. Lucas, Clinton County Zoning Administrator.

Jeff Timmermann noted that Joyce Lucas, Planning Commission Chairman for the Village of Albers, was asked to be in attendance at tonight's meeting, however, she was unable to attend. Mr. Timmermann further noted that hopefully she would be able to attend the January meeting to inform the Board of the progress with regards to the Occupancy Permits and such. Mr. Timmermann noted that all information (regarding occupancy permits, etc...) which Ms. Lucas has may be placed in the Ordinance Book, with it to be the Village's job to enforce same, but at least all information would be on hand.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cindy Hubert noted that Dale Holtmann would be at next month's meeting to discuss the final year end audit with the Board.

After reading the Treasurer's Report it was moved by Rob Rolves, seconded by Leonard Toennies, to accept the report as read. Trustees Behrmann, Johnston, Rolves, Timmermann and Toennies voted yea on said motion.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Dan Holtmann informed the Board that he had obtained some information with regards to purchasing a mosquito fogger for the Village. Mr. Holtmann reported prices for such a fogger range from \$2,700.00 to \$6,600.00. Mr. Holtmann noted that an Adapco Fogger with a 3.5 horsepower would cost approximately \$2,700.00 (with a cost per mile being \$6.39 of Permanone 30-30, estimated total cost of insecticide to spray whole Village (5-6 mile coverage) approximately \$32.00). Mr. Holtmann further noted that a Zephyr ULV Fogger with a 5.5 horsepower would cost approximately \$3,995.00 and that an 8 horsepower would cost approximately \$6,600.00. The Board reviewed this situation and discussed same. Rick Casson noted that the Village of Damiansville may be highly interested in contracting out Mr. Holtmann's services through the Village of Albers to fog their Village as well. After discussion, a motion was made by Rob Rolves, seconded by Jeff Timmermann, for the Village of Albers to purchase the Zephyr ULV Fogger with a 5.5 horsepower from Adapco, with the use of the insecticide Permanone 30-30. Trustees Behrmann, Johnston, Rolves, Timmermann, and Toennies voted yea on said motion.

Dan Holtmann noted that he did contact Chris Wilson with regards to the MFT Fund. Mr. Holtmann stated that Mr. Wilson indicates that the \$37,000.00 budget is to just try to lower the fund with the two (2) CD's.

Dan Holtmann indicated that he did contact Walden to clean and suck the storm sewers with the approximate cost of \$1,500.00 for an eight (8) hour shift.

Dan Holtmann questioned stop signs within the new Parkview Sub-division, for when same (the roads) are turned over to the Village. It was noted that Chief Varel and Leonard Toennies would review this matter together and report back to the board.

Dan Holtmann addressed the Board with regards to the garage door at the Village shed not working properly and requesting a new door at this location. The Board discussed and noted for Mr. Holtmann to consult Fehrmann Enterprises with regards to price checking/purchasing a new garage door. The Board did approve the purchase of a new garage door, not to exceed the amount of \$1,000.00 - \$1,200.00, without checking with trustees any further on this matter.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER & SEWER REPORT:

John Horstmann reported that there was a -7.6% water loss rate for the past month.

John Horstmann discussed the THM levels with the Board.

Gary Johnston questioned the possibility of increasing the lagoon with future subdivisions being developed. John Horstmann discussed this matter with the Board. Mr. Horstmann did note that with the numbers existing, he (Mr. Horstmann) does believe such to be true.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

Rick Casson noted that he had received correspondence from DOT inquiring if the Village is interested in being on their Storm Warning List. The Board noted to so do.

Rick Casson noted that he had also received a notice from DOT indicating that they have reorganized.

Rick Casson noted various Christmas cards received.

Rick Casson noted correspondence received from Frank Heiligenstein with regards to updating the Codification, which Mr. Casson indicated he will forward to Mike McDermid for review.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Rick Casson addressed the Board with regards to information obtained regarding a grant school/seminar and the possibility/interest of Brenda Morris, part-time secretary for the Village, attending such a school/seminar. Mr. Casson noted that he did discuss this matter with Mrs. Morris, who indicates interest in attendance at such school/seminar. Mr. Casson further noted that Mrs. Morris did prepare a resume for the Board to review, if desired. Mr. Casson read over the order of which Mrs. Morris is interested in the various seminar locations and dates offered. Mr. Casson indicated a two (2) day seminar in Evansville, Indiana, on February 22, 2005, with the approximate cost of \$692.96 (wages, gas, mileage, hotel accommodations, etc...) and a two (2) day seminar in Chicago, Illinois, on April 25, 2005, with the approximate cost of \$1,004.18 (wages, gas, mileage, hotel accommodations, etc...). Mr. Casson did note that the school/seminar in Evansville, Indiana, is Mrs. Morris' first choice. Discussion was had. A motion was made by Rob Rolves, seconded by Jeff Timmermann, that the Village send Brenda Morris to the school/seminar of her choice in Evansville, Indiana on February 22 – 23, 2005, (with the understanding that, if there is no availability at this location, Mrs. Morris would attend the school/seminar in Chicago, Illinois), with the expenses to not exceed \$1,200.00. Trustees Behrmann, Johnston, Rolves, Timmermann, and Toennies voted yea on said motion.

Rick Casson addressed the Board with the fact that he did talk to Eric Pakosta of IE Communications with regards to the tornado siren on the old standpipe and the concern of when the standpipe is demolished, the need of a new siren. Mr. Casson indicated that he would refer this matter and information to Rob Rolves for the Improvement Committee to review and check into further.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Rick Casson addressed the Board with regards to the drainage situation at the Pete Steuart residence. Mr. Casson explained this situation to the Board. Mr. Casson noted that a letter was received on November 19, 2004, from the Clinton County Health Department.

Village Clerk, Diane Luitjohan noted that the letter received November 19, 2004, was dated July 16, 2004, and the inconsistency/error therein. Discussion was had. Mr. Casson stated that Mr. Steuart is addressing these matters and further noted that Mike McMillan is going to report back with Gary Johnston after December 16, 2004, with an update on this situation.

Rick Casson thanked everyone in attendance for the respect shown throughout this meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Jeff Timmermann, seconded by Gary Johnston, to adjourn the meeting. Trustees Behrmann, Johnston, Rolves, Timmermann, and Toennies voted yea on said motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Diane Luitjohan, Village Clerk