

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2013

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT, RICHARD DURAN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX HALL, 208 E. MAIN STREET, PEOTONE, ILLINOIS; THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT, RICHARD DURAN, PRESIDING. THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS ANSWERED ROLL CALL: MR. REICHERT, MR. HUPKE, MR. WICKER, MR. HACK, MR. CALLAHAN, AND MR. FORSYTHE. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE ADMINISTRATOR, ENGINEER, ATTORNEY, MS. AUSTELL, MS FROEHNER, MS. KLOOTWYK, JOSHUA KLOOTWYK, WILLIAM FORSYTHE, B.J. OLSON, ETHAN FERRIER, NOLAN MUELLER, AND GLEN NIXON

ROLL CALL

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2013, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. HUPKE, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, AND HACK VOTING AYE; WICKER ABSTAINING AND REICHERT VOTING PRESENT; MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL AND TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN ALL CATEGORIZED FUNDS AS PRESENTED, HOLDING CHECK #29003 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,594.08 TO J&J NEWELL FOR APPROVAL LATER ON THE AGENDA. WICKER, REICHERT, HUPKE, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, AND HACK VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**PAYROLL & ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

PUBLIC COMMENT - MS. KLOOTWYK WAS PRESENT WITH HER SCOUT DEN TO OBSERVE THE BOARD MEETING AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE WOLF RANK.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
CUB SCOUTS**

JUDI AUSTELL, A BUSINESS OWNER FOR 33 YEARS, SHARED HER CONCERNS REGARDING THE BUSINESSES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. SHE LISTED THE BUSINESSES WHICH HAVE CLOSED OR LEFT THE VILLAGE. MS. AUSTELL SPOKE OF THE PARADES, FESTIVALS, AND BLOCK PARTIES WE USE TO HAVE. HER CONCERN WAS THAT THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES ARE STRUGGLING AND ECONOMIC EFFORTS NEED TO BE FOCUSED ON THE DOWNTOWN AREA RATHER THAN THE WILMINGTON ROAD/RTE. 50 AREA SHE HAD READ ABOUT IN THE NEWSPAPER. SHE SPOKE ABOUT NETWORKING WITH MONEE AND MANTENO TO FIND OUT HOW THEY MADE IT WORK.

AUSTELL

MR. GRAY STATED THAT AFTER READING THAT QUOTE, HE COULD UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE WAS THINKING, BUT THAT WAS NOT THE CONTEXT. IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS HE HAS HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH TWO OWNERS OF HARDWARE STORES, TRYING TO GET A HARDWARE STORE BACK IN TOWN. HE SAID THAT HE HAD OFFERED THE INFORMATION FROM THE STUDY TO THOSE PEOPLE. THIS IS NOT PURELY FOR RTE. 50 AND WILMINGTON AND NOT PURELY FOR THE INTERCHANGE. WE WILL USE THE INFORMATION ALSO FOR WORK DOWNTOWN. OF THE COMPANIES THEY HAVE MATCHED US TO DEMOGRAPHICALLY, WE HAVE ALREADY ASKED THEM, ABOUT THREE OR FOUR, WHO NORMALLY GO INTO A STRIP MALL, IF THEY WOULD GO INTO THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THE COMPANIES ARE REVIEWING THAT NOW.

THE CLERK / COLLECTOR REPORT AND THE TREASURER REPORT WERE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.

C/C & TREAS REPORTS

POLICE CHIEF REPORT - NOT PRESENT

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ENGINEER REPORT – THE ENGINEER REPORTED THAT LAST MONTH THE RTE. 50 & CORNING AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL DOCUMENTS WERE SUBMITTED TO IDOT. HOPEFULLY, IN A MONTH OR TWO WE WILL RECEIVE APPROVAL AND CAN BEGIN PHASE II.

ENGINEER REPORT

AS DISCUSSED AT A PREVIOUS MEETING, A. J. GALLAGHER HAS INVITED THE VILLAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM COOPERATIVE (IMIC) FOR MUNICIPALITIES WITH EXCELLENT CLAIM HISTORIES. THIS ORDINANCE AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTION OF THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL INSURANCE COOPERATIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

**ORD. 13-13
IMIC PARTICIPATION**

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 13-13 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL INSURANCE COOPERATIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. WICKER, REICHERT, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, HACK, AND HUPKE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

SIERRA’S GRILL HAD A CLASS E LIQUOR LICENSE AND HAS CLOSED. THIS ORDINANCE REDUCES THE NUMBER OF CLASS E LIQUOR LICENSES.

**ORD. 13-14
REDUCE E LICENSE**

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY HACK, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 13-14 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NUMBER OF CLASS “E” LIQUOR LICENSES WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS (SIERRA’S GRILL, INC. 314 S. HARLEM AVENUE). HUPKE, HACK, CALLAHAN, FORSYTHE, REICHERT, AND WICKER VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE STIPULATES THE MAXIMUM LEVY THE VILLAGE MAY ESTABLISH.

**ORD. 13-15
TAX LEVY**

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 13-15 – AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING AND ASSESSING OF THE 2013 TAXES FOR THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. HUPKE, WICKER, HACK, CALLAHAN, FORSYTHE, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

IN THE EVENT THE WILL COUNTY CLERK FINDS IT NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE LEVIES IN THE ORDINANCE JUST ADOPTED, THIS RESOLUTION DIRECTS THE WILL COUNTY CLERK TO LIMIT THE LEVY IN SPECIFIC ACCOUNTS.

**RES 13-R14
ALLOCATE TAX LEVY**

MOTION BY CALLAHAN, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO PASS RESOLUTION 13-R14 – A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING TAX LEVY TO INDIVIDUAL FUNDS OF THE VILLAGE PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAW, AS AMENDED. CALLAHAN, REICHERT, HUPKE, WICKER, HACK, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED

J&J NEWELL HAS COMPLETED THE 2013 SIDEWALK PROGRAM AND SUBMITTED A PAY REQUEST #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,046.40. THE VILLAGE WILL RETAIN 5% FOR THE LANDSCAPING. THE PAYOUT AMOUNT WILL BE \$46,594.08.

**J&J NEWELL
PAY REQUEST**

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO APPROVE THE J&J NEWELL PAY REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,594.08 FOR THE 2013 SIDEWALK PROGRAM. WICKER, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, HACK, REICHERT, AND HUPKE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE DECEMBER 23, 2013, VILLAGE BOARD MEETING. THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS TO CANCEL THE BOARD MEETING, BUT TO PAY THE USUAL AND CUSTOMARY PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. THE BOARD WILL RATIFY THE PAYMENT OF THE PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AT THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY.

**12/23/13 MEETING
SCHEDULE**

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 23, 2013, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AND THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING. FORSYTHE, WICKER, HUPKE, REICHERT, AND HACK VOTING AYE; CALLAHAN VOTING NO; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY HUPKE TO PAY THE USUAL AND CUSTOMARY PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR THE DECEMBER 23, 2013, BOARD MEETING AND TO RATIFY PAYMENT AT THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING. WICKER, HUPKE, REICHERT, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, AND HACK VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED CLOSING THE VILLAGE HALL ON DECEMBER 24, 2013, (CHRISTMAS EVE). THE STAFF WOULD USE ACCUMULATED VACATION OR OTHER COMPENSATORY TIME FOR THE DAY.

**CLOSE VILLAGE HALL
12/24/13**

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO CLOSE THE VILLAGE HALL ON DECEMBER 24, 2013, WITH STAFF USING VACATION OR COMPENSATORY TIME FOR THE DAY. FORSYTHE, REICHERT, HUPKE, WICKER, HACK, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT FIRST ENERGY IS SENDING LETTERS TO THE RESIDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM WHICH WAS STARTED LAST YEAR. THE LETTER STATES THE SAVINGS THE RESIDENTS HAVE REALIZED WITH THE PROGRAM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER TO RESIDENTS - NO PARKING ON THE VILLAGE STREETS AFTER A TWO INCH SNOWFALL.

TRUSTEE HUPKE STATED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO THE OWNER OF THE NEW ITALIAN RESTAURANT. THE RESTAURANT IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN THE SPRING OF 2014.

GLEN NIXON, WHO IS RUNNING FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, WAS PRESENT FOR THE MEETING. HE COMMENTED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE BUSINESS SITUATION AS DESCRIBED BY MS. AUSTELL EARLIER IN THE MEETING. HE STATED THAT THINGS NEED TO CHANGE AT THE STATE LEVEL AND THAT FUNDS FOR ENTERPRISE NEED TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR MUNICIPALITIES.

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 7:40 P.M. HUPKE, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, HACK, WICKER, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna Werner
Village Clerk