

**VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2016**

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY THE INTERIM VILLAGE PRESIDENT, STEVEN CROSS.

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 INTERIM VILLAGE PRESIDENT, STEVEN CROSS, PRESIDING. THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS ANSWERED ROLL CALL: MR. JONES, DR. MARCH, MR. BOWDEN, MR. HACK, AND MR. HAMM. TRUSTEE HUPKE WAS ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE CLERK, ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, ENGINEER, POLICE CHIEF, MS. BORMET, MS. BUSICH, MEMBERS OF THE THATCHER FAMILY, MS. EAHEART, MS. BIEDRON, AND MR. VELASCO.

ROLL CALL

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2016, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. MARCH, JONES, HACK, BOWDEN, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

MOTION BY HACK, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL AND TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN ALL CATEGORIZED FUNDS AS PRESENTED. HACK, HAMM, BOWDEN, MARCH, AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

PAYROLL & ACCTS. PAYABLE

PUBLIC COMMENT - MS. BUSICH ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING PATRONS OF THE NEIGHBORING BUSINESSES STANDING AND SMOKING IN FRONT OF HER BUSINESS ON SECOND STREET. THE RECEPTACLES ARE NOT BEING USED AND THE CIGARETTE BUTTS LITTERING THE SIDEWALK. THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED THAT THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION WITH THE CHIEF AND THE BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE PAST REGARDING THE ISSUE. THE BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ENCOURAGE THE PATRONS TO UTILIZE THE AREA IN BACK OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE SMOKING AREA. THE VILLAGE WILL NOW POST SIGNS AND ENFORCE THE NO SMOKING WITHIN FIFTEEN FEET OF THE BUSINESSES DOORS.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHIEF'S REPORT - NONE

REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT - THE ENGINEER REPORTED THAT THE LED LIGHTS, THE EMERGENCY PRE-EMPTION SIGNAL, AND THE STREET SIGNS (ALTHOUGH THE SIGNS MUST BE GREEN) WILL ALL BE INCLUDED WITH THE GRANT FOR THE RTE. 50 AND CORNING AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT.

AT THE DECEMBER CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE EVENT, KILEY THATCHER WON THE PRESIDENT FOR THE DAY RAFFLE DRAWING. KILEY WAS PRESENTED WITH AN ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE AND A BLUE VILLAGE PIN.

**PRESIDENT FOR THE DAY
KILEY THATCHER**

THE PEOTONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR THE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ON JUNE 17-18, 2016. THE VILLAGE WILL WAIVE THE \$5.00 GARAGE SALE FEE FOR THE WEEKEND.

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
JUNE 17-18, 2016**

MOTION BY BOWDEN, SECONDED BY HACK, TO APPROVE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST TO HOLD THE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ON JUNE 17-18, 2016, WITH THE VILLAGE WAIVING THE \$5.00 GARAGE SALE FEE. BOWDEN, HACK, HAMM, MARCH, AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE LIQUOR ORDINANCE AT THE FEBRUARY 1, 2016, OPEN FORUM MEETING WITH THE LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDERS. THE VILLAGE BOARD DISCUSSED THE SUNDAY SALES HOURS, GAS STATION ALCOHOL SALE

LIQUOR ORDINANCE CHANGE

HOURS, AND HARD LIQUOR AS THE GAS STATIONS AS THE ITEMS HAD BEEN PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 1, 2016, MEETING. THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS TO CHANGE THE ALCOHOL SALES ON SUNDAY FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 6:00 A.M., TO STOP GAS STATION ALCOHOL SALES AT MIDNIGHT, AND NOT TO ALLOW HARD LIQUOR SALES AT GAS STATIONS. AN ORDINANCE REFLECTING THE CHANGES WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. CHIEF MORT STATED THAT HE HAD SURVEYED THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES REGARDING THE LIQUOR LICENSE FEES AND PEOTONE WAS LOW. THE BOARD WILL VISIT THE LIQUOR LICENSE FEES IN THE FUTURE FOR A POSSIBLE INCREASE FOR THE 2017/2018 LICENSES.

ADMINISTRATOR SPATHIS INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAD REACHED OUT TO SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES FOR INFORMATION ON DOWNTOWN MARKETING GROUPS. HE AND THE PRESIDENT HAD A MEETING WITH ONE GROUP. HE ASKED FOR DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD ON WHETHER OR NOT TO CONTINUE DIALOG WITH THE GROUP. THE COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$3,000.00- \$4,000.00 PER MONTH. MR. SPATHIS EXPLAINED THAT THE GROUP WOULD MAKE CONTACT WITH AREA LAND OWNERS AND WITH THE BUSINESSES WE HAVE TOLD THEM WE WOULD LIKE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS TO HAVE THE GROUP GIVE A PRESENTATION AT A MEETING.

DOWNTOWN MARKETING GROUP

THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN CONTACTED WITH A REQUEST TO OPEN A CAFE GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THE FOOD WOULD BE PREPACKAGED SANDWICHES AND THE LIKE IN VENDING MACHINES. THE CURRENT LIQUOR ORDINANCE HAS NO CLASSIFICATION FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT OF THAT TYPE. THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS THAT IF AN ESTABLISHMENT OF THAT TYPE WERE TO BE ALLOWED IT WOULD BE BETTER SUITED ON RTE. 50 AND NOT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

CAFE GAMBLING

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HAD DISCUSSED A CLEAN-UP DAY FOR THE VILLAGE. THE CLEAN-UP DAY WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30, 2016, FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON. THE BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS WILL BE CONTACTED FOR PARTICIPATION AND HOPEFULLY RESIDENTS WILL VOLUNTEER AS WELL. THE SCAVENGER SERVICE HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND WILL DONATE A ROLL-OFF FOR THE EVENT. THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL PICK UP THE GARBAGE BAGS AS THEY ARE FILLED AND TAKE THEM TO THE ROLL-OFF.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

BRANCH PICK UP BEGINS THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF APRIL. CORNING AVENUE AND ALL STREETS NORTH OF CORNING WILL BE PICKED UP THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH. ALL STREETS SOUTH OF CORNING WILL BE PICKED UP ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAYS OF THE MONTH. SHOULD THERE BE A FIFTH MONDAY IN THE MONTH, THERE WILL BE NO PICK UP ON THAT WEEK.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VEHICLE STICKERS ARE DUE MARCH 31st. BEGINNING APRIL 1st THERE WILL BE A \$10.00 LATE PENALTY CHARGED ON EACH LATE STICKER.

TRUSTEE HACK OFFERED CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL KEENE FOR BEING THE ONLY PERSON TO WIN FOUR CONSECUTIVE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

THE MEYER GLEN RESIDENTS WILL BE SENT A LETTER INFORMING THEM OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES AS IT PERTAINS TO THE POND.

MOTION BY HACK, SECONDED BY JONES, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY. HACK, JONES, MARCH, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY BOWDEN TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:07 P.M. JONES, BOWDEN, HAMM, MARCH, AND HACK VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

TRUSTEE JONES ADDRESSED THE ATTORNEY INQUIRING ABOUT THE VILLAGE DOING A DEBT CERTIFICATE FOR A VILLAGE WIDE TREE PROGRAM WHEN THE COMMITTEE OBTAINED THE FIGURES FOR THE PROGRAM. THE ATTORNEY STATED THAT THE FUNDING NEEDED WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE.

MOTION BY HAMM, SECONDED BY HACK, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 8:11 P.M. HACK, HAMM, BOWDEN, JONES, AND MARCH VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

FINAL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Donna Werner
Village Clerk