

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE  
VILLAGE BOARD  
MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2012

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. CALLAHAN, AND MR. FORSYTHE. TRUSTEE LIBERATORE WAS ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE ADMINISTRATOR, ENGINEER, ATTORNEY, POLICE CHIEF, MS. REYNOLDS, MR. AND MRS. MOSTERT, ATTORNEY TONGREN, MS. CAMPOS-HEITING, AND MR. SIMS.

**ROLL CALL**

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY CALLAHAN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2012, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING WITH THE CORRECTION OF THE CHANGING THE GIRL SCOUT WEEK IN PEOTONE FROM 2011 TO 2012. REICHERT, CALLAHAN, HUPKE, AND WICKER, VOTING AYE; FORSYTHE VOTING PRESENT; MOTION CARRIED.

**MINUTES**

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL AND TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN ALL CATEGORIZED FUNDS AS PRESENTED. WICKER, HUPKE, REICHERT, FORSYTHE, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**PAYROLL & ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE**

PUBLIC COMMENT - MR. SIMS INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS A CANDIDATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE THIRTY FOURTH DISTRICT. THE BOARD WISHED HIM WELL.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

MS. CAMPOS-HEITING INTRODUCED HERSELF, REPRESENTING STATE SENATOR TROTTER, TO INVITE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO A STATE BUDGET MEETING.

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

**C/C & TREAS REPORTS**

ENGINEER REPORT – NOTHING OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

THREE BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE RESTORATION/MAINTENANCE WORK AT THE MEYERS GLEN POND: 1) BEVERLY ENVIRONMENTAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000.00, 2) PIZZO AND ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,820.00, AND 3) MCGINTY BROTHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,120.00. FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT WILL COME FROM THE MEYERS GLEN LETTER OF CREDIT.

**MEYERS GLEN POND**

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO AWARD THE MEYERS GLEN POND RESTORATION/MAINTENANCE PROJECT TO PIZZO AND ASSOCIATES, THE LOWEST BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,820.00. REICHERT, WICKER, HUPKE, CALLAHAN, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BY-LAWS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BETWEEN PEOTONE, BEECHER, AND MONEE REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL WE SHARE THROUGH THE COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. THE VILLAGES SHARE RESPONSIBILITY AND EXPOSURES RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL. THE TRI-TOWN GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION AGREEMENT WOULD

**INTERGOV AGREEMENT  
ACCESS CHANNEL**

PROVIDE FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS FROM EACH VILLAGE TO OVERSEE THE RECORDING, PROGRAMMING, AND AIRING OF THE PROGRAMS INSURING THAT THE PROGRAMS ARE NON-POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY ORIENTED. IN 1994 A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED BY THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE TO ALLOW WPAL TO FACILITATE, PROMOTE, AND COORDINATE THE ACCESS CHANNEL. CERTAIN STIPULATIONS WERE INCLUDED IN THE RESOLUTION WHICH ARE MIRRORED IN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND BY-LAWS. PEOTONE IS THE HEAD END, OR ACCESS POINT, FOR THE CHANNEL.

**MOSTERT**

MR. AND MRS. MOSTERT OF MONEE WERE PRESENT TO VOICE THEIR CONCERN WITH AN AGREEMENT TO REGULATE THE USE AND OPERATION OF THE CHANNEL. THEY FELT THAT THE TIME FRAME WAS NOT LONG ENOUGH FOR THE PUBLIC TO REQUEST INFORMATION. THEY WERE WORRIED THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD CONTROL WHO WAS ALLOWED TO VOLUNTEER. THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE APPEARANCE OF CENSORSHIP. THEY WERE CONCERNED OVER THE RIGHT OF THE MUNICIPALITIES TO ADD \$.35 TO THE COMCAST BILLS TO FUND THE COMMISSION. MR. AND MRS. MOSTERT ASKED THAT THE VOTE ON THE AGREEMENT BE TABLED TO A FUTURE MEETING SO THAT THE ISSUE COULD BE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WITH PUBLIC INPUT.

IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THE CHANNEL HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE VILLAGE'S CHANNEL. THE 1994 RESOLUTION ALLOWING WPAL TO FACILITATE, PROMOTE, AND COORDINATE THE CHANNEL IS MIRRORED IN THE AGREEMENT AND HAS NOT CHANGED. THERE IS NO INTENTION OF CHANGING OR TERMINATING ANY OF THE PROGRAMMING. THE MUNICIPALITIES HAVE ALWAYS HAD THE ABILITY TO ADD THE \$.35 TO THE COMCAST BILL, BUT NEVER HAVE IMPOSED THE FEE. THE AGREEMENT GIVES ALL THREE VILLAGES AN EQUAL VOICE REGARDING THE ACCESS CHANNEL.

**ORD 11-20  
INTERGOV AGREEMENT  
ACCESS CHANNEL**

MOTION BY CALLAHAN, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 11-20 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE SHARING OF A GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL AND CREATING THE TRI-TOWN GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL COMMISSION (TGATC). THE ORDINANCE WILL GO INTO EFFECT ONLY WHEN IT HAS BEEN PASSED BY ALL THREE MUNICIPALITIES. CALLAHAN, WICKER, HUPKE, REICHERT, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MS REYNOLDS HAD APPLIED FOR MULTIPLE VARIANCES FOR TWO LOTS CONTAINING TWO DUPLEXES LOCATED AT 429 1-4 S. WEST STREET. THE TWO LOTS NEED TO BE RE-PLATTED FOR THE LOT LINES TO DIVIDE EACH DUPLEX TO BE SOLD AS INDIVIDUAL HOMES. THE VARIANCES INCLUDE SIDE YARDS, LOT WIDTH AND SIZE, MINIMUM FLOOR AREA ON LOTS THREE AND FOUR, AND A VARIANCE FROM ACCESS TO PUBLIC STREET ON LOTS TWO, THREE, AND FOUR. THE PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSIONS HAS FORWARDED FAVORABLE FINDINGS TO THE VILLAGE BOARD.

**REYNOLDS  
VARIANCES**

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING/ZONING FINDINGS OF FACT AND TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 11-21 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VARIANCES AT 429-1, 429-2, 429-3, 429-4 S. WEST STREET – LORRAINE REYNOLDS, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS 1) COVENANTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS, CARPORTS, COMMON GROUND, AND DRIVEWAY ARE RECORDED WITH THE LAND, 2) CLARIFY THAT THE OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RESTORATION OF DAMAGES TO DRIVEWAY FOR UTILITY WORK DONE IN THE FIVE FOOT PUDE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY, AND 3) DESIGNATE THE SOUTH FACE OF THE BUILDINGS AS THE FRONT OF THE BUILDINGS FOR ZONING PURPOSES. REICHERT, WICKER, HUPKE, FORSYTHE, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**ORD 11-21  
VARIANCES  
429 1-4 S. WEST**

A PLAT OF RE-SUBDIVISION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VARIANCES REQUESTED BY MS REYNOLDS FOR 429 1-4 S. WEST STREET.

**PLAT OF RE-SUBDIVISION  
REYNOLDS**

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO APPROVE THE PLAT OF RE-SUBDIVISION FOR PARK SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 429 1-4 S. WEST STREET. WICKER, REICHERT, HUPKE, CALLAHAN, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**RES 11-R19  
FENCE VARIANCE  
NOVOA**

MR. NOVOA OF 221 WESTGATE DRIVE HAS REQUESTED A FENCE VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SIX FOOT PRIVACY FENCE WITHOUT THE REQUIRED SPACE BETWEEN THE SLATS AND WITHOUT THE TOP ONE FOOT OF LATTICE. THE INSTALLATION MAY NEED TO BE SLIGHTLY OFF-SET, AS FIELD CONDITIONS DICTATE, DUE TO THE STORM SEWER. A NIPSCO BOX AT THE EXTREME NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY WILL EITHER NEED A GATE FOR ACCESS IF IT IS INSIDE THE FENCE, OR BE OUTSIDE THE FENCE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE OWNER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR GROUND MAINTENANCE AROUND THE BOX.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO PASS RESOLUTION 11-R19 – A RESOLUTION REGARDING A VARIANCE FOR THE ALLOWABLE FENCING AT 221 WESTGATE DRIVE. THE PLACEMENT OF THE FENCE WILL BE DETERMINED BY FIELD CONDITIONS. FORSYTHE, HUPKE, REICHERT, WICKER, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO RAISE THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE BILLING CLERK, MARCY HAMANN, TO \$14.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE MARCH 4, 2012. WICKER, REICHERT, HUPKE, CALLAHAN, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**BILLING CLERK RAISE**

THE IKE GRANT IS FUNDED THROUGH FEMA AND ADMINISTERED BY DCEO IN ILLINOIS. THIS GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS PLANNING TO IDENTIFY AND ABATE FLOODING. THE IKE GRANT COULD BE USED TO UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROVIDING THE PLAN ADDRESSES FLOODING. WHILE OUR PLAN WAS UPDATED A FEW YEARS AGO, THIS GRANT WOULD ALLOW US TO REVISIT PORTIONS OF THE PLAN IN LIGHT OF THE PROPOSED ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY ROUTE B-3. THE GRANT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$75,000.00 WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED. THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION IS MARCH 30, 2012. THE BOARD WAS IN FAVOR OF APPLYING FOR THE GRANT AND THE RESOLUTION TO NEEDED APPLY WILL BE ON THE NEXT BOARD MEETING AGENDA.

**IKE GRANT**

VEHICLE STICKERS ARE DUE THE LAST BUSINESS DAY OF MARCH.

**VEHICLE STICKERS DUE**

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 8:02 P.M. REICHERT, HUPKE, WICKER, CALLAHAN, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Donna Werner  
Village Clerk