

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2018

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY THE 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 VILLAGE PRESIDENT, STEVEN CROSS, PRESIDING. THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS ANSWERED ROLL CALL: MS. MAREVKA, MR. JONES, DR. MARCH, MR. HAMM, MR. BOWDEN, AND MR. HACK. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE CLERK, ATTORNEY, ENGINEER, AND MR. CAREY.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY BOWDEN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2017, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING WITH THE ATTORNEY REQUESTED ADDITION OF THE SENTENCE "WRITTEN DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPERTY OWNERSHIP ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK". MARCH, BOWDEN, HACK, MAREVKA, JONES, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

MOTION BY HACK, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO APPROVE THE 12/16/17 PAYROLL AND TO APPROVE THE 12/26/17 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN ALL CATEGORIZED FUNDS AS PRESENTED. HACK, MAREVKA, JONES, MARCH, BOWDEN, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

PAYROLL & ACCTS. PAYABLE

MOTION BY HACK, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO APPROVE THE 12/30/17 PAYROLL AND TO APPROVE THE 01/08/18 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN ALL CATEGORIZED FUNDS AS PRESENTED. HACK, HAMM, MARCH, JONES, MAREVKA, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT - MR. CAREY FROM STEEL DEVELOPMENT WAS PRESENT TO VOICE HIS CONCERN REGARDING THE NEW HOUSE BUILT ON RATHJE ROAD WHICH DEVIATES FROM THE VILLAGE EXTERIOR APPEARANCE ORDINANCE. HIS MAIN OBJECTION WAS THAT THE HOUSE WAS ALLOWED TO BE BUILT WITH VINYL SIDING WHEN HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT IT WOULD NO LONGER BE ALLOWED. THE ADDED EXPENSE OF THE BUILDING RESTRICTIONS AND THE BUILDING RECESSION CAUSED HIS DEVELOPMENT TO STALL. IF HE HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO BUILD THAT TYPE OF HOUSE HE COULD HAVE FINISHED HIS DEVELOPMENT LONG AGO. HE HAD INSTALLED THE WATER AND SEWER TAPS WHEN RATHJE ROAD WAS BEING RESURFACED, AT THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATOR'S REQUEST, BUT HE WAS TOLD THAT THE BUILDER WAS CHARGED A TAP FEE. ALLOWING THIS HOUSE TO BE BUILT WILL DIMINISH THE VALUE OF HIS REMAINING LOTS. HE STATED THAT THERE WAS NO ELECTRIC TO THE PROPERTY AND EXTENSION CORDS WERE RUN ACROSS HIS PROPERTY TO ANOTHER HOUSE WHILE THE NEW HOUSE WAS BEING BUILT. THE BUILDER WAS ON MR. CAREY'S PROPERTY WITH THE EQUIPMENT TO ELEVATED AND REGRADE THE PROPERTY WHICH HAS EXTENDED INTO THE EASEMENTS AND WILL DISRUPT THE DRAINAGE, FLOOD OUT THE NEIGHBORS, AND WILL NOT ALLOW THE ELECTRICAL BOX TO BE INSTALLED AT THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY. HE INQUIRED WHO CHECKS THE ELEVATION AND GRADING. HE STATED THAT HE HAD APPROACHED THE OWNER AND THE BUILDER AND HE HAD APPROACHED THE VILLAGE WITH HIS CONCERNS SEVERAL TIMES AND WAS TREATED WITH DISRESPECT AND TOLD IT WAS NONE OF HIS BUSINESS. HE INQUIRED HOW THE HOUSE WAS ALLOWED TO BE BUILT WITHOUT A VARIANCE FROM THE BOARD. BECAUSE THE BOARD ALLOWED THIS HOUSE TO BE BUILT, HE WOULD REQUEST THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO BUILD OUT HIS REMAINING LOTS THE SAME WAY. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH THE BOARD TO DISCUSS HOW HE WAS TREATED WHEN HE CONTACTED THE VILLAGE.

PUBLIC COMMENT
CAREY / STEEL DEVELOPMENT

THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT IN 2013 THERE HAD BEEN AN EXEMPTION MADE FOR CERTAIN AREAS. THIS BUILDING PERMIT HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE SAFE BUILT INSPECTOR BEFORE THE EXTERIOR APPEARANCE REQUIREMENT WAS QUESTIONED AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT IT WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE VILLAGE TO EXEMPT THIS HOUSE FROM THE VILLAGE EXTERIOR APPEARANCE ORDINANCE. HE ASKED THE VILLAGE ENGINEER TO LOOK AT THE GRADING OF THE PROPERTY. HE STATED THAT THE APPEARANCE ORDINANCE WOULD BE DISCUSSED LATER ON THIS AGENDA.

THE ENGINEER REPORTED THAT IDOT HAS A WORK ORDER IN TO REPAIR THE GUARD RAIL AT THE I-57 INTERCHANGE. HE STATED THAT THE STATE BID OPENING FOR THE RATHJE ROAD PROJECT WILL BE JANUARY 19, 2018. THE GRAVEL AREA AT RATHJE ROAD AND JOLIET ROAD WAS QUESTIONED. THE AREA WOULD BE ADDRESSED DURING THE RATHJE ROAD PROJECT.

THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
PETER MARCH – CHAIR
KENT HAMM
PATRICK BOWDEN

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
KEVIN HACK -- CHAIR
PETER MARCH
MICHAEL JONES

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY
MICHAEL JONES -- CHAIR
KEVIN HACK
SHELLEY MAREVKA

BUILDING COMMITTEE
PATRICK BOWDEN -- CHAIR
KENT HAMM
SHELLEY MAREVKA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
STEVEN CROSS -- CHAIR
MICHAEL JONES
PETER MARCH

PRO TEMS
PRESIDENT PRO TEM – KEVIN HACK
TREASURER PRO TEM – PETER MARCH
CLERK PRO TEM -- PATRICK BOWDEN

CHANGES TO THE CHRISTMAS EVENT PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY MARCH, TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AS STATED. MAREVKA, MARCH, HAMM, BOWDEN, HACK, AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE CLASS V LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY GINA BAUMGARTNER WITH A PROPOSED LOCATION AT 422 S. GOVERNORS HIGHWAY. THE FOOD REQUIREMENT, OPERATION HOURS, AND FEE WERE DISCUSSED. THE BOARD REQUIRED MORE INFORMATION. THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT THE APPLICANTS WOULD BE CONTACTED TO BE AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

THE STATE HAS ISSUED A MANDATE FOR ALL COMMUNITIES TO ADOPT A SEXUAL HARASSMENT ORDINANCE. THIS ORDINANCE IS THE STATE’S MODEL ORDINANCE.

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY BOWDEN, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 17-24 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT. MARCH, BOWDEN, HACK, MAREVKA, JONES, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS THE ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 150.038 PERTAINING TO THE APPEARANCE OF THE EXTERIOR OF BUILDINGS FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS. THE AREAS CONCERNED ARE ON RATHJE ROAD AND HUMMINGBIRD LANE.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

CLASS V LIQUOR LICENSE DISCUSSION

ORD. 17-24 SEXUAL HARASSMENT

RES. 17-R08 SUSPEND 150.038

MR. CAREY INQUIRED THAT IF THE RESOLUTION PASSED IF HE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO BUILD HIS HOUSES WITH VINYL SIDING AND BRICK FRONTS. THE BOARD DISCUSSED GRANDFATHERING MR. CAREY'S FIVE REMAINING LOTS AS REQUESTED AS IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO BUILD THAT MANY HOMES IN SIX MONTHS. THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT THE PURPOSE FOR THE RESOLUTION WAS TO GIVE THE BOARD TIME TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND REVIEW THE EXTERIOR APPEARANCE ORDINANCE. HE STATED THAT HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH VINYL SIDING, BUT IF IT WAS TO BE ALLOWED, HE WANTED A CERTAIN QUALITY. THE ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING FIRST, THEN THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY MARCH, TO PASS RESOLUTION 17-R08 A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 150.038 (APPEARANCE OF EXTERIOR OF BUILDINGS) OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE AS APPLIED TO CURRENTLY PLATTED UNDEVELOPED LOTS. MAREVKA, MARCH, JONES, AND HACK VOTING AYE; HAMM AND BOWDEN VOTING NO; MOTION CARRIED.

VEHICLE STICKERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

WATER BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED.

NO PARKING AFTER A TWO-INCH SNOWFALL UNTIL THE STREETS ARE PLOWED. NO PARKING ON THE PARKWAYS OR IN THE YARD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY HACK, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 8:00 P.M. MAREVKA, HACK, BOWDEN, HAMM, JONES, AND MARCH VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna Werner
Village Clerk