

**VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2017**

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. HUPKE, MR. JONES, DR. MARCH, MR. BOWDEN, AND MR. HAMM. TRUSTEE HACK WAS ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE CLERK, ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, POLICE CHIEF, MS. AUSTELL, MR. SIMUNOVICH, MS. LATHAM, MR. LADISLAS, MS. BORMET, MS. BROOKE, MS. CHALOUPKA, MS. MODOLO, MR. FOX, MR. MITCHELL, MR. BETTENHAUSEN, MS. MURAWSKI, MR. FORSYTHE, MR. ROSENBERG, MS. ROSENBERG, MS. FREDRICKSON, AND MS. SORENSON.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY BOWDEN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2017, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. JONES, BOWDEN, MARCH, HUPKE, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2017, SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. MARCH, JONES, HUPKE, BOWDEN, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

TRUSTEE HUPKE INQUIRED ABOUT THE CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 TO GROEBE REALTORS. THE ADMINISTRATOR EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS EARNST MONEY ON A PROPERTY WE ARE LOOKING AT AND IT HAS NOT BEEN PAID YET, JUST SET ASIDE.

PAYROLL & ACCTS. PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - MS. CHALOUPKA INQUIRED ABOUT THE UTILITY TAX THE VILLAGE BOARD IMPOSED LONG AGO. SHE INQUIRED HOW MANY ROOFTOPS THERE WERE IN THE VILLAGE, WHEN THE TAX WAS IMPOSED, IF THERE WASN'T A SUNSET CLAUSE, AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE CAR DEALERSHIPS REBATES. SHE STATED THAT SHE HAS PAID \$960.00 FOR UTILITY TAXES AND WANTED TO KNOW WHERE IT WENT / WHAT IT WAS USED FOR. SHE SAID SHE HAD REMEMBERED MR. LIBERATORE (ON THE BOARD WHEN THE TAXES WERE IMPOSED) HAD SAID THAT ONCE A TAX WAS IMPOSED THEY WILL NEVER TAKE IT OFF. TRUSTEE JONES GUESSED AT 1300 ROOFTOPS. THE PRESIDENT STATED THE UTILITY TAX WENT INTO THE GENERAL FUND. HE STATED THAT THERE WERE ONLY A FEW SOURCES OF REVENUE. HE STATED THAT ALL THREE DEALERSHIPS HAD REBATES. IN REFERENCE TO THE UTILITY TAX, HE STATED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN THE SUNSET DATE WAS. THE CLERK INTERJECTED THAT THE UTILITY TAXES HAD ALL BEEN RENEWED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MS. AUSTELL STATED THAT SHE HAD THREE LIGHT BILLS, TWO GAS BILLS, AND THREE PHONE BILLS AND PAYS \$300.00 TO \$400.00 IN MUNICIPAL TAXES PER YEAR. THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES RECEIVED BY THE VILLAGE WAS QUESTIONED AND STATED THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW. THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT THEY COULD TAKE AWAY THE UTILITY TAXES BUT WOULD HAVE TO CUT SERVICES. HE READ THE TOTALS OF LAST MONTH'S UTILITY TAX FROM THE CLERK / COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT. MS. AUSTELL ASKED FOR COPIES.

MS. BROOKE INQUIRED IF ALL OF THE INFORMATION WAS PUBLIC. PRESIDENT CROSS READ THE REVENUE LISTED FROM THE CURRENT BUDGET AND STATED THAT THE NEW BUDGET WOULD GO INTO EFFECT APRIL 1.

MS. LATHAM INQUIRED HOW MUCH COMCAST PAID. SOMEONE HAD TOLD HER IT WAS ABOUT \$80,000.00 PER YEAR. SHE ALSO INQUIRED WHAT PROPERTY THE VILLAGE WAS BUYING. THE PRESIDENT READ THE FRANCHISE NUMBERS FROM THE 2015/2016 BUDGET. HE STATED THAT WHEN THE VILLAGE DISCUSSED BUYING PROPERTY, IT WAS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION THE SAME AS PERSONNEL MATTERS. THE ATTORNEY ADDED THAT WHEN THE DECISION WAS MADE, IT WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA.

MR. BETTENHAUSEN STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN HERE BEFORE ABOUT A PARADE AND HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN. THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT HE AND MR. BETTENHAUSEN HAD HAD THAT CONVERSATION BEFORE AND TOLD HIM TO BRING IN A PLAN AND SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION AND GET ON THE AGENDA.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MARCH GAVE THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM AND APPROVED TREE LIST WHICH WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING. GRINDING SOME OF THE SIDEWALKS INSTEAD OF REPLACING THEM WAS DISCUSSED AND THAT THE SUMP PUMP ISSUE ON CORNING AVENUE HAD BEEN RESOLVED.

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MARCH REPORTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE 2017/2018 PROPOSED WORKING BUDGET WHICH WILL BE ON THE NEXT BOARD AGENDA.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT – NONE

ENGINEER REPORT - NOT PRESENT

MR. FOX AND MR. MITCHELL WERE PRESENT TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS REGARDING THE SPEEDING ON RATHJE ROAD. MR. FOX INQUIRED IF ANYONE LIKED PEOPLE GOING PAST THEIR HOUSES AT 40, 50, OR 80 MPH. MR. FOX INQUIRED IF THE SPEEDING TICKET MONEY ALSO WENT TO THE GENERAL FUND. HE STATED THAT HE HAD GIVEN TIME FRAMES FOR THE SPEEDERS ON RATHJE AND INQUIRED WHY RADAR WASN'T BEING RUN. MR. MITCHELL ADDED THAT IT HAS BEEN THREE WEEKS SINCE HE HAD SEEN RADAR RUN. POLICE CHIEF MORT REPLIED THAT WE DON'T RUN ON MR. FOX'S TIME FRAME THEY RELY ON THE DATA FROM THE SPEED SIGN. HE STATED THAT ACCORDING TO THE SPEED MONITOR, BEFORE IT WAS TAKEN DOWN FOR THE WINTER, 95% OF THE VEHICLES ARE BELOW 30 MPH. MR. FOX DISAGREED. MR. MITCHELL COMMENTED ON FOUR MONTHS OF MISSING DATA. THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT LAST YEAR THE VILLAGE OFFERED TO INSTALL A STOP SIGN AND MR. FOX DIDN'T WANT A STOP SIGN. HE STATED THAT WE COULD PURCHASE PORTABLE SPEED BUMPS FOR \$800.00 OR WE COULD PAINT THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE STREET. MR. FOX ASKED FOR ONE WEEK OF POLICE PRESENCE. TRUSTEE HUPKE BROUGHT UP THAT ANOTHER AREA OF SPEEDING COMPLAINTS WAS MAIN STREET. HE ASKED IF THE SPEED SIGN COULD BE MOVED THERE.

MS. AUSTELL ADDED THAT RAILROAD STREET AND CORNING AVENUE WAS A VERY DANGEROUS INTERSECTION WITH VEHICLES FLYING OVER THE RAILROAD TRACKS. MS. FREDRICKSON STATED THAT PEOPLE WERE DRIVING WHILE TALKING ON THEIR CELL PHONES.

**REPORTS
C/C & TREAS. REPORTS**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE**

CHIEF'S REPORT

ENGINEER REPORT

**FOX / MITCHELL
RATHJE RD. SPEEDING**

THE PEOTONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR A CIRCUS TO BE HELD AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ON JUNE 19, 2017, AND REQUESTED THE \$25.00 FEE BE WAIVED.

**PEOTONE CHAMBER
CIRCUS**

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE THE PEOTONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST AND GRANT PERMISSION FOR A CIRCUS ON JUNE 19, 2017, AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AND TO WAIVE THE \$25.00 FEE. MARCH, JONES, HUPKE, BOWDEN, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM AAA TREE SERVICE, THE COMPANY HAS THAT HAS HAD THE TREE REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR MANY YEARS. THE LETTER STATED THAT AAA TREE SERVICE WOULD HONOR LAST YEAR'S PRICES FOR THIS YEAR'S TREE PROGRAM.

2017 TREE PROGRAM

MOTION BY BOWDEN, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE AAA TREE SERVICE FOR THE 2017 TREE PROGRAM AT LAST YEAR'S PRICES. BOWDEN, JONES, HUPKE, MARCH, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

WHEN THE VILLAGE BOARD ADOPTS ORDINANCES, THE VILLAGE CLERK SENDS THEM TO AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING WHO CODIFIES THE ORDINANCES AND PREPARES THE QUARTERLY SUPPLEMENTS. THIS ORDINANCE ACCEPTS THE SUPPLEMENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE PEOTONE CODE OF ORDINANCES BOOK.

**ORD. 16-12
S-36 CODIFICATION**

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 16-12 – AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE, ILLINOIS – SUPPLEMENT 2017- S-36. HUPKE, HAMM, BOWDEN, MARCH AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THIS ORDINANCE WOULD AMEND THE 2016/2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE BY ADDING \$350,000.00 TO THE STREETS AND ALLEYS DEPARTMENT. TRUSTEE HUPKE INQUIRED WHERE THE MONEY WAS COMING FROM AND WHAT IT WAS FOR. THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED THAT IT WAS AN AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS FOR AND UNDER THE STREETS AND ALLEYS DEPARTMENT: PURCHASE OF A PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING - \$350,000.00 AND BY FURTHER AMENDING THE TOTAL FOR THE STREETS AND ALLEYS DEPARTMENT FROM \$1,545,625.00 TO \$1,895,625.00, AND FURTHER AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND SUB-TOTAL FROM \$4,013,575.00 TO \$4,363,575.00 AND ALSO THE GENERAL FUND TOTAL FROM \$4,133,525 TO \$4,483,575.00 AND BY FURTHER AMENDING THE RECAP BY FUND BY RAISING THE GENERAL FUND TOTAL TO THE AFORESAID \$4,483,575.00 AND BY RAISING THE TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL FUNDS TO \$6,711,230.00.

**ORD. 16-13
AMEND APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE**

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY JONES, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 16-13 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016/2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE BY ADDING \$350,000.00 TO THE STREETS AND ALLEYS DEPARTMENT. MARCH, JONES, HUPKE, BOWDEN, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THIS RESOLUTION TERMINATES PARTICIPATION BY THE VILLAGE CLERK IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF). THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT THE CLERK WAS THE ONLY ELECTED OFFICIAL IN IMRF. A PAST BOARD TOOK THE ACTION TO PUT THE POSITION OF VILLAGE CLERK INTO THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND, WHICH MEANS THE ANNUAL STIPEND THE CLERK RECEIVES, WHICH TODAY IS \$10,000.00 PER YEAR, IS ELIGIBLE TOWARDS THE PENSION. NO OTHER ELECTED POSITIONS HAVE EVER BEEN IN THE MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND. FOR THE LAST 28 YEARS, THE VILLAGE CLERK'S POSITION HAS BEEN HELD BY THE SAME PERSON. AND FOR THAT SAME TIME PERIOD SHE HAS BEEN

**RES. 16-R09
IMRF / ELECTED OFFICIAL
PARTICIPATION
TERMINATION**

APPOINTED AS THE VILLAGE COLLECTOR. HE STATED THAT THE CLERK WAS ELECTED AND THE COLLECTOR POSITION WAS APPOINTED. HE STATED THE VAST MAJORITY OF VILLAGES AND MUNICIPALITIES HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO ELIMINATE THE POSITION OF COLLECTOR BECAUSE IT IS AN ANTIQUATED AND UNNECESSARY POSITION IN TODAYS WORLD. HE STATED THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE DUTIES OF THE COLLECTOR ARE MOST COMMONLY PERFORMED BY THE TREASURER OR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. THIS VILLAGE BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT THE POSITION OF THE COLLECTOR IS NO LONGER IN THE BEST INTEREST IN THE DAY TO DAY OPERATION OF THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE DAY TO DAY BUSINESS CAN BE MORE EFFICIENTLY CONDUCTED BY ELIMINATING THE POSITION OF VILLAGE COLLECTOR AND TRANSFERRING ANY REMAINING DUTIES TO THE VILLAGE TREASURER. THE RESOLUTION WILL REMOVE THE ELECTED CLERK POSITION FROM THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND. SHE WILL STILL BE THE VILLAGE CLERK AND COLLECT THE STIPEND FOR CLERK AND SHE CAN COLLECT HER IMRF PENSION AND THREE YEARS OF HEALTH INSURANCE AT 50% PREMIUM AS PER THE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL. HE STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF OTHER INFORMATION POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND HE ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE FOR FACTUAL INFORMATION. IF ANYONE HAS A QUESTION OR CONCERN, CALL HIM OR STOP AND SEE HIM OR COME TO THE MEETINGS AND ASK QUESTIONS. NOT TO BELIEVE IN RUMORS OR HALF-TRUTHS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. TRUSTEE HUPKE INQUIRED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE RESOLUTION DIDN'T PASS. THE CLERK RESPONDED THAT IF THE RESOLUTION WAS NOT PASSED AND THE COLLECTOR POSITION WAS ELIMINATED, SHE COULD NOT COLLECT HER PENSION.

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY BOWDEN, TO PASS RESOLUTION 16-R09 – A RESOLUTION RELATING TO TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION BY ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND. MARCH, BOWDEN, HAMM, HUPKE, AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY BOWDEN, TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:35 P.M. HUPKE, BOWDEN, HAMM, MARCH, AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 8:36 P.M. HUPKE, BOWDEN, HAMM, JONES, AND MARCH VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna Werner
Village Clerk