

**VILLAGE OF PEOTONE  
VILLAGE BOARD  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

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. RUSSELL, MR. WICKER, MR. FORSYTHE, MRS. ECKMAN, AND MR. LIBERATORE. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, ENGINEER, MR. ANDERSON, AND MRS. BROOKE.

**ROLL CALL**

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2010, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. REICHERT, FORSYTHE, ECKMAN, LIBERATORE, RUSSELL, AND WICKER VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**MINUTES**

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

**PAYROLL & ACCTS PAYABLE**

MRS. BROOKE ADDRESSED THE BOARD CONCERNING THE LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM. SHE WAS UPSET THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED A SECOND NOTICE / PENALTY BILL FOR THE LEAF COLLECTION FEE SHE REFUSES TO PAY. SHE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE BILL STATED THAT THE WATER/SEWER SERVICE WOULD BE SHUT OFF UNLESS THE BILL WAS PAID BY FEBRUARY 17th. MRS. BROOKE STATED THAT SHE HAS A LAWN SERVICE WHICH TAKES HER LEAVES AND SHE DOESN'T NEED THE VILLAGE SERVICE AND THAT IT WAS UNFAIR TO CHARGE HER FOR IT. SHE ASKED THE BOARD TO REVISIT THE LEAF COLLECTION ISSUE.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
BROOKE**

CLERK WERNER EXPLAINED THE PROCESS FOR THE WATER/SEWER/ REFUSE/ AND LEAF COLLECTION BILLING CYCLE. SHE EXPLAINED THAT AFTER THE BILL HAS BEEN SENT OUT, THE RESIDENTS HAVE THIRTY DAYS TO PAY THE BILL, IF THE BILL HASN'T BEEN PAID, A SECOND NOTICE IS SENT STATING SHUT-OFF AT THE END OF AN ADDITIONAL TEN DAYS. WHILE MRS. BROOKE HAD PAID THE WATER/SEWER/ REFUSE PORTION OF THE BILL, THE LEAF COLLECTION BALANCE WAS HIGH ENOUGH TO GENERATE THE SECOND NOTICE. THE STANDARD PRINTING FOR THE SECOND NOTICE CALLS FOR SHUT-OFF EVEN THOUGH IT IS ONLY THE LEAF COLLECTION PORTION OF THE BILL OUTSTANDING. THE WATER SERVICE WOULD NOT BE SHUT OFF FOR NONPAYMENT OF THE LEAF COLLECTION FEE.

TRUSTEE LIBERATORE EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR THE PROGRAM WAS TO KEEP THE LEAVES FROM BLOCKING THE SEWERS. HE STATED THAT HE HAS HEARD FROM MORE PEOPLE IN FAVOR OF THE PROGRAM THAN THOSE AGAINST IT.

THAT STATEMENT SURPRISED MRS. BROOKE AS HER SOURCE HAD INFORMED HER THAT THERE WERE MORE CALLS AGAINST THE PROGRAM THAN THE BOARD HAD TOLD HER PREVIOUSLY. SHE STATED THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES DID NOT CHARGE FOR THE SERVICE.

TRUSTEE REICHERT SUGGESTED THAT THE LEAF COLLECTION ORDINANCE BE REVIEWED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

MR. JOHN ANDERSON, A WILL COUNTY BOARD MEMBER WHO IS RUNNING FOR JUDGE, STOPPED BY TO SAY "HELLO". **ANDERSON**

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ENGINEER KONING REPORTED THAT MEETINGS WERE TAKING PLACE WITH IDOT TO DISCUSS THE WARRANTS FOR THE RT. 50 / CORNING AVENUE TRAFFIC LIGHT.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

TRUSTEE ECKMAN INQUIRED IF THE REASON THE TRAFFIC LIGHT COULDN'T BE PLACED AT THE CRAWFORD ST. / HAUERT ST. / RT. 50 INTERSECTION WAS BECAUSE THE STREETS DIDN'T MEET.

THE ENGINEER STATED THE INTERSECTION WAS NOT A STANDARD INTERSECTION BECAUSE THE STREETS DID NOT MEET. THE CORNING ST. INTERSECTION WOULD ALLOW THE GREATER AMOUNT OF CHILDREN TO CROSS RT. 50.

THE CONCEPT OF PAYING THE WATER/SEWER/REFUSE BILL BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS OR E-CHECKS BY E-PAY THROUGH THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE WAS DISCUSSED. NO CREDIT CARD INFORMATION WOULD BE RETAINED BY THE VILLAGE. THE SOFTWARE, HARDWARE, AND TRAINING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SYSTEM WERE DISCUSSED. A CONVENIENCE FEE FOR THE SERVICE, WHICH THE VILLAGE NEITHER CHARGES NOR COLLECTS, WOULD BE ADDED TO EACH TRANSACTION. THE VILLAGE WOULD NEED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE. THE PAPERWORK WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO SIX WEEKS FOR APPROVAL.

**E-PAY**

MOTION BY LIBERATORE, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO SIGN TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE TREASURER FOR THE E-PAY PROGRAM AND TO PROCEED WITH INSTITUTING THE CREDIT/DEBIT CARD AND E-CHECK PAYMENTS. LIBERATORE, REICHERT, RUSSELL, WICKER, FORSYTHE, AND ECKMAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE VILLAGE CURRENTLY USES A POSTCARD FORMAT FOR THE WATER/SEWER/REFUSE BILLING. WITH THE INSTITUTION OF THE "RED FLAG" RULES, THERE IS A NEED TO CHANGE THE BILLING FORMAT TO TAKE THE CUSTOMER'S PERSONAL INFORMATION OUT OF THE PUBLIC VISION. A NEW FORMAT, UTILIZING A PRESSURE SEAL FORM, WOULD SHOW ONLY THE CUSTOMER'S NAME AND BILLING ADDRESS ON THE OUTSIDE OF REGULAR ENVELOPE SIZE FORM, WITH THE ACCOUNT INFORMATION ON THE INSIDE. THE COSTS FOR THE SOFTWARE, PRESSURE SEAL MACHINE, PRINTER (WHICH IS NEEDED REGARDLESS OF A FORMAT CHANGE), THE PRESSURE SEAL FORMS, AND THE INCREASED POSTAGE WERE DISCUSSED.

**NEW WATER BILLING  
FORMAT**

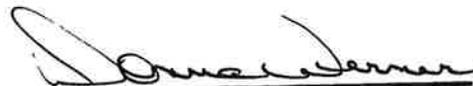
MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE PRESSURE SEAL FORMAT FOR THE WATER/SEWER/REFUSE BILLS. REICHERT, WICKER, RUSSELL, FORSYTHE, ECKMAN, AND LIBERATORE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT OFFICERS WILL BE ON THE NEXT BOARD MEETING AGENDA.

**OMA RESOLUTION**

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY ECKMAN, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 7:37 P.M. REICHERT, ECKMAN, LIBERATORE, FORSYTHE, WICKER, AND RUSSELL VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**



**Donna Werner  
Village Clerk**

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