

**VILLAGE OF PEOTONE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX HALL, 208 E. MAIN STREET, PEOTONE, ILLINOIS. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT PRO-TEM, PETER MARCH.

**CALL TO ORDER**

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE MEETING WERE MR. HUPKE, MR. JONES, MR. MARCH, MR. BOWDEN, AND MR. HACK. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE CLERK, ADMINISTRATOR, AND THE POLICE CHIEF.

**ATTENDANCE**

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY HACK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 24, 2015, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AS WRITTEN. HUPKE, HACK, JONES, MARCH, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**MINUTES**

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED CHANGING THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING TIME. TRUSTEE HUPKE STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGED TO 6:00 P.M. AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CHANGED TO 5:00 P.M. HE STATED THAT HE REALIZED WE WOULD HAVE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE. TRUSTEE HACK STATED THAT IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT FOR EVERYONE TO BE HERE BY 5:00 P.M. TRUSTEE MARCH SUGGESTED CHANGING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO 5:30 P.M. THE ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED AGAIN WHEN THE FULL BOARD IS PRESENT.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**CHANGING MEETING TIME**

TRUSTEE HUPKE INQUIRED IF CHIEF MORT HAD AN UPDATE ON THE VEHICLE BREAK-INS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED RECENTLY. THE CHIEF STATED THAT THE ALERT WAS OUT.

**VEHICLE BREAK-INS**

THE PURCHASE OF THE VACANT LOT ON THE CORNER OF NORTH STREET AND SECOND STREET AND THE SALE OF THE VILLAGE LOT ON THE WEST SIDE OF WASHINGTON STREET WAS DISCUSSED. TRUSTEE HUPKE STATED THAT HE HAD APPROACHED DR. LOWRY AND HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THE WASHINGTON STREET LOT.

**LOT PURCHASE / SALE**

THE PARK BUILDING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CORNING WAS DISCUSSED. THE CLERK EXPLAINED A CHURCH HAD A CONTRACT ON THE BUILDING PROVIDING THE SPECIAL USE WAS APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER PLANNING/ZONING MEETING. TRUSTEE HUPKE INQUIRED WHY THE BOARD HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED. THE CLERK APOLOGIZED FOR THE ERROR AND STATED THAT COPIES OF THE SPECIAL USE PACKET WOULD BE MADE FOR THE BOARD.

**PARK BUILDING**

TRUSTEE HUPKE THANKED PUBLIC WORKS FOR FILLING IN THE OPEN CONCRETE AREAS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

TRUSTEE JONES INQUIRED ABOUT THE STREETLIGHTS IN REGARD TO THE LENGTH OF TIME IT TAKES FOR THE REPAIR TO BE DONE FOR OUTAGES AND THE DIFFERENT COLOR OF THE BULBS. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT WHEN A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE IS REPORTED TO THE VILLAGE, A REPORT IS SENT TO COMMONWEALTH EDISON. THE VILLAGE HAS NO CONTROL OVER WHEN COMED REPAIRS THEM. HE THOUGHT THE POLICE COULD WHITE DOWN THE LIGHTS THAT ARE OUT WHEN THEY ARE DRIVING AROUND AT NIGHT.

**STREET LIGHTS**

ADMINISTRATOR SPATHIS WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE BOARD TO DISCUSS DIRECTION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING. THE COMMITTEES ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>. PUBLIC WORKS WILL MEET AT 5:30 P.M. AND ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT WILL MEET AT 6:00 P.M. AT THIS TIME THE BUILDING COMMITTEE AND THE POLICE COMMITTEE WILL NOT HAVE MEETINGS.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

CHIEF MORT GAVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE POLICE PENSION REPORT THAT MR. ROCK WILL BE GIVING TO THE BOARD. HE STATED THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE TWO OFFICERS

**POLICE PENSION**

RETIRED AND ONE ON DISABILITY. ADMINISTRATOR SPATHIS SPOKE ABOUT GASB CHANGING THE RULES, BUT THAT PEOTONE WAS IN BETTER SHAPE THAN MOST.

DAVID ROCK GAVE THE POLICE PENSION REPORT. HE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE POLICE PENSION FOR EIGHT YEARS. HE STATED THAT WE STARTED OUT WITH A VILLAGE CONTRIBUTION REQUEST OF A 10% FUNDING LEVEL WHICH THE VILLAGE HAS MET. THE PENSION BOARD BASED THE VILLAGE FUNDING LEVEL USING THE 1972 LIFE TABLE AND PROJECTING A 7% RETURN. A 7% RETURN HAS NEVER BEEN REALIZED. THE PENSION BOARD IS REQUESTING THAT THE VILLAGE LEVY \$292,000.00 FOR THE POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION.

TRUSTEE BOWDEN INQUIRED REGARDING THE POLICE PENSION EXPENSES. MR. ROCK EXPLAINED THE EXPENSES WERE FOR THE ACCOUNTANT, THE ATTORNEY RETAINER AND, A MEDICAL REVIEW.

MOTION BY HACK, SECONDED BY JONES, TO ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AT 6:56 P.M. HACK, JONES, HUPKE, BOWDEN, AND MARCH VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Donna Werner  
Village Clerk