

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 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, MR. FORSYTHE, AND MR. LIBERATORE. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE ADMINISTRATOR, ENGINEER, ATTORNEY, POLICE CHIEF, MS. BROOKS, AND SEVERAL PEOTONE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND RESIDENTS.

ROLL CALL

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 2012, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. REICHERT, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, HUPKE, AND WICKER VOTING AYE; LIBERATORE VOTING PRESENT; MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

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

**PAYROLL & ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

PUBLIC COMMENT - MS. DOUGHERTY OF 305 GARFIELD ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING AN ISSUE WITH THE FENCE HER NEIGHBOR HAS JUST BEEN GRANTED A VARIANCE TO INSTALL. THE FENCE WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE FRONT OF HIS HOUSE WHICH WILL NOT ALLOW HER ACCESS TO MAINTAIN HER LANDSCAPING. SHE SHOWED THE BOARD PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PROPOSED FENCE LOCATION IN PROXIMITY TO HER HOUSE. THE BOARD WILL ASK MR. WEHRMANN TO POSTPONE THE FENCE INSTALLATION UNTIL THE ISSUE CAN BE REVIEWED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
GARFIELD FENCE**

MR. HAMANN, BRUCE CLOVER, KEVIN HACK, MR. KANE, AND DENNIS SOUCIE, ALL OF PEOTONE TOWNSHIP, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING THE ILLIANA B-3/B-4 PROPOSED ROUTE. MR. HAMANN INQUIRED HOW MANY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD VISITED THE ILLIANA CORRIDOR LOCATION. THEY (PEOTONE TOWNSHIP BOARD AND RESIDENTS) ARE AGAINST THE PROPOSED ROUTES BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF THREE BUSINESSES, EIGHT HOMES, THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING, AND THE FARMS THAT WILL BE SPLIT. THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH OVERPASSES (ONE APPROXIMATELY EVERY FIVE MILES) TO ALLOW THE FARMERS ACCESS TO THE GROUND OR ADEQUATE ACCESS FOR ANY EMERGENCY VEHICLES OR POLICE PROTECTION. THE TOWNSHIP HAD PASSED A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ILLIANA ROUTES. HE STATED THAT THE PROPOSED ROUTE WOULD CAUSE INCONVENIENCE AND ADDED EXPENSE FOR THE FARMERS.

ILLIANA

PRESIDENT DURAN, MR. GRAY, AND FOUR TRUSTEES RESPONDED THAT THEY HAD VISITED THE PROPOSED ILLIANA CORRIDOR SITE.

PRESIDENT DURAN AND MR. GRAY EXPLAINED THAT WHILE THE VILLAGE PASSED A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE ILLIANA ROUTE FOR THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES, THE VILLAGE OPPOSED "QUICK TAKE" AS A MEANS TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY AND OPPOSED ORPHAN PROPERTY. PRESIDENT DURAN AND MR. GRAY EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ATTENDING THE ILLIANA MEETINGS FOR A YEAR AND THE PROPOSED ROUTES HAVE BEEN TWEAKED AT EVERY MEETING. THE B-3 AND B-4 ROUTES, WHILE CONCEPTUAL, ARE FAVORED BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE THE LEAST AFFECT ON

PROPERTY OWNERS AND LESS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TO DEAL WITH.

THE TOWNSHIP THOUGHT THAT IF THE ROUTE WAS SHIFTED ½ MILE TO THE SOUTH, IT WOULD ELIMINATE THE PROBLEMS OF ORPHANED PROPERTY AND THE INABILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO SERVICE PEOTONE TOWNSHIP ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE EXPRESSWAY. PRESIDENT DURAN STATED THAT IF THE ½ MILE SHIFT TO THE SOUTH WOULD MAKE LESS OF AN IMPACT ON THE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, THE VILLAGE WOULD WORK WITH THE TOWNSHIP TO TRY TO GET THE ROUTE SHIFTED ½ MILE TO THE SOUTH.

MR. HACK HAD STATED THAT THE ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY WOULD NOT BE THE “YELLOW BRICK ROAD” THE VILLAGE THINKS IT WILL BE. HE AND MR. SOUCIE STATED THAT THE VILLAGE HAS A TARNISHED IMAGE IN REGARD TO NEW BUSINESS.

PRESIDENT DURAN STATED THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THAT IMAGE. THE PRESIDENT THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING THE BOARD MEETING AND EXPRESSING THEIR THOUGHTS.

MR. GRAY WILL MEET WITH THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT - NONE

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ENGINEER REPORT – THE BID OPENING FOR THE 2012 STREET PAVING PROJECT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 22, 2012. THE BID OPENINGS FOR THE FIRST STREET WATER MAIN PROJECT AND THE CONRAD STREET LIFT STATION GENERATOR PROJECT HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 23, 2012.

ENGINEER REPORT

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR THE MILL FALL FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2012, AND PERMISSION FOR THE CORNING AVENUE STREET CLOSURE.

**SPECIAL EVENT
MILL FALL FESTIVAL**

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY LIBERATORE, TO APPROVE THE MILL FALL FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT WITH THE STREET CLOSURE OF CORNING AVENUE FROM MILL STREET TO CONRAD AVENUE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2012, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M., WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT EMERGENCY VEHICLES MUST HAVE ACCESS. FORSYTHE, LIBERATORE, REICHERT, HUPKE, WICKER, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MR. BROOKS HAS PETITIONED THE VILLAGE TO REZONE 101 LINCOLN STREET FROM O TO R-3. WHILE THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN USED AS RESIDENTIAL FOR SOME TIME, THE PROPERTY WAS NEVER REZONED FROM OFFICE WHEN BENNETT INDUSTRIES OWNED THE PROPERTY. THE PLANNING/ ZONING COMMISSION HAS FORWARDED A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION.

**ORD. 12-14
REZONE 101 E. LINCOLN**

MOTION BY LIBERATORE, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING/ZONING FINDINGS OF FACT AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 12-14 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A REZONING FROM O-OFFICE TO R-3 – ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE FOR 101 E. LINCOLN STREET. LIBERATORE, WICKER, HUPKE, REICHERT, FORSYTHE, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION.

EASEMENTS ARE NEEDED ON THE BLACK DIAMOND PROPERTY AND THE CLEVELAND STEEL PROPERTY FOR THE FIRST STREET WATER MAIN PROJECT.

**ORD. 12-15
BLACK DIAMOND EASEMENT**

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 12-15 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A GRANT OF EASEMENT, DOUBLE BLACK DIAMOND, LLC. WICKER,

REICHERT, HUPKE, LIBERATORE, FORSYTHE, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 12-16 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A GRANT OF EASEMENT, CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORP. WICKER, REICHERT, HUPKE, CALLAHAN, FORSYTHE, AND LIBERATORE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**ORD. 12-16
CLEVELAND STEEL EASEMENT**

PRESIDENT DURAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE ILLIANA HEARING WAS HOSTED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL SO THAT EVERYONE COULD TALK TO THE ENGINEERS. IT WAS THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE OF ALL THE MEETINGS. COMMENTS AND TESTIMONY WERE WELCOMED AND POST IT NOTES WERE AVAILABLE TO PUT COMMENTS ON THE MAPS. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PUT UP SIGNS AND HANDLED THE OVERFLOW TRAFFIC. PRESIDENT DURAN THANKED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE POLICE CHIEF FOR THE EXTRA EFFORT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BOARD WAS ASKED IF THE VILLAGE INTENDED TO REPLACE THE TREES LOST TO THE ASH BORE. MR. GRAY RESPONDED THAT THE VILLAGE HAS APPLIED FOR A GRANT FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

ASH BORE PROGRAM

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY LIBERATORE, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 8:15 P.M. FORSYTHE, LIBERATORE, REICHERT, HUPKE, WICKER, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna Werner
Village Clerk