

**VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 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, ENGINEER, ATTORNEY, POLICE CHIEF, AND MRS. BROOKE.

ROLL CALL

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY LIBERATORE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2010, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. REICHERT, LIBERATORE, ECKMAN, FORSYTHE, WICKER, AND RUSSELL VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

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

PAYROLL & ACCTS PAYABLE

MRS. BROOKE WAS PRESENT TO INQUIRE IF THE BOARD HAD REVISITED THE LEAF COLLECTION ISSUE. TRUSTEE LIBERATORE STATED THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE HAD NOT YET MET. THE COMMITTEE WOULD MEET ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY AFTER THE FIRST BOARD MEETING OF MARCH.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
BROOKE**

MRS. BROOKE INQUIRED WHAT THE UTILITY TAXES WERE USED FOR, AND COULDN'T THAT MONEY BE USED FOR THE LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM. MR. GRAY STATED THAT THE UTILITY TAX MONEY GOES INTO THE GENERAL FUND, ALONG WITH THE OTHER GENERAL FUND REVENUE, WHICH IS USED TO PAY THE VILLAGE EXPENSES. WHEN ASKED IF THE BOARD WAS DOING ANYTHING TO ENCOURAGE NEW BUSINESSES IN THE VILLAGE, MR. GRAY RESPONDED THAT WE WERE. HE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THE EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO LAST YEAR'S BUSINESS EXPO AND THE PLANS FOR ANOTHER EXPO THIS YEAR.

MRS. BROOKE THOUGHT THE BOARD SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE BUILDING OWNERS IN THE AREA TO LOWER THE RENT SO NEW BUSINESSES COULD OPEN. IF INCENTIVES ARE OFFERED TO ENCOURAGE NEW DEVELOPMENTS, INCENTIVES COULD BE OFFERED TO THE BUILDING OWNERS. THE VILLAGE SHOULD BEAUTIFY THE ENTRANCES TO THE COMMUNITY TO BRING PEOPLE TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA. IN RESPONSE, SHE WAS INFORMED THAT THE BOARD HAD NO CONTROL OVER RENT RATES. TRUSTEE WICKER STATED THAT WITH THE INTERNET, MANY PEOPLE ARE BUYING DIRECTLY FROM BUSINESSES AND NOT ACTUALLY SHOPPING IN THE STORES. HE STATED THAT DUE TO THE INTERNET SHOPPING TREND, IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES TO SUCCEED.

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

C/C & TREAS REPORTS

CHIEF'S REPORT - NONE

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ENGINEER REPORT - NONE

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PERIODICALLY ORDINANCES WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES. AN ORDINANCE IS

**ORD 09-19
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NEEDED TO ADOPT EACH SUPPLEMENT.

MOTION BY RUSSELL, SECONDED BY LIBERATORE, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 09-19 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE, ILLINOIS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. RUSSELL, LIBERATORE, ECKMAN, FORSYTHE, WICKER, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

DUE TO THE CHANGES IN THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, IT IS NECESSARY TO FORMALLY APPOINT OFFICERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE TRAINING IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW LAW.

**RES 09-R18
OMA & FOIA OFFICERS**

MOTION BY LIBERATORE, SECONDED BY ECKMAN, TO PASS RESOLUTION 09-R18 - A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF THOSE TO RECEIVE TRAINING ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND THE DESIGNATION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICERS. THE VILLAGE CLERK WAS DESIGNATED AS OMA AND FOIA OFFICER WITH THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AS ALTERNATE. LIBERATORE, ECKMAN, FORSYTHE, WICKER, RUSSELL, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE RT 50 & CORNING AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL WAS DISCUSSED AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING PRIOR TO THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING. AN UPDATE WAS GIVEN REGARDING THE MEETINGS WITH IDOT AND THE WARRANTS WHICH MUST BE MET FOR THEIR APPROVAL. IDOT HAS STATED THAT RT 50 SHOULD BE WIDENED AND TURNING LANES ADDED. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS SIX MILES NORTH AND SIX MILES SOUTH OF THE VILLAGE ON RT 50 DO NOT HAVE TURNING LANES. THE VILLAGE HAS RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR A \$250,000.00 GRANT THROUGH THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL. ADDING THE COST OF WIDENING THE ROAD, THE PROJECT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION DOLLARS. THE OPTIONS FOR THE VILLAGE WERE TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE APPROVAL FROM IDOT TO INSTALL THE FULL TRAFFIC SIGNAL WITHOUT WIDENING RT 50 OR INVESTIGATE A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING. THE BOARD FELT THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WOULD NOT BE A GOOD OPTION BECAUSE IT MAY GIVE THE CHILDREN A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY TO CROSS THE HIGHWAY ON A YELLOW FLASHING LIGHT TO WHICH VEHICLES MAY NOT YIELD. CATHY MELTZER, CHIEF OF STAFF FOR REPRESENTATIVE DUGAN, HAD BEEN PRESENT AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING. SHE HAD STATED THAT SHE WOULD BRING THE ISSUE TO REPRESENTATIVE DUGAN'S ATTENTION.

**RT 50 & CORNING TRAFFIC
SIGNAL**

THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE FULL TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPTION FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN.

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

ADJOURNMENT



Donna Werner
Village Clerk

PLEASE NOTE: WHERE THERE IS NO SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ON ANY ITEM(S) IN THE MINUTES, THIS REFLECTS THAT NO DISCUSSION OCCURRED OTHER THAN THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ITEM(S).

March 3, 2010