

**VILLAGE OF PEOTONE**  
**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2021**

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY THE ACTING VILLAGE PRESIDENT, PETER MARCH.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX HALL, 208 E. MAIN STREET, PEOTONE, ILLINOIS; THE ACTING VILLAGE PRESIDENT, PETER MARCH, PRESIDING. THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS ANSWERED ROLL CALL: MS. MAREVKA, MR. JONES, MS. SLUIS, MR. PARKER, MR. HAMM, AND MR. BOWDEN. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE VILLAGE CLERK, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, POLICE CHIEF, M. HAMANN, B. HENNKE, M. BROOKE, J. AUSTELL, B. IVANCICH, N. CROSS, S. CROSS, N. STRBA, A. ARENS, D. ECK, B. SIM, J. RUE, J. BUSICH, A. ROSENBERG, L. TIERNEY, M. TATTERSALL, D. SIPPLE, G. DRENTH, AND L. KIMMEL

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2021, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. JONES, MAREVKA, SLUIS, PARKER, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; BOWDEN VOTING PRESENT; MOTION CARRIED.

**MINUTES**

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

**PAYROLL & ACCTS. PAYABLE**

PUBLIC COMMENT - MR. RUE INQUIRED REGARDING THE PURPOSE OF THE STREETScape PROJECT. THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT WOULD PROMOTE MORE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND PROVIDE FOR OUTDOOR DINING. MR. RUE DIDN'T THINK THE PROJECT WAS A GOOD IDEA. MS. ARENS, MR. CROSS, MS. AUSTELL, AND MS. IVANCICH SPOKE AGAINST THE PROPOSED PARALLEL PARKING IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA STREETScape PROJECT. POINTS BROUGHT UP WERE THE DIFFICULTY OF PARALLEL PARKING, LOSING ABOUT HALF OF THE EXISTING PARKING SPACES, SENIORS NOT ABLE TO WALK FROM WHERE PARKING WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE BUSINESSES, THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE ACCIDENTS WITH VEHICLES AND WITH PEDESTRIANS, THE PROPOSED PAVERS WOULD MAKE SNOW REMOVAL DIFFICULT, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE CAR CLUB TO HOST THEIR ANNUAL EVENT, AND REDUCED PARKING WOULD HAVE A DRAMATIC EFFECT ON THE BUSINESSES. WHILE THEY WERE ALL IN FAVOR OF SPRUCING UP THE DOWNTOWN AREA, THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A LOT OF MONEY TO SPEND TO MAKE THE SIDEWALKS WIDER FOR OUTDOOR DINING AND LANDSCAPING WHICH COULD BE USED ONLY A FEW MONTHS OF THE YEAR. MS. ROSENBERG SUGGESTED OFFERING TAX INCENTIVES TO BRING BUSINESSES TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA. MR. STRBA ADDED THAT THE LANDSCAPING WOULD ADD MORE WORK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. MS. BROKE INQUIRED IF THERE WOULD BE AN ITEMIZED BUDGET POSTED FOR THE PROJECT. MS. KIMMEL WAS IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT TO MAKE THE DOWNTOWN A DESTINATION. THE PRESIDENT READ A LETTER FROM J. KULACH IN FAVOR OF THE PARALLEL PARKING AND OUTDOOR DINING.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**STREETScape**

MR. ECK AND MR. TIERNEY SPOKE AGAINST THE FORCED ANNEXATION OF THEIR PROPERTY TO THE VILLAGE. THEIR PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED ON CORNING AVENUE AND LETTERS WERE RECEIVED BY THREE PROPERTY OWNERS REGARDING THE ANNEXATION. THEY STATED THAT THEY WOULD BE PAYING HIGHER TAXES AND NOT HAVE ANY BENEFITS.

**FORCED ANNEXATION**

MS. ROSENBERG INQUIRED ABOUT THE PEOTONE-WILMINGTON ROAD SIDEWALK SHE READ ABOUT ON FACEBOOK. SHE INQUIRED WHY THE MONEY FOR THE DOWNTOWN PROJECT COULDN'T BE USED FOR THE PEOTONE-WILMINGTON SIDEWALK. THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THE PEOTONE-WILMINGTON RD. SIDEWALK

**PEOTONE-WILMINGTON**  
**SIDEWALK**

FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS. THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MONEY FROM THE DOWNTOWN CANNOT BE USED FOR THE WILMINGTON PROJECT. MS. KIMMEL WAS IN FAVOR OF THE PEOTONE-WILMINGTON RD. SIDEWALK AND SUGGESTED PUTTING TAX MONEY AWAY FOR IT IF WE CAN'T GET A GRANT FOR THE PROJECT.

MS. SIM FROM THE PARK DISTRICT STATED THAT SHE WANTED BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH THE VILLAGE. SHE SPOKE ABOUT THE UPCOMING EVENTS THEY HAVE PLANNED AND STATED THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

**PARK DISTRICT**

THE AQUA ILLINOIS REPORT WAS READ. THE CORNING AVENUE RAILROAD CROSSING IS OPEN AND THE REPAVING HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR EARLY APRIL.

**REPORTS**

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - INCLUDED IN BOARD PACKET. SHE STATED THAT THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES MAY NOT BE AWARE OF THE TIF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THEM. A WORKSHOP WILL BE PLANNED. SHE REPORTED THAT THE NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS BEEN DOING PATROLS AND REPORTS. THE PEOTONE PRIORITIES PROJECT IS NOW UNDER REVIEW. THE FINAL DRAFT SHOULD BE APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>. THERE IS FOIA AND OMA TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS. CONGRESSWOMAN KELLY IS SUBMITTING EARMARKED PROJECTS FOR HER DISTRICT.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT - NONE

TREASURER REPORT - MONTHLY REPORT INCLUDED IN BOARD PACKET. MS. HAMANN REPORTED THAT STATE REVENUE SHOWED 32.32% INCREASE. THE USE TAX IS UP BUT THE VIDEO GAMING IS WAY DOWN. THE YEAR END SHOULD COME IN AS ESTIMATED.

ENGINEER REPORT - THE S. SECOND STORM SEWER PROJECT IS WAITING ON THE CONTRACTOR. NO UPDATE FROM IDOT REGARDING THE I-57 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - MR. HENNKE REPORTED THAT BRANCH PICK-UP BEGINS APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>. HE STATED THERE ARE NEW RULES AND RESIDENTS SHOULD CHECK THE VILLAGE WEBSITE. THE CORNING AVENUE REPAVING PROJECT CONTRACTOR WILL BE ADDRESSING THE ITEMS ON THE PUNCHLIST. PUBLIC WORKS ARE PLANTING TREES THIS WEEK. THEY ARE WORKING ON THE CLEAN-UP DAY EVENT PLANNED FOR APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE UPLAND DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT. THE BOARD MEMBERS APPRECIATED ALL OF THE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE NUMBER OF VACANT BUSINESSES AND IF BUSINESSES MOVED IN THERE WOULD BE NO PARKING. STARTING THE REVITALIZATION SMALL FOR NOW AND EXPANDING DOWN THE ROAD WAS SUGGESTED. DRESSING UP THE FACADE OF THE BUILDINGS WAS DISCUSSED.

**UPLAND DESIGN  
STREETScape**

MOTION BY HAMM, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO REJECT THE UPLAND DESIGN RECOMMENDATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape AND NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT. HAMM, MAREVKA, JONES, SLUIS, PARKER, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE PEOTONE AMERICAN LEGION HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR A RAFFLE LICENSE.

**RAFFLE LICENSE  
LEGION**

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY SLUIS, TO APPROVE THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR THE PEOTONE AMERICAN LEGION LOCATED AT 109 E. NORTH STREET. MAREVKA, SLUIS, JONES, PARKER, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY BOWDEN, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY. BOWDEN, MAREVKA, JONES, SLUIS, PARKER, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION BY SLUIS, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:45 P.M. SLUIS, MAREVKA, JONES, PARKER, HAMM, BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE RESOLUTIONS PERTAIN TO THE WEST STREET RESURFACING PROJECT.

**RES. 20-R16 - WEST ST  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS /  
IDOT**

MOTION BY BOWDEN, SECONDED BY JONES, TO PASS RESOLUTION 20-R16 – A RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AND THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE WEST STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. BOWDEN, JONES, MAREVKA, SLUIS, PARKER, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED

**RES. 20-R17 - WEST ST  
IDOT LOCAL PUBLIC AGR**

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY SLUIS, TO PASS RESOLUTION 20-R17 – A RESOLUTION OF LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION FOR THE WEST STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. JONES, SLUIS, MAREVKA, PARKER, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED

**RES. 20-R18 - WEST ST  
LOCAL PUBLIC / ENGINEERING**

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY BOWDEN, TO PASS RESOLUTION 20-R18 – A RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE AND ROBINSON ENGINEERING FOR THE WEST STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. JONES, BOWDEN, MAREVKA, SLUIS, PARKER, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED

THE LEASE WITH THE SPORTSMAN’S CLUB HAS EXPIRED.

**RES. 20-R19  
SPORTSMAN LEASE**

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY SLUIS, TO PASS RESOLUTION 20-R19 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE WITH PEOTONE SPORTSMEN’S CLUB. MAREVKA, SLUIS, JONES, PARKER, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY JONES, TO PASS RESOLUTION 20-R20 – A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FY 2021-2025 PROGRAM/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. MAREVKA, JONES, SLUIS, PARKER, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED

**RES. 20-R20  
5 YR. CAPITAL PLAN**

THE EASEMENT ALLOWS FOR INSTALLATION OF A STORM SEWER ON S. SECOND STREET.

**RES. 20-R21  
EASEMENT 424 S. SECOND**

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO PASS RESOLUTION 20-R21 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT OF EASEMENT AND PERPETUAL GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR STORM SEWER ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 424 SOUTH SECOND STREET. JONES, MAREVKA, SLUIS, PARKER, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED

THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT CONGRESSWOMAN KELLY WILL BE EARMARKING TEN SHOVEL READY PROJECTS IN HER DISTRICT TO BE APPROVED. THE BOARD DISCUSSED SUBMITTING BOTH THE S. SECOND STREET STORM SEWER PROJECT, WHICH IS SHOVEL READY, AND THE PEOTONE WILMINGTON ROAD SIDEWALK. THE SIDEWALK PROJECT NEEDS TO HAVE THE ENGINEERING DONE TO BE SHOVEL READY AND SOME EASEMENTS NEED TO BE OBTAINED.

**WILMINGTON RD  
SIDEWALK**

MOTION BY HAMM, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$25,000.00 TO ROBINSON ENGINEERING FOR THE PEOTONE-WILMINGTON ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT FROM RATHJE ROAD TO GULL LANDING. HAMM, MAREVKA, JONES, SLUIS, PARKER, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY SLUIS, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 8:05 P.M. MAREVKA, SLUIS, JONES, PARKER, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Donna Werner  
Village Clerk