

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of October 25, 2021

I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Peter March

II. Roll call

Clerk LeClaire conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Jones, Trustee Strba, and Trustee Hudson. Also present were Treasurer Marcie Hamann, Public Works Department Manager Bob Hennke, and Angie Serafini, representing Aqua Illinois.

Mayor announced a Thank You to Trustee Marevka for running the Meeting on October 11, 2021. A nice job!

- III. Public Comments:** Angie Serafini of Aqua Illinois gave report: They will be removing the trailer in the park which is being used to test the sample pipes being taken to investigate the condition of water lines to residential homes in various areas of the village. She brought a sample pipe to demonstrate the reason for low water pressure is largely due to the sediment collecting within the pipe which slows the flow of water into homes. Aqua is working to develop a plan to replace clogged service lines pipes in this condition then patch the area of street which needs to be drilled to access the pipe. They plan to focus on the areas which they have received the highest number of customer calls /complaints of low water pressure. Will need to allow a tech into homes to inspect the pressure of the meter. If it is determined the issue is at the box it will be an Aqua issue. The meter will be changed if old and outdated. May be able to complete 3 residences per day. A letter is being drafted to contact the residents to notify them of this project. Will send a copy of the letter to the village. Scope of the project is inspecting the lines, replace line, contract out to repair the drill area. More information on the project will be available next week.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

Trustee Jones moved the Consent Agenda consisting of:

Approved the Minutes of the October 11, 2021, Regular Village Board meeting

Approved the Payroll and Accounts Payable in all categorized Funds as presented.

Seconded by Trustee Sluis.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Strba.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Bowden.

Motion passed.

V. Committee Reports:

Administrative Oversight Committee: Met on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 5pm. Approved the Minutes of July 12, 2021. Update on village investment IMET, PFM, and First Midwest Accounts. Reviewed and discussed the 2021 Audit that was adopted September 27, 2021. Discussed the implementation of a food and beverage tax. Discussed the need of an electronic timeclock system. Discussed making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for a Special Event and other Fee waivers. Ended meeting with a general discussion Mayor noted Pension Fund contribution was increased due to putting in recommended amount.

Building Committee: Met October 11, 2021 at 5pm. Approved the Minutes of the September 10, 2019, meeting. Trustee Sluis reported discussion of HVAC permits being required, contractors to register with the village. Passed a motion to require permits for HVAC, a policy in Mechanical Code. Discussed the plan for inspections and oversight for the Travel Center. Discussed Downtown Streetscape. Meeting with a general discussion, J. Kulacz, present as public, stated his opinion on requiring a permit for HVAC.

Administrator Report: In Trustee Packet, a paper copy list of meetings attended. Spoke on Downtown Revitalization: 2nd street Saloon Old Style sign won bid. Lowered bid amount on some items. Bidding to remain open till early November. Working with Illinois Department of Health on arranging a vaccination clinic here at Village Hall December 11, 2021. Tentatively 11am-5:30pm. Anticipates with upcoming holidays additional people here in town to encourage higher participation Submitted a grant for Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) sidewalk in Elementary School area.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Hamann noted copy of report in Trustee Packet. Highlights include: Revenues in the general fund appeared significantly higher because they reflect the ARPA funds. ARPA funds must be appropriated carefully, it's been set aside. Most expenditures last month were normal. Robinson Engineering bills higher due to projects done over Summer: Railroad work, GIF mapping, MFT Resurfacing Project, Ahlborn Street Sewer engineering project. Highlights in in the Memorandum. We are doing well in Revenues. Will meet with Administrator to adjust Appropriations for the legal fees in the General Fund Administration department.

Police Chief Report: None.

Public Works Report: Bob Hennke reported planting more trees this week. Sodding project completed. Sod getting plenty of water from recent rain. Leaves are down due to wind, leaf pickup in second week. Branch pickup will be Tuesday, tomorrow, delayed due to rain. Stated he attended a Public Works Conference last week. Following the Coal City tornado in 2009, 400 statewide agencies coordinating together, can be contacted if emergency help is needed. Thanks to Public Works crew who responded promptly to last night's rainfall.

Engineer Report: None.

VI. Mayor Comments: 10/25/21

1. Save the Date: Trunk or Treat event Saturday 10/30/21 12-2pm at Cornerstone Coffee. Trick or Treating Sunday, Oct. 31 3-6pm. Please be extra careful this weekend and watch out for trick or treaters. Saturday November 20 4-6pm Tree Lighting ceremony sponsored by Game On Bar and Village. Tree Decorating is being done at no charge by Momence business "Your Christmas Light Guys". Saturday December 14th Christmas in the village celebration with lighted parade at 5pm. Contact village hall for a parade application.
2. Blood Drive sponsored by Village at American Legion on November 2, 11-5pm. sign up at redcrossblood.org
3. Aqua is storing pipe for I 57 sewer and water project near corner of Crawford and RR Street. Their plan is to complete the project by next summer.
4. Engineering continuing, various projects including RR Street parking. Wilmington Rd. Sidewalk, Ahlborn St. storm sewer enhancement and south West Street rebuild.
5. Shoutout to public works crew for planting almost 60 trees this Fall. Thanks to Trustee Jones for spearheading this effort. Special thanks to Chicago Regional Tree Initiative for donation of 5 nice elm trees. These are great trees that would cost at least \$400 each. Thanks to Trees Forever for \$3000 grant. With free trees and help from public works, we were able to plant 60 parkway trees this year with our \$5000 budget.
6. Administrator and I are working with Upland Design to make our grant application for downtown funds as desirable as possible.
7. We are working with our TIF consultants and attorneys to finalize our annexation and development agreements for the travel center project. The Board will be seeing those documents sometime in the next few months. We will also be working on financing our I-57 and downtown improvements.
8. Village and Police Dept. will be sponsoring a holiday toy collection drive for Helping Hands. More details will follow soon

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

- A. Trustee Marevka moved to approve Ordinance No.21-26, an ordinance amending various sections of the Village of Peotone Zoning Ordinance relative to the location and regulation of tattoo studios. Administrator explained the changes in updated regulations and wording.
Seconded by Trustee Strba.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Strba, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Jones, Trustee Hudson.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Bowden
Motion passed.
- B. **Discussion:** Review and discuss the results of the Board Survey regarding Short Term Goals: Mayor March read aloud the results of the **Village Board Survey: Short Term Goals -**

Priority for end 2022

- Start downtown streetscape/Railroad Street parking x 6
- Strengthen code enforcement (hire full time) x 5
- Plant more trees, flower baskets x 4

Wilmington Road sidewalks done x 3

Break ground travel center x 2

Other items mentioned by one:

Get Aqua water turned on

Meeting Agendas posted on Facebook

Add Lighting to Entrance Signs

Improve snow removal downtown

Village Hall digital sign

Develop registry of available property and vacant buildings to market to potential new businesses

Develop relationships with owners of property in or near village and be prepared to help them develop

Promote to politicians, developers, brokers, etc. that Peotone is “open for business”

New computer and printer for public works

3-year Goals by 2024

Economic development (includes travel center, other I57 projects, downtown and Rt 50 businesses) x 6

Continue/finish downtown streetscape project x 3

Figure out use of old Bennett property x 2

Increase sidewalks, bike paths x 2

Other items mentioned by one:

More public works employees

Police Dept. set up for fining semis for weight and length violations

Salt dome

Full time code/building inspector

Directional signs in town

Enact and enforce Stricker parking regulations for campers, trailers, boats, etc.

Select a location for an industrial park

Promote new residential subdivisions

Mayor states we are working in the right direction, many of these items are in the 5-year plan. We need to keep in mind budget for emergencies, also.

Administrator stated there is no date set for the demolition of 2nd Street Saloon.

IX. Adjournment

Trustee Sluis moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Trustee Strba.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Bowden

Motion passed. Adjournment at 6:49 pm

Karen A. LeClaire Village Clerk