

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of February 27, 2023

I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor March at 6:00 pm.

II. Roll call

Mayor March, conducted the roll call and following persons were present: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba. Also present were Village Administrator, Aimee Ingalls, Police Chief DeMik, Public Works Manager, Bob Hennke, Village Attorney and Village Engineer.

III. Public Comments:

Jolane Walenga, Amanda Babiarz and Kathryn Mahn, residents of Peotone, individually got up and spoke regarding proposing to change the policy on backyard chickens. They also presented a signed petition, provided ordinances from other Villages that allow chickens and handouts with information.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2023, Regular Village Board meeting.
- B. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable.
- C. Accept the Resignation of Brandon Schreiber effective 2/23/23 as Laborer in the Public Works department.

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

V. Staff Committee Reports:

- A. **Aqua** – Angie said that there have not been many main breaks. The newsletter has been finalized and the community should be receiving it soon. It will be a quarterly publication. There is no news on when we will be getting the new water.
- B. **Engineer** – The electrical contractor for the Railroad street project started on the light poles. The holes have been dug but haven't been able to pour concrete yet due to the rain.
- C. **Public Works** – Went to an awards event at Morton Arboretum with Trustee Hudson. Moving forward will try to get more community involvement. Staff has been working on winter maintenance and preparing equipment for spring.
- D. **Police** – Working on applications for full time and part time officers to create a list.

VI. Mayor's Comments – Going to Springfield next week, TIF Legislature and the amount of income tax that comes back to the municipalities has been cut and Will County Governmental League is trying to restore to the Villages. Mayor and Administrator will be going to a hearing for a Solar Farm that is going before the Will County Land Use.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE IN SUPPORT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

The reason this is before the Board is because there is a movement in Springfield to restrict the use of TIF districts that would reduce amount of time and allows taxing bodies to opt out. The purpose of a TIF is to stimulate development but that takes time. IML has asked Villages to pass that we support. It does not obligate the Village. Trustee Jones asked if there is any negative impact? It takes time to start generating funds and when you cut off years it could impact. Trustee Jones what is the justification for changes? Some of the taxing bodies object to the TIF incentive as written in current law and are unhappy about not being able to gather the tax money.

Moved by Trustee Bowden, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

B. AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A FENCE VARIANCE AT 517 S. DIVISION STREET

Trustee Hudson has to recuse himself during this due to the resident that submitted the application being a family member. The resident would like to put up a fence as her backyard runs parallel to Will County Fairgrounds and there is a fence 3' off the property line that they put up and due to it not being on the property line she is unable to tie into it. She would maintain the 3' in between the two fences.

Moved by Trustee Strba, Seconded by Trustee Jones

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

C. APPROVE A BUSINESS REGISTRATION FOR BELLA EMBROIDERY LOCATED AT 127 E. CRAWFORD STREET

Bella Embroidery came to the Village a couple years ago and was given a special use permit and is now applying for the business license.

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Hudson

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba

Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed

D. REVIEW THE PROPOSED FY 2024 VILLAGE BUDGET

The Administrative Oversight Committee met and Ann Marie Mampe had reviewed the highlights. Trustee Bowden gave an overview which included the budget has improved; the revenue mostly comes from the State of Illinois and more than half goes to employee salaries; capital improvement; three more payments for the street sweeper; streets including West, Mill and Oak and Corning sidewalks; BDD which includes improvements for I-57 and Wilmington Road. There will be a public hearing at the next meeting on March 13th and it will be on the agenda that evening for approval.

E. GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES AND TO CONSIDER SALARY SCHEDULES FOR ONE OR MORE CLASSES OF EMPLOYEES

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Marevka
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed

F. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION


Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Sluis
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed

IX. Questions of the Press: None

X. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions: None

XI. Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Hudson
All said AYE
Nays: None
Absent: None
Adjournment at 6:47 pm



Stacey Hartwell Village Clerk