

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 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. HAMM, AND MR. BOWDEN. TRUSTEE PARKER WAS ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE VILLAGE CLERK, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, ENGINEER, MS. SEROFINI, MR. PATEL, MR. MAXEDON, AND MR. & MRS. HORLACHER.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2021, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. JONES, MAREVKA, SLUIS, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; HAMM VOTING PRESENT; MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2021, SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. JONES, HAMM, SLUIS, MAREVKA, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY SLUIS, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2021, SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. SLUIS, JONES, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MAREVKA VOTING PRESENT; MOTION CARRIED.

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, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

PAYROLL & ACCTS. PAYABLE

PUBLIC COMMENT - MR. MAXEDON THANKED THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT FOR THE MAYORS MINUTES ON THE INTERNET. HE LIKED THE UPDATES. HE INQUIRED IF THE DOWNTOWN PROJECT AND THE TRUCKSTOP PROJECT WERE BEING PAID FOR WITH THE FUNDS THE VILLAGE RECEIVED FROM AQUA. THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT BOTH PROJECTS WOULD BE DONE. THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape WOULD BE DONE BY THE VILLAGE BORROWING FROM THE AQUA FUNDS AND PAYING IT BACK FROM THE TIFF AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUNDS. HE REFERRED TO THE TAXES BEING IMPOSED AND SHARED INFORMATION REGARDING A TAX ON ALARM SYSTEMS THE VILLAGE COULD LOOK INTO.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ANGIE SEROFINI FROM AQUA ILLINOIS (WITH TRACEY JOINING BY REMOTE) GAVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE COLD WEATHER AND WATERMAIN BREAKS; THEY WERE REPAIRING ONE NOW ON MAIN STREET. THE DRILLING WORK FOR THE WATERMAIN UNDER THE RAILROAD CROSSING HAS BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO THE COLD WEATHER BUT WAS EXPECTED TO RESUME NEXT WEEK. THEY HAVE NOT HEARD FROM EPA REGARDING THE WATER SOURCE SWITCH OVER. NEWSLETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE RESIDENTS REGARDING PROJECTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION. TRUSTEE JONES INQUIRED ABOUT THE STRONG CHLORINE SMELL/TASTE IN THE WATER AND IF THAT WOULD THAT STOP. TRACEY AND ANGIE STATED THAT THEY WOULD LOOK INTO THE ISSUE.

REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT - HE STATED THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM IDOT REGARDING THE I-57 ROAD WORK PROJECT AND WERE RESPONDING TO THE COMMENTS.

A FENCE VARIANCE REQUEST HAD BEEN SUBMITTED FOR THE LAST BOARD MEETING BY MS. HORLACHER OF 532 MEADOW LANE FOR PRIVACY FENCE ENCROACHING 15 FEET INTO THE REQUIRED 30 FOOT SETBACK ON A CORNER LOT. THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT THE REQUEST HAD BEEN ON THE AGENDA AT THE LAST MEETING. THE VARIANCE WAS DENIED. DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH THE REMOTE MEETING, HE INVITED THE HORLACHERS TO THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS THE VARIANCE REQUEST. MR. HORLACHER PRESENTED THE REQUEST WITH A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. HE SHOWED PICTURES OF OTHER CORNER LOT FENCE VARIANCES WHICH HAD BEEN GRANTED. TRUSTEE BOWDEN INQUIRED WHY HE COULDN'T BUILD THE FENCE STARTING AT THE BACK OF THE HOUSE. MR. HORLACHER EXPLAINED THAT VARIANCE TO BUILD THE FENCE 15 FEET INTO THE SIDE YARD WAS FOR THE SAFETY OF FUTURE CHILDREN, THE DOG, PRIVACY, AND MORE ROOM FOR A YARD FOR HIS DAUGHTER AND HER FIANCÉ WHO WOULD BE LIVING IN THE HOUSE. MR. MAXEDON SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE VARIANCE STATING THAT PRECEDENT HAD ALREADY BEEN SET WITH THE OTHER CORNER LOT VARIANCES WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED.

**FENCE VARIANCE REQUEST
532 MEADOW**

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY SLUIS, TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR A PRIVACY FENCE TO BE INSTALLED ENCROACHING 15 FEET INTO THE REQUIRED 30 SIDE YARD SETBACK ON A CORNER LOT LOCATED AT 532 MEADOW LANE. MAREVKA, SLUIS, HAMM, AND PRESIDENT MARCH VOTING AYE; JONES AND BOWDEN VOTING NO; MOTION CARRIED.

MR. CHINTAN PATEL SUBMITTED A BUSINESS REGISTRATION APPLICATION. HE HAS PURCHASED THE SUBWAY RESTAURANT LOCATED IN UNIT 16 OF 422 S. GOVERNORS HIGHWAY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD PASSED THE WILL COUNTY HEALTH INSPECTION AND WOULD LIKE TO OPEN NEXT WEEK. THE FRANCHISE WAS BEING TRANSFERRED.

**NEW BUSINESS REGISTRATIO
C. PATEL
SUBWAY**

MOTION BY HAMM, SECONDED BY SLUIS, TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION FOR MR. PATEL / SAI PEOTONE SUB, INC. TO BE LOCATED AT 422 – 16 S. GOVERNORS HIGHWAY. HAMM, SLUIS, MAREVKA, JONES, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY SLUIS, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:32 TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE. MAREVKA, SLUIS, JONES, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 6:50 P.M. MAREVKA, HAMM, JONES, SLUIS, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT THANKED PUBLIC WORKS FOR SNOWPLOWING.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 24th - ARBOR DAY / TREE WALK / OPEN HOUSE AT THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

MOTION BY SLUIS, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 6:51 P.M. SLUIS, HAMM, MAREVKA, JONES, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna Werner
Village Clerk