

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2020

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, ENGINEER, POLICE CHIEF, MR. HENCKE, MS. HAMANN, MR. GIRLING, MS. MEYER, MS. KIEDAISCH, MS. BUTTERFIELD, MS. CHRISTENSEN, MS. SCHWIESOW, MS. SWARTZ, MR. ORMISTON, MR. REGETS, MR. BARAN, MR. STEIN, MS. EGLAR, AND MS. CHARLTON.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY PARKER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2020, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. MAREVKA, PARKER, BOWDEN AND SLUIS VOTING AYE; JONES AND HAMM VOTING PRESENT; MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

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

PAYROLL & ACCTS. PAYABLE

PUBLIC COMMENT - MANY OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE WERE PRESENT TO SPEAK REGARDING THE PLANNING & ZONING CASE FOR VARIANCES FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 W. CRAWFORD STREET. THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT EVERYONE THOUGHT HIGHLY OF THE HELPING HANDS ORGANIZATION. THE VOTE TO BE TAKEN WAS NOT AGAINST HELPING HANDS, THE VOTE WAS FOR THE TWO VARIANCES APPLIED FOR REGARDING MINIMUM LOT SIZE AND MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MR. REGETS EXPLAINED THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH AND HELPING HANDS. HE EXPLAINED THE DECISION TO MERGE THE CHURCH WITH MANTENO AND SELL THE PEOTONE CHURCH BUILDING BUT SPLIT THE PROPERTY AND KEEP THE BUILDING USED FOR THE HELPING HANDS. HE STATED THAT THEY HAD NO PLAN TO ABANDON HELPING HANDS AND WANTED TO KEEP THEIR PRESENCE IN PEOTONE. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE VILLAGE WANTED TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY. HE THOUGHT IT WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY TO APPROVE THE VARIANCES REQUESTED.

MR. STEIN SPOKE ABOUT THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE WITH HELPING HANDS FOR THE UNLOADING OF THE TRUCKS AND THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR THE CLEAN-UP. HE URGED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REQUESTED VARIANCES.

MR. GIRLING STATED THAT THEY WANTED TO SPLIT THE PROPERTY AND KEEP CONTROL OF THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER BUILDING.

MR. ORMISTON INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND SPOKE ABOUT EMS, HIS TOWING BUSINESS, LOCATED IN OUR AREA. HE STATED HE WANTED TO GROW WITH THE COMMUNITY AND WORK WITH PEOTONE.

TRACY FROM AQUA ILLINOIS GAVE THE CORNING AVENUE WATERMAIN INSTALLATION UPDATE AS HAVING A PARTIAL OPERATING PERMIT. THEY ARE STILL WAITING FOR THE PERMIT FROM THE RAILROAD. THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME PRESSURE TESTING AND CHLORINATING ISSUES. THERE ARE THIRTY LEAD SERVICE LINES AQUA WILL REPLACE. THE PROJECT COMPLETION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 11, 2020. THE CHEMICAL DATA COLLECTION TESTING IS A MONTH OUT. THE EPA PERMIT FOR CONNECTION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

**VARIANCES
200 W. CRAWFORD**

THE PLANNING/ZONING CASE REGARDING VARIANCES FOR MINIMUM LOT SIZE AND FOR MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 W. CRAWFORD STREET WAS DISCUSSED. THE FIRST PETITION WAS DENIED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD. AND THE CHURCH REAPPLIED. THE CHURCH WANTS TO SPLIT THE PROPERTY AND SELL THE PORTION WITH THE CHURCH BUILDING TO BE RENOVATED INTO A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AND RETAIN THE PORTION OF THE PROPERTY WITH THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH BUILDING TO CONTINUE THE HELPING HANDS PROGRAM. THE PORTION OF THE PROPERTY CONTAINING THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH BUILDING WOULD NOT MEET THE ZONING CRITERIA FOR THE ALLOWABLE SIZE OF THE LOT OR FOR THE ALLOWABLE LOT COVERAGE DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE BUILDING. THE PARKING AREA CONCEPT SUBMITTED WAS DISCUSSED. WHAT THE ALLOWABLE USES OF THE BUILDING COULD BE IF THE CHURCH WERE TO DISCONTINUE THE CURRENT USE WAS DISCUSSED. NOT DIVIDING THE PROPERTY AND INCLUDING THE LANGUAGE IN THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY THAT THE CHURCH WOULD HAVE USE OF THE BUILDING FOR FIFTY OR ONE HUNDRED YEARS WAS BROUGHT UP BY TRUSTEE JONES.

MOTION BY HAMM, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE REQUEST REGARDING MINIMUM LOT SIZE AND MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 W. CRAWFORD STREET AND TO HAVE THE ORDINANCE PREPARED FOR PASSAGE AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. HAMM, MAREVKA, SLUIS, PARKER, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; JONES VOTING NO; MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - THE ADMINISTRATOR INFORMED THE BOARD OF A COVID-19 GRANT SHE WAS SUBMITTING FOR ELIGIBLE COVID RELATED EXPENSES. SHE STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE COVID TESTING ON SEPTEMBER 2nd FROM 2:00-5:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX PARKING AREA.

REPORTS

POLICE CHIEF REPORT - THE CHIEF STATED THAT THE GOVERNOR WOULD BE IN JOLIET TOMORROW REGARDING MITIGATION MEASURES. HE STATED THAT WE WERE HOLDING OFF ON THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER UNTIL WE KNOW IF THE SCHOOL WOULD REMAIN OPEN. HE STATED THAT ONE OF OUR POLICE OFFICERS WOULD BE RESIGNING SOON.

ENGINEER REPORT - AQUA ILLINOIS COMPLETION DATE FOR THE CORNING WATERMAIN IS NOW PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 11th. THE WEST STREET RESURFACING PROJECT DESIGN IS ONGOING FOR AN IDOT BID OPENING IN NOVEMBER. THE PRESIDENT INQUIRED IF ROBINSON ENGINEERING WOULD BE INVOLVED WITH A STREETScape PLAN FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THE ENGINEER STATED THAT PLANNERS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS WOULD DO THE PLANNING AND THE ENGINEER WOULD BE INVOLVE WITH THE ENGINEERING FOR THE PROJECT.

TREASURER REPORT - INCLUDED IN THE BOARD PACKET. MS. HAMANN EXPLAINED THAT THE REVENUE WAS DOWN 23% FROM THE PREVIOUS JULY. REVENUE IS CURRENTLY DOWN \$100,000.00. SHE STATED THAT THINGS ARE STARTING TO FLATTEN OUT. WE ARE CUTTING COSTS WHERE WE CAN.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - INCLUDED IN THE BOARD PACKET. MR. HENNKE STATED THAT THEY WERE INSTALLING THE SLATS IN THE NEW DPW BUILDING FENCE. HE AND HIS STAFF ASSISTED FRANKFORT WITH CLEAN-UP AFTER THE RECENT STORM. HE SPOKE REGARDING THE REVISED GUIDELINES FOR BRANCH PICK-UP. HE RECOMMENDED THE VILLAGE NOT PICK-UP WHOLE TREES CUT DOWN BY THE PROPERTY OWNER. THE PROPERTY OWNER SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL. TRUSTEE HAMM QUESTIONED THE NO DUMPING SIGNS ON MEADOW LANE. MR. HENNKE RESPONDED THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS WERE PILING BRANCHES IN THE MEDIAN INSTEAD OF ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY. THE SIGNS WOULD BE REMOVED WHEN THE DUMPING STOPS. THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED MESSAGES FROM MR. HACK AND MAYOR HOLLAND FROM FRANKFORT THANKING PEOTONE FOR ASSISTING IN THE CLEAN-UP AFTER THE STORM.

MAIN STREET DANCE / 111 S. FIRST STREET HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR A SPECIAL

EVENT PERMIT WITH STREET CLOSURE AND AN AMPLIFIER PERMIT FOR AN OUTDOOR EVENT TO VIDEO THE STUDENTS ON AN OUTDOOR STAGE. THE STREET CLOSURE WOULD BE ON S. FIRST STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO W. CORNING AVENUE AND THE ALLEY BEHIND MAIN STREET DANCE TO S. FIRST STREET. THE EVENT IS PLANNED FOR AUGUST 29, 2020, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M.

**SPECIAL EVENT / AMPLIFIER
MAIN STREET DANCE**

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO APPROVE THE OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENT WITH STREET CLOSURES AND TO APPROVE THE AMPLIFIER PERMIT AS REQUESTED BY MAIN STREET DANCE / 111 S. FIRST STREET ON AUGUST 29, 2020. JONES, MAREVKA, BOWDEN, HAMM, PARKER, AND SLUIS VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MS. EGLAR EXPLAINED HER NEW BUSINESS TO BE LOCATED AT 110 N. SECOND STREET NAMED GENA RAE'S PEACE AND WELLNESS. THE BUSINESS WOULD INCLUDE YOGA, SELF EMPOWERMENT, AND HOLISTIC HEALING.

**BUSINESS REGISTRATION
GENA RAE'S PEACE & WELLNESS**

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY PARKER, TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION FOR GENA RAE'S PEACE AND WELLNESS TO BE LOCATED AT 110 N. SECOND STREET. MAREVKA, PARKER, HAMM, BOWDEN, AND SLUIS VOTING AYE; JONES ABSTAINING; MOTION CARRIED.

THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE PEOTONE LIBRARY DISTRICT, PARK DISTRICT AND FIRE DISTRICT ARE IN REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT FEES.

**RES. 20-R06
INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT!**

MOTION BY BOWDEN, SECONDED BY SLUIS, TO PASS RESOLUTION 20-R06 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND INDEMNIFICATION REGARDING DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PEOTONE PARK DISTRICT, PEOTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, AND PEOTONE FIRE DISTRICT WITH THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE, ILLINOIS. BOWDEN, SLUIS, JONES, MAREVKA, PARKER, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE IDOT APPLICATION FOR THE BIKE/WALK PATH ON WILMINGTON ROAD; A COUNTY ROAD. IF THE PATH IS INSTALLED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ROAD EASEMENTS WILL BE NEEDED AND IF INSTALLED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD, CROSSING THE ROAD WOULD BE AN ISSUE. THE ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDED WE WAIT ON SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION. THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE FUTURE COUNTY PLAN TO WIDEN THE ROAD AND THE PATH INSTALLATION AT THAT TIME. THE BOARD DISCUSSED A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND A FLASHING YELLOW CROSSING LIGHT. PEDESTRIAN LIABILITY ISSUES IF THE VILLAGE INSTALLED THE PATH WERE DISCUSSED.

**IDOT APPLICATION FOR
20/21 ITEP FUNDING**

THE SOLICITORS PERMITS HAD BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC. THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS TO CONTINUE THE SUSPENSION UNTIL NEXT SPRING.

**SOLICITORS PERMITS
SUSPENDED**

THE BOARD WILL NEED TO DECIDE IF HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING WILL BE ALLOWED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BOARD MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATOR, MANAGER HENNKE AND POLICE CHIEF LEFT THE BOARD MEETING ROOM FOR A TOUR OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

FACILITY TOUR

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 8:02 P.M. MAREVKA, HAMM, BOWDEN, PARKER, SLUIS, AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT