

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of May 23, 2022

I. Call to Order

A. The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President Peter March at 6:00pm.

B. Roll Call:

Clerk LeClaire conducted a Roll Call. Present: President March, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Jones, Trustee Bowden, and Trustee Hudson. Also present were Clerk LeClaire, Attorney Jim Bartley, Public Works Manager Bob Henneke, David Baker, Aaron Asbrand, and Brandon Schreiber of Public Works Department. Police Chief Mort, several Police Officers. Public present: Dan McDevitt, Angie Serafini of Aqua Illinois, Inc., Karen Bakker, Ed Nelson, Steven Schabaker and Andrea Arens.

President March announced with the trustee's permission, he would like to move New Business Items: A. Motion to approve National Police Week 2022 Proclamation, and B. Motion to approve National Public Works Week Proclamation to first two items on the agenda.

President March read the Proclamation for National Police Week 2022, May 11-17, 2022, including May 15, 2022, designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day. He thanked the Police Chief and Officers for coming here tonight. He thanked them for the outstanding work they do in the village keeping the peace and safety of the public in our village. Motion by Trustee Hudson to approve the National Police Week 2022 Proclamation. Seconded by Trustee Marevka. Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Jones, and Trustee Bowden. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba. Motion passed.

President March read the National Public Works Week 2022 Proclamation, thanked the Public Works Department for the fine work they do, keeping our streets clean, the new trees looking great, and keeping the village in beautiful condition. Motion to approve National Public Works Week May 15th- 21st, 2022 Proclamation by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Marevka. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Bowden, and Trustee Hudson. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba. Motion passed.

II. Public Comments: Ed Nelson addressed the Board with his suggestions and concerns: moving the time of the Regular Village Board meeting to 7pm. He inquired if YouTube videos of Village Board Meetings are available. Hoped more people will get involved to improve the interesting and historical site of the Village. Upgrading of the downtown area, revitalizing the east side of buildings on second street, several issues with code. Complimented the new sidewalk on Wilmington-Peotone Road. Suggested the example of other towns to install pedestrian/ bicycle crossing signs. Mayor said he will investigate the signage, village engineer working on this. Mr. Nelson asked the Police Chief if there are studies on issues which come with truck stops. Mr. Nelson concerned about the new sewer water line crossing the west side of Joliet Road, Wilmington Peotone Road for the safety of bicycle riders. Trustee Marevka reminded people to be aware of safety crossing procedure, especially remind their children. Mr. Nelson remarked on the Historical Society and the Windmill, a Village treasure, used once a year, needs to be promoted and maintained. He commented the graphic aesthetic of the alley behind Second Street, needs to be maintained, upgraded. He suggested hopefully owners of the buildings will be making efforts to upgrade. He is concerned of country roads /bicycle safety over sewer & water lines to safely reach 88th Ave.

Andrea Arens Thanked everyone for supporting the great Aloha Car Cruise event held last weekend. President March thanked Ms. Arens and the Car Club for the great event.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Trustee Marevka moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of:

Minutes of the May 9th, 2022, Regular Village Board Meeting.

Payroll and Accounts Payable in all categorized Funds as presented.

Approve hire of Karen Bakker, part time clerical hire in Administrative Department.

Approve hire of Chris Matherly as summer seasonal help in Public Works Department.

Approve Special Event permit application Memorial Day Parade/ Peotone American Legion Post # 392/Jim Butler, vice commander May 30, 2022, 9AM - 10:30AM. (approx.) with street closures: North Street to Second Street, Second Street south to Main Street, Third Street south to Corning Avenue, west on Corning Avenue to Peotone cemetery.

Approve Special Event permit application Summerfest /DV Ents, Inc./ Game on Bar and Grill/ Vicki Moore 115 N. 2nd St. June 18 & 19, 2022 11 AM to 11 PM.

Seconded by Trustee Bowden.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba.

Motion passed.

Staff/Committee Reports:

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Administrator Report: President March announced Administrator on vacation this week, she included Administrator report in the Trustee Packet.

Engineer: President March spoke on behalf of Engineer Troy Golem, Railroad Street bidding to begin June 7th, we will include this in our next meeting June 13th. If approved at that meeting may get begin project. MFT Agenda. Wilmington Road sidewalk construction ongoing. Ahlborn Storm Project: delayed with the pole needing to be braced. Working with ComEd to resolve. Robinson engineering designing on Garfield, for Penny Lane and Mill St. Submitted to IDOT.

Police Chief: Senior coffee meeting tomorrow 9 am.

Public Works: Two weeks out for bracing of pole by ComEd. Summer hire has started. MFT Resurfacing project, under review. Mayor states getting more planters flowers for downtown area, Corning Avenue. Trustee Marevka mentioned rubbish receptacles for Corning Avenue/ West Street intersection. Hometown Heroes banners going up now. Mr. Hennke remarked flower baskets look amazing.

Treasurer: No report.

- IV. Mayor's Comments:** 5/23/22: I want to thank everybody who came out with tree planting, Trustee Jones, who planned, Morton Arboretum, Public Works department, staff, and volunteers will came help to plant 50 trees May 11th. Trees provided by Morton Arboretum; their staff came to help were great to work with. It was a hot day but got all planted by noon. Wonderful to work with the Morton Arboretum people, thanks to all. There has been some confusion, at first, we heard there would be no parade; there will be a Memorial Day Parade on Memorial Day, May 30th, to the Cemetery, kick off at 9 AM at Peotone American Legion a Ceremony at Peotone cemetery, and a Fish fry following the ceremony at the Legion.

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business:

- A.** Dan McDevitt, introduced by President March, who gave a power Point presentation on the Police executive search and selection proposal for Police Chief by P4 Security Solutions. Mr. McDevitt explained the selection process in detail. It will be a 3-person team. Trustee Bowden asked question regarding residency, number of candidates. Mr. McDevitt explained the process gave examples of neighboring towns and their searches. Offered his thoughts, and encouragement. Stated the entire search process takes approximately 3 months.
- B.** Motion to approve Ordinance 22-10, by Trustee Marevka, an Ordinance approving a request for a Fence Variation at 824 W. Corning Avenue. Following a presentation by petitioner Steven Schabaker, questions by the President and Trustees regarding the materials and description of the fence location answered by Mr. Schabaker.
Seconded by Trustee Bowden.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Bowden, Trustee Jones, and Trustee Hudson.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba.
Motion passed.
- C.** Motion by Trustee Hudson to close Regular Session for 1. Discussion of Minutes lawfully closed meetings or semi-Annual review of the minutes (c)(21)
Second by Trustee Marevka.
Roll Call Vote; Aye; Trustee Hudson, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Jones, and Trustee Bowden.
Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba. Motion passed at 6:57pm.
President March announced: There would be no action after this executive Session other than announce release of Executive session minutes.
- D.** Trustee Marevka motioned to reopen Regular Session. Seconded by Trustee Hudson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, and Trustee Bowden. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba. Motion passed at 7:33 pm.
- E.** President March announced release of Executive Session minutes of: 4/25/22 #1 & #2, 4/11/22#1, 3/28/22#1, 2/28/22#1, 12/13/21#1, 11/8/21#1, 9/13/21#1, 8/09/21#1, 5/10/21#2,4/12/21#3 3/22/21#2, 1/25/21#1, 5/26/20#1, 3/11/19/#1, 4/11/11#1, 2/13/17#2, 2/27/17#2, 3/7/17#2
Motion to approve release of Executive Session minutes announced by President March by Trustee Marevka, second by Trustee Bowden.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Bowden, Trustee Jones, Trustee Hudson.
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba.
Motion passed.

VIII. Questions of the Press: None.

Correspondence/Communications/Petitions: Trustee Jones commented on number of traffic violations in town. **Posed** question of **considering** impounding vehicles with traffic offenses to reduce number of traffic violations.

IX. Adjournment:

Trustee Marevka moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Trustee Hudson.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba.

Motion passed. Adjournment at 7:38 pm

Karen A. LeClaire Village Clerk