

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of June 27, 2022

I. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call: Clerk LeClaire conducted Roll Call. Present: President March, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Jones, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Hudson Trustee Bowden and Trustee Strba. Also present were Administrator Aimee Ingalls, Attorney Jim Bartley, Engineer Troy Golem, Police Chief William Mort, Public Works Manager Bob Hennke.

Public present: Angi Serafini, Nancy Cross, Steve Cross, Nancy Sweyer, Andrea Arens, Ed Nelson, Kate White, and Judy Tompkins

- II. Public Comments:** Nancy Cross introduced herself. Steve Cross spoke expressing his concerns regarding spending of tax dollars, costs of demolition of 2nd St. Saloon and electric utility pole installation and uninstallation on Second Street. Back taxes, asbestos removal, legal fees. now, a project to turn the vacant lot into a park. He expressed his concern with funds spent and current board. Nancy Sweyer spoke, in agreement of the views expressed by Steve Cross. Ms. Sweyer asked questions regarding the costs of the trees, fence for the pocket park. The Historical Mill, the condition and maintenance as the Village symbol, needs repairs. Suggested the Village take the windmill “under its wing “to help repair. Also, her street has three sewer holes. The water runs over the handicapped crosswalk. Ed Nelson inquired about the Pocket Park on the agenda, betting it would pass, suggested the funds for the Pocket Park on Second Street be used on restoring the Mill or something that would generate income. President March explained that funds for the Pocket Park are Business Development District funds. (BDD). The Mill is not in that district. Nelson inquired if Chamber of Commerce could help with Mill. Trustee Sluis responded it could be put before the Chamber. Mr. Nelson asked Trustee Jones if he was going to paint his building. Trustee Jones replied by saying repairs to be completed first, then painting should begin in the Fall. Mr. Nelson reached out to Kathleen Hove, of the Peotone Historical Society is looking for volunteers. She stated the Village owns the Mill, and the Village donates a small amount each year to the Mill. President March said he would love more people to volunteer. Victoria Fuller, residing on West North Street. Spoke of incident regarding a cat, not a stray who used her garden for a litter box. Cats are damaging her garden. She wonders if this could be addressed.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Trustee Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of:

Minutes of the June 13, 2022, Regular Village Board Meeting.

Payroll and Accounts Payable in all categorized Funds as presented.

Approve Ord. No. 22-12, an Ordinance declaring surplus property and authorizing the disposal of surplus property.

Approve Res. No. 22-R08, a Resolution authorizing execution of documents as required to designate authorized signatories with Illinois funds E-pay program and INB.

Seconded by Trustee Bowden.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion passed.

Staff/Committee Reports:

Aqua Illinois, Inc.: Angie Serafini reported: Flushing of hydrants began today. Swift Reach automated voice message sent to area of customers affected. Facebook message to alert customers, Email has been corrected; some people have been getting two emails. Well #3 IS NOW up and running. Flushing of hydrants will try to be completed in 10 days; the village will be divided in three sections for the flushing. Following completion of hydrants flushing, the water tower painting will begin. This is a tentative, schedule, depending on weather. Hot or rainy weather may cause delay. Customers should sign up with Swift Reach, should receive a automated message. She also encouraged suggestions if there is any other way to reach out to customers for notices. Customers may notice a slight drop in water pressure, but probably no rust would be detected. President March inquired if tags were put on doors. Ms. Serafini replied “No” but customers should sign up with Swift Reach. President suggests taking aerators off faucets and cleaning them. Trustee Jones inquired if Aqua could meet with public works once a year to coordinate, so road work would not have to be redone. Bob Hennke from Public Works stated Penney Lane could be a concern. Ms. Serafini stated Aqua Illinois always tries to work with villages and municipalities to coordinate work. President March thanked Angie.

Downtown ADHOC Committee: Trustee Marevka reported on the meeting held Thursday June 23rd, 2022. Discussed the lot on 2nd Street. Improvements and elements researched in choosing materials and design of “Pocket Park” considered in vacant lot. Plan discussed include a fence in the back to block the alley. Doing a mural on the wall, where public could do “selfies.” A walkway of pea gravel bordered by paving bricks the match the downtown area improvements., trees and design elements which could be taken out, re- used/recycled if lot is sold in future. Additional possibilities, a dog waste station, and Street directional signs with advertisements to reduce/ eliminate costs on Route 50 are being considered. Railroad Street Parking project was discussed, The Committee agreed upon 5 streetlight poles instead of 4 streetlights for better lighting and safety issues.

Administrator Report: A few items: there has been interest in a gaming café, reviewing the proposal, will keep you posted as this develops. Inquiry on medical facility on Route 50, an urgent care center. Trustees, no need to submit timesheets for regular Village Board meeting, now only special meetings.

Engineer: Engineer Troy Golem gave report: Wilmington Peotone Road sidewalk project: Flashing warning sign and Pedestrian crossing signs and crosswalks coming in, will be calling JULIE .to arrange date for installation., Ahlborn Street Storm Sewer Project: completed, a few delays caused by discovery of sewer. Patching, milling, and paving to get it officially open. Garfield, Penny Lane, and Mill St. Road patching beginning. Trustee Marevka inquired about the striping for turn lanes on Oriole drive. Troy replied in this situation they are typically not staggered. Will talk about this later with MFT project.

Police Chief: Reminded folks about fireworks, do not do this. Village car sticker enforcement. 204 people on list. Ticketing of cars without stickers, a few have been resolved. If you purchased a sticker, please put it on your vehicle- it is an Ordinance.

Public Works: Echoing Troy Golem’s report, Ahlborn Street paving to begin tomorrow. A few hiccups along the way, in the sewer project- mismarked water lines, a sanitary sewer was discovered. Wilmington Road sidewalk project- putting the punch list together. Department is doing well with new summer help, since little rain, watering the planters and flowers to keep the alive. Keeping up with the tree trimming, some are touching the roadway. Trying to trim the trees to a nice shape. Trimming trees by residents is encouraged, or Public Works will do trimming. Spraying of weeds will begin. Will use Round-Up. President March expressed his appreciation on Public Works doing an excellent job.

Treasurer:

Mayor’s Comments: 6/27/22: The Downtown Block Party was a great event. Appreciate. the work of Trustee Sluis and the Chamber. The Illinois Municipal League Conference is coming up. It is a terrific way to connect. (IML) I encourage Trustees to attend., even if for one day. Trustee Jones has attended. Contact Administrator Ingalls if you are interested in registering. Tomorrow is Primary day; I encourage you all to educate yourselves and get out to vote.

IV. Old Business: None

V. New Business:

- A.** Motion by Trustee Marevka to approver recommendation of Robinson Engineering for invoice #1 dated 6/9/22 payment to M&J Underground, Inc. for work completed on Wilmington Road sidewalk project, payout 1-initial in the amount of Seventy-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy- Three Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$79,573.27).
Seconded by Trustee Strba.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Strba, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Jones, Trustee Hudson, and Trustee Bowden
Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Passed.
- B.** Following explanation by Troy Golem Engineer, Motion by Jones to approve Robinson Engineering recommendation to award low bid MFT resurfacing project Mill Street, Garfield Avenue and Penny Lane contract to Iroquois Paving Corporation in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Ten Cents. (\$298,647.10)
Seconded by Trustee Hudson.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Jones, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Bowden, and Trustee Strba.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
- C.** Following description of Park by President March, discussion and questions of Board regarding time frame, or interest in business purchase of lot, Park District interest, option of potential recycling of elements and costs, and Public Works maintenance, Motion by Trustee Bowden to approve authorization of up to \$25,000 of Business District Development Funds (BDD funds) to create the “Pocket Park on 2nd” on the Village owned lot on 2nd Street.
Second by Trustee Jones.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Jones, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Hudson
Nays: Trustee Strba. Absent: None. Motion passed.

VIII. Questions of the Press: None.

Correspondence/ Communications/ Petitions: Trustee Marevka reminded all to be aware of Flag Etiquette, keep a light on the American Flag at night if you are displaying the Flag.

IX. Adjournment:

Trustee Marevka moved to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by Trustee Strba.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Strba, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones and Trustee Bowden.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
Motion passed. Adjournment at 6:54 pm

Karen A. LeClaire Village Clerk