

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of April 24, 2023

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

II. Roll call

Village Clerk, Stacey Hartwell, 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 and Manager of Public Works, Bob Henke.

III. Public Comments:

Todd Sandberg addressed the hiring of Henry Walters for Building and Zoning Administrator and his feelings about whoever hired should be able to cover building maintenance, inspections and code services without any additional costs to the taxpayers. Elwynne Welsh dropped off a petition against backyard chickens and said he thinks there should be more face to face discussions and not email, he asked if there is a fee schedule made up and asked where the numbers are coming from, he asked Trustee Sluis if she had ever violated the livestock ordinance; she replied she had not, he asked if there are tax assessments done on homes and asked for an inspection of building permits, and that there is a perceptions of the trustees and it is not very good. Kathryn Mahn is still very passionate about getting backyard chickens, they do not smell if you upkeep them. Jolane Walenga spoke in support of changing the local ordinance to allow laying hens and would like them to consider discussion and an update.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2023, Regular Village Board meeting.
- B. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable
- C. Approve Liquor License Renewals/Tobacco/Amp Permits for:
BERKOTS SUPER FOODS, CLASS D; CASEYS GENERAL STORE, CLASS D-1/TOBACCO; DV
ENTS/GAME ON BAR & GRILL, CLASS A/O/M, AMP; FIREPIT BAR & GRILL, CLASS E/AMP; HANSEN'S
DUGOUT, CLASS A/M-2/BOWLING; MAC'S CIRCLE K #4700182, CLASS D-1/F, TOBACCO; PEOTONE
AMERICAN LEGION, CLASS A/O/M-2; RC SERVICES, CLASS D-1/F, TOBACCO; TONY'S PIZZA, CLASS
E; VEGAS CAFÉ, CLASS V; VINAYAK LIQUOR DBA PEOTONE TOBACCO & LIQUOR, CLASS D,
TOBACCO; WILL COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, CLASS A/ O/M-2, AMP

Moved by Trustee Bowden, 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 there were no new updates, restoration around one of the water towers will be done soon. Earth Day event was successful, promoting only dumping water down storm drains.
- B. **Public Works** – Crosswalks are done on Railroad Street. Street sweeping and brush pick up are being done. Summer projects – working on with Engineer, street resurfacing and sidewalks are moving along.

- C. **Police Chief** – One more resignation submitted, down three officers. Fifteen applications received, will review after application period closes.
- D. **Engineer** – Only punch list items remain for Railroad Street.
- E. **Treasurer** – Mayor gave overview of budget handout items, all in all a good report from last year.

VI. **Mayors Comments** – No additional

VII. **Old Business:** None

VIII. **New Business:**

A. Approve New Business Registration, Rebel Ice Cream, 116 Main St.

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

B. Approve Payout 3/Final Payment to Iroquois Paving in the amount of \$5,000 for MFT Street Resurfacing (Garfield/Mill/Penny)

Retention left over from last year.

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

C. Motion to hire Henry Walters III for full time position of Building & Zoning Coordinator

Mayor moved item to after Executive Session

D. Motion to hire Landen Marevka for full time Laborer position in Public Works

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Marevka

Absent: None

Motion passed

E. Motion to hire James McCabe for full time Laborer position in Public Works

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

F. Approve Resolution Adopting Civility Pledge

IML came up with pledge and want all Municipalities to adopt. Mayor read Civility Pledge.

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

G. Approve Resolution Authorizing an agreement for services between the Village of Peotone and Leading It

Approved in budget, more comprehensive IT solution, one company to cover all IT needs that will encompass all departments.

Moved by Trustee Bowden, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

H. Executive Session to discuss employment of a specific employee and review Executive session minutes for possible release

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

I. Motion back into Regular Session

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

J. Motion to hire Henry Walters III for full time position of Building and Zoning Coordinator

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Hudson

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

K. Possible Release of Executive Session Minutes

Motion to release the following dates/minutes: 3/27/23 #2, 2/27/23 #1, 2/27/23 #2, 1/23/23, 12/12/22 #1, 12/12/22 #2, 11/28/22, 5/23/22, 3/22/21 #1, 8/28/06

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

IX. Questions of the Press: None

X. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions: Trustee Marevka asked residents to use good judgement when hanging flags/signs, possibly avoid obscene/bad language. Administrator stated there is a code and to please forward any addresses.

XI. Adjournment:


Motion by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Hudson

All said AYE

Nays: None

Absent: None

Adjournment at 6:55pm



Stacey Hartwell Village Clerk