

# VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

## REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of August 7, 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 Hudson, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba. Also present were the Village Administrator, the Village Attorney and the Police Chief.

**Public Comments:** Ed Nelson spoke and said thank you to the Board for approving the Raffle License for the Peotone Historical Society, he also mentioned the pocket park and presented a few pictures of another park in a small town, he feels the park doesn't look good and doesn't have a lot of activity, he feels if it had a multi use pavilion area for music or a farmers market that it could draw more people downtown, the bushes and trees could be removed and mulch or a cinder base put down. Giovanni Sanchez Rivera introduced himself, he and his family are the new owners of Gyros Loco they are now open on Monday along with the other days of the week.

### III. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2023, Regular Village Board meeting.
- B. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable
- C. Approve hiring Heidi Demas for Part Time Clerical Support position in the Administration Department.
- D. Approve Business Registration/Ownership Change for Gyros Loco, 422 S. Governors Hwy.
- E. Approve Special Event W/Road Closure on Corning Avenue from Conrad St. to Mill St. Peotone Historical Society, Old Mill Fall Festival, September 17, 2023, 11am-4pm.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Richards

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sandberg

Motion passed

### IV. Staff Committee Reports:

**Engineer:** Troy was absent but left an update with the Mayor. That the 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Wilmington Road/I-57 project is proceeding on schedule. Gallagher wants to start the MFT project next week and the sidewalk project will start in early September.

**Treasurer:** AnnMarie included a report in the packet with a report through July 31<sup>st</sup>, there are no concerns and all is proceeding as budgeted.

### V. Mayor's Comments:

Thanked Trustee Hudson for running the last meeting in his absence. The Car Club had a very successful Car Show and he read a statement from Trustee Sandberg thanking the businesses, volunteers, Public Works and the Police Department. He appointed Trustee Marevka as the Clerk Pro Tem. He gave an overview of the progress on the downtown design project-there will still be meetings to finalize

the design phase and engineering and they are working on the budget and hoping to go out to bid in December/January, after the next meeting he will have more detail to give the Board regarding cost. Since the Railroad Street Parking lot has been completed some businesses have done a great job fixing up their buildings and he is hoping other business owners will do the same. He wanted to remind residents that there is a leash law in Peotone and dogs must be kept under control in yards whether fenced in or on leash and encourages residents to follow the laws. To date no applications have been submitted for chickens.

**VI. Old Business:** None

**VII. New Business:**

**A. Approve Special Event W/Partial Road Closure at Alley, Kristen McNeeley & Gentry Drenth, 109 W. Lincoln and 104 W. Sumner, August 26, 2023,**

Trustee Hudson asked how long the event would be, Gentry Drenth replied until 10:00-10:30pm and that all residents will still be able to access their driveways. The Administrator stated that the end time would need to be 10:00pm. A motion was made by Trustee Hudson with the stipulation that the event end time would be 10:00pm.

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Strba

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Richards, Trustee Strba, Mayor March

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Suis

Absent: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sandberg

Motion passed

**B. Approve Class O Liquor License/Outdoor Seating at Suzy's Saloon, 111 N. Second St.**

A drawing was presented to the Board by the business owner to show where they would like to have the outer fencing, there would be a separate walkway for the tenants upstairs and 111 and 113 would be combined. The Administrator said it would cross property lines of both and will need to check with Legal and that it would have to include separate entrance for tenants, the Mayor expressed that there are restrictions on outside seating times and it ends at 11:00m. A motion was made by Trustee Hudson conditional on legal review and clarifying perimeters with the building department.

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Strba

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sandberg

Motion passed

**C. Update on Building Department**

The Mayor stated the Village is in the process of looking at other service providers for building inspections and plan review. The current vendor wants to raise fees and the Village put out a request for proposals. The Administrator received a couple back and is looking to switch to Lakeside Consulting. The Mayor feels having our own building official will be the best way to help in servicing residents and builders. Trustee Hudson asked if the Village was open to other companies and the Administrator replied yes, to get the information to her and she will provide the proposal. A service agreement will be provided to the Board for approval prior to accepting.

VIII. Questions of the Press: None

IX. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions: None

X. Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

All said AYE

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Strba

Adjournment at 6:26pm

*Stacey Hartwell*

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Stacey Hartwell Village Clerk

