

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of December 13, 2021

I. Call to Order

A. The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President Peter March.

B. Roll Call:

Clerk LeClaire conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Jones, Trustee Bowden, and Trustee Hudson. Also present were President March, Clerk LeClaire, Administrator Ingalls, and Attorney Jim Bartley. Public present: Ms. Andrea Arens, Mr. Mark Hornung, Ms. Vicki Moore.

- II. Public Comments: Ms. Vicki Moore spoke thanks for successful Village events sponsored by Game-On Bar and Grill- the fundraiser Pub Crawl Bingo for Ashley Graham, an accident victim. The Tree Lighting event, over 300 attended, may need street closing next year. Wanted to say Thank You. And a shout out to the Christmas in the Village event. All very successful and well-attended events. Thank you.

Ms. Andrea Arens introduce Mr. Mark Hornung, new owner of the Vedette Newspaper. Mr. Hornung thanked all for their hospitality, gave brief overview of his newspaper business, these will be the 6th and 7th newspapers he owns. Looking forward to getting to know the Peotone and surrounding community. He also introduced Ms. Arens as the new editor of the Vedette Newspaper, Peotone, and Manteno offices.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

Trustee Marevka moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of:

Minutes of the November 22, 2021, Regular Village Board meeting.

Payroll and Accounts Payable in all categorized Funds as presented.

Seconded by Trustee Jones.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Strba.

Motion passed.

IV. Staff/Committee Reports:

Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC): Trustee Bowden reported AOC met December 7, 2022, 1. Met with representatives from Terry's Ford expansion for parking area. 2. Working on Fee schedule update for Developers. 3. Administrator working with Comcast proposal to upgrade speed at Village Hall and run a Hard Line to Public Works Building on Rathje Road. 4. Discussed using the Village Attorneys for some of the more complex code violation cases.

Downtown Rehab ADHOC Committee: Trustee Marevka reported the committee met December 8, 2021, at 5:00PM at 5:00pm to discuss revitalization of Railroad Street Parking project. Lighting, trees, waste receptacles, paver materials to match in with the downtown area to move forward with a coordinated look. Trustee Sluis will investigate best value design options for paving, and color scheme options to select from.

Administrator Report: Report in packet. Working on closing I-57-acre parcel project in Spring. Will keep you posted on when we get more information. Reminder about raffles under Village Code: be aware permits are required for raffles under Village Code. with a fee range \$15-\$50.

Engineer Report: Working on Wilmington Road sidewalk Project and Ahlborn Storm Sewer Project for mid to late June. Working with Administrator on getting bid opening ready for Spring.

V. Mayor's Comments: 12/13/21

1. I want to thank Christmas in the Village Committee, who put on a great event. Chaired by Trustee Jones, special thanks to Tammy Cowger who has been involved for many years, doing much of

background work. Thanks to the committee members, Julie Sluis, Nick Strba, Superintendent Steve Stein. Jamie Skraban, and Stacey Hartwell. Thanks to all the businesses who donated and participated. A follow-up meeting will be held in January. Interested New members of the committee will be welcome for date in 2022, welcome and open to new people.

2. The Police Department toy and food drive will be going on for a few more days, drive to help Helping Hands. Contact Chief Mort to donate toys for Helping Hands.
3. The utility pole is shored up, on 2nd Street. Working with Demo company to proceed, Administrator been working on it- We'll get it done!
4. Moving on to better news, Morton Arboretum is donating 50 trees in Spring. They are bringing some people with them to help plant May 11th 2022. It would be great if Trustees, people of the community could come to help plant them. Please bring a shovel if you would like to help plant the new trees.
5. A few projects Troy is working on, the Wilmington Road sidewalk project, and the Ahlborn St. Storm Sewer project.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

- A. Trustee Jones moved to hire new Code Officer. Information on Dennis Brennan in Packet.
Seconded by Trustee Sluis.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Jones, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Bowden.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Strba
Motion passed.
- B. Trustee Hudson moved to approve Schedule of Village Board meeting dates for the Year 2022. The 2nd meeting December is canceled. If urgent business, a meeting can be called.
Seconded by Trustee Marevka.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Hudson. Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Bowden.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Strba.
Motion passed.
- C. Trustee Marevka moved to cancel the December 27th, 2021, Village Board Meeting.
Seconded by Trustee Sluis.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Jones, Trustee Hudson, and Trustee Bowden.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Strba.
Motion Passed
- D. Trustee Marevka moved to close the Village Hall Administrative Offices on December 23, 2021.
Seconded by Trustee Hudson.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Jones, and Trustee Bowden.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Strba.
Motion passed.
- E. Trustee Bowden moved to authorize collection of impact fees for the Fire Department in accordance with Ordinance for All new development starting January 1, 2022.
Seconded by Trustee Marevka.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Jones, Trustee Hudson.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Strba.
Motion Passed.
- F. Trustee Bowden moved to authorize Village Administrator to sign 3-year contract with Comcast for Main Street and Rathje Roads to upgrade speeds at Village Hall and run a Hard line to Rathje Road Public Works Building.
Seconded by Trustee Sluis.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Hudson, and Trustee Jones.
Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Strba.

Motion passed.

- G. Trustee Hudson moved to accept the Recommendation by Downtown Committee to approve Parking Plan for Railroad Street Parking Lot.

Seconded by Trustee Marevka.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Jones.

Absent: Trustee Strba.

Motion Passed.

- H. 1. Trustee Bowden moved to approve Ordinance No. 21-29, an Ordinance for the Levying and assessing of the 2021 taxes of the Village of Peotone, Will County, Illinois.

Seconded by Trustee Sluis.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Strba.

Motion Passed.

2. Trustee Marevka moved to approve Ordinance No. 21-30, An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property

Seconded by Trustee Sluis.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Strba.

Motion Passed.

3. Trustee Marevka moved to approve Ordinance 21-31, an Ordinance Directing the sale of Village Property.

Seconded by Trustee Hudson.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Strba.

Motion Passed.

- I. Trustee Sluis motioned to Approve Resolution No. 21-R14, a Resolution allocating 2021 Tax Levy to Individual Funds of the Village Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, as Amended.

Seconded by Trustee Hudson.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Strba.

Motion Passed

- J. Trustee Jones moved to close Regular Session to go into Executive Session For: 1. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the Public Body is being considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. (2 (c)(1)) 2. Pending, imminent, or probable litigation(2(c)(11)). at 6:10 pm.

Seconded by Trustee Marevka.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Strba.

Motion Passed.

- K. Trustee Marevka moved to open regular Session at 7:10pm.

Seconded by Trustee Sluis.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Jones, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Bowden.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Strba.

Motion passed.

VIII. Questions of the Press: None.

IX. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions: Trustee Bowden received correspondence – 3 letters of support for downtown, very respectful, well-worded letters.

X. Adjournment

Trustee Sluis moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Trustee Marevka.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Strba.

Motion passed. Adjournment at 7:11 pm

Karen A. LeClaire Village Clerk