

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
Christmas Committee
Minutes of November 19, 2025
4:00pm

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The Christmas Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00pm at the Municipal Complex Hall, 208 E. Main Street, Peotone, Illinois by Committee Member, Stacey Hartwell. In attendance were Tammy Cowger, Stacey Hartwell, Vicki Moore, Brandon Owens and Billy Robinson. Also in attendance were Mayor Vieux and Public Works Manager Bob Hennke. Trustee Strba arrived at 4:10.

MINUTES

Motion by Cowger, Second by Robinson to approve the Christmas Committee Minutes of October 15, 2025. All voted Yes; Motion Carried.

DISCUSS/FINALIZE ACTIVITY LOCATIONS (FACE PAINTING/HOT CHOCOLATE)

The face painting will be located at 117 W. Main Street. Robinson confirmed that the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will not be participating (hot chocolate).

DISCUSS HANDOUTS/GIVEAWAYS

Inventory will be made of remaining handouts and it will be on the agenda at the next meeting to discuss purchase of more bells or light/glow sticks.

DISCUSS BARREL TRAIN

Cowger had spoken to Lee's Rental and they do have one barrel train available but a driver and vehicle (lawnmower or side by side) would need to be provided, after discussion it was decided not to go that route as it could be a liability to the event. She did find another company that has a trackless train but they are not available this year, it will be on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss and action for next year's event.

DISCUSS BARRICADES AND DOWNTOWN PARKING AND CONTROL

Hennke will arrange getting the barricades from Manteno and set up was confirmed for 7am the day of the event. Cowger told him to let her know if any assistance is needed. The Mayor expressed that he did not want the barricades but due to previous police concerns and crowd safety concerns it was determined they will be used.

DETERMINE COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

The judging was done by the Commission and first, second and third place winners were selected for each grade. Hartwell will purchase gift cards for the winners from Archy's and Cowger has ribbons and small prizes for the second and third place winners. Moore will make a posterboard to display the winners and they will be announced at the tree lighting ceremony and prizes will be distributed then by Cowger.

DISCUSS COSTUMES

Cowger had been to a Christmas event in Shipshewana and noticed that they use costumes. Horn was looking into some options for the commission to purchase for the future and more research will be done.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Moore stated that the current storage for the handouts/giveaways will be unavailable after this year, it was determined that they will be stored at the Village Hall moving forward. Cowger stated that the event flyer will be finalized and printed and should be available in a week or so. Robinson confirmed that he will be available for the parade line up the night of the event.

DISCUSS NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting will be January 7, 2026, at 4:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT-Motion by Strba, Second by Owens to adjourn the Christmas Committee Meeting at 4:53pm. All voted Yes; Motion Carried.