

# VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

## REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of January 23, 2023

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

### **II. Roll call**

Mayor March, conducted the roll call and following persons were present: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka and Trustee Sluis. Trustee Bowden and Trustee Strba were absent. Also present were Village Administrator, Aimee Ingalls, Police Chief DeMik, Public Works Manager, Bob Hennke and the Village Attorney.

### **III. Public Comments:** Ed Nelson asked if the Aqua representative was present. He has some questions about water conditions and stated his water seems fine but others in town are experiencing issues. He asked if Aqua allows you to bring samples for testing. The Mayor stated that residents should contact Aqua directly and if there are any issues to let the Village know and that Aqua can look into specific addresses that have concerns.

### **IV. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Trustee Marevka moved, and Trustee Sluis, seconded the Consent Agenda consisting of:**

- A. Approved the Minutes of the January 9, 2023, Regular Village Board meeting.
- B. Approved Payroll/Accounts Payable.
- C. Approved Appointment of Christmas in the Village Commission (to remain the same)
- D. Approve Raffle License-Tractors for A Cure/Debbie Werner/ 2/4 2023 Year
- E. Approve Revised Raffle License for Will County Farm Bureau from one raffle to 2/4 2023 Year

Approved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Bowden and Trustee Strba

Motion passed.

### **V. Staff Committee Reports:**

- A. Public Works** – Bob said he reviewed Trustee Jones’s concerns about parkways trees and that he and his staff went through the past three years of new construction and that some properties are still in progress but most of them checked out. He reviewed the ordinance with the Administrator and only one tree is required for inside lots and two are required for corner lots. His staff is continuing to GIS map all the parkway trees through the entire town. M&J Underground is working in the downtown area, using a camera to check the existing storm sewer and jetting where needed. There are a couple of areas of concern due to age and they will submit a report when completed to be reviewed. The new DPW truck has arrived. Peotone is part of a mutual aid network with Beecher, Monee and Crete and there will be a training exercise in April called Operation Powerplay sponsored by Com Ed on weather related power outages.
- B. Aqua** – Angie stated there is nothing major to report, not too many main breaks. She gave the Administrator information on smart alerts and the Administrator said she put it on the Village Facebook page. There will be an Aqua newsletter coming out in early February. The Mayor mentioned the questions that Ed Nelson had about the quality issues and who should people contact, Angie said she

will supply the Village with a template that can be shared on social media and also said residents should call the customer service line and they will put in an order to have someone check out any concerns.

- C. Police Chief** – The police department will be distributing free clubs for owners of specific vehicles that are being stolen, they are certain Dodge's and Kia's. He will have more information forthcoming. Residents will be able to get a free preventative club, there have not been any issues yet in Peotone. He is working on a 30 day assessment of concerns and will break it down on what will need to be done.
- D. Administrator** – Locis 8 software upgrade is transitioning this month. Attended Congresswomen Kelly's swearing in last week, well attended event. Budget is ongoing, being reviewed and working on revenue projections and capital planning. Still working on having online payments made available. I-57 & 88<sup>th</sup> Road Improvements for Travel Center are out to bid, bid opening is February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. Working on code issues throughout the Village particularly apartment building at 528 Schroeder, the house next to the bowling alley and 207 Hickory. Reviewing a Concept Plan for the Northeast corner of Peotone Wilmington Road and I-57 and will continue to work with the developer and their engineer and on zoning and then it will go to Planning & Zoning.
- E. Engineer** – Troy was absent but left an update on the streetlights for Railroad Street parking lot; was waiting on bolts/anchors but now they are in so working on scheduling, weather permitting.

**VI. Mayor's Comments** – Reminder that vehicle stickers are due by February 15<sup>th</sup>. February 8<sup>th</sup> there is a blood drive at the fire station. Peotone/Beecher Road will be repaved this summer by Will County from Rt. 50 to Rt. 1. Working with Robinson and Upland on the design plans for Phase 2 of the Downtown Streetscape project, hoping to have something to present to the board in February. State legislatures were sworn in and he will be attending an update on what's coming up sponsored by Will County Government League. During the last meeting a liquor license was approved for Serendipity contingent on the parking lot being striped. Mayor proposed giving the property owner, Mark & Doris Baumgartner, until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and if it is not completed by then the liquor license will be revoked. Mr. Baumgartner was in attendance in the audience and stated it will be seal coated and striped by then.

**VII. Old Business:** None

**VIII. New Business:**

**A. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF A COMPLAINT AGAINST A SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE**

No action will be taken after closed session.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Hudson

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka and Trustee Sluis

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Bowden and Trustee Strba

Motion passed

Motion To Resume Open Session Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka and Trustee Sluis

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Bowden and Trustee Strba

Motion passed

**IX. Questions of the Press:** None

**X. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions:** Trustee Jones has had several people inquire about the downtown project. Mayor replied earliest may be late Summer/early Fall and would be more economical to do all at once. If we get plans from Robinson and Upland we can get sent out to bid. The more information we have beforehand the more we can plan accordingly. Trustee Marevka asked when the Peotone Garage Sale Days, Trustee Sluis said it has always been Father's Day weekend, Trustee Jones said the implication from the Chamber was that they were not going to have this year.

**XI. Adjournment:**

Motion by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

All said AYE

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Strba

Adjournment at 6:49 pm

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Stacey Hartwell      Village Clerk