

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of February 13, 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 Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka and Trustee Strba. Trustee Sluis was absent. Also present were Village Administrator, Aimee Ingalls, Police Chief DeMik, Village Attorney and Village Engineer.

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approved the Minutes of the January 23, 2023, Regular Village Board meeting.
- B. Approved Payroll/Accounts Payable.
- C. Approve Raffle License-Single Raffle/Will County 4-H Youth Foundation/2-18-23
- D. Accept Resignation of Part-time Police Officer, Robert Hill

Moved by Trustee Jones, Seconded by Trustee Hudson

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sluis

Motion passed.

V. Staff Committee Reports:

A. Public Works – None

B. Aqua – None

C. Police Chief – None

D. Engineer – Troy gave an update on Railroad Street. Lighting controller cabinet is almost complete and should be delivered next week. Hoping to get poles laid out this week and hoping to start next week. Waiting for an official schedule.

E. Administrator – Gave an overview of the building committee meeting last week regarding trailers, there was a robust discussion and draft minutes are in the packet. The group consensus was a request to expand the definition of recreational vehicles. Still looking at and working with the police department to work on updating Village code to be more proactive and definitive and accommodate as much as possible, still a work in progress.

VI. Mayor's Comments – Vehicle stickers are due February 15th, after that there is a late fee. Gave an update on the budget; copy of draft to trustees, AOC meeting next Tuesday February 21st, different format and categories, a little more readable, will go over the Downtown Phase II which isn't in next years budget after discussing with Engineer and Upland was decided better waiting until 2024 to have completed in one

construction season, close to being a more balanced budget. Will be meeting with Robinson and Upland regarding Downtown and having a Downtown Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Mayor and Administrator went to meeting with Congresswoman Kelly, informative and met with other mayors and congressmen, it went well.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

A. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS 88TH AVE, WILMINGTON PEOTONE ROAD AND I-57 EXIT RAMP

Engineer explained that four bids were received and that prices came in lower than expected. D Construction was the lowest bid, they are larger contractor and well equipped to do it. Once approved will work on IDOT permit forms. Bid came in 23% under estimate so will use some of extra money bonded for interest payments for the first year or two and reimburse the General Fund for expenses used for engineering on this project.

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Jones

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sluis

Motion passed

B. WINE BAR BUSINESS PROPOSAL/THE LUSH VINE

Laurin Stauffenberg presented a proposal of a potential business she would like to open in Downtown Peotone. She would like to open a Wine Bar providing a different experience for different clientele. It would keep business in Peotone and also draw in and attract business and provide job opportunities. It would offer a wide range of wines, a selection of craft beers and sharable food items. It would also provide a location for networking meetings, private events and also have live music. They have an aggressive marketing strategy plan. They are committed to brightening up the exterior of the building and making it more inviting. They would like to brighten up the exterior, modernize the interior and also install open air front windows and have back patio seating. Trustee Jones asked if it would be their first venue and what her background is in. She replied yes, it would be their first wine bar and that her background is in finance. Trustee Marevka asked what building she is looking to purchase, she replied 113 N. Second. Trustee Bowden asked how much money they plan on putting into the building, she replied that the apartments upstairs would be their first focus and approximately \$100,000 in total. The Mayor asked if they planned on having video gaming, she replied they had talked about it but hadn't decided. The Board was very positive in response to her presentation.

C. SQUAD CAR REPLACEMENT EVALUATION

The Chief put together a proposal for the trustees and gave a recap, it included vehicle usage, milage and repair costs. He will be closing a federal asset/forfeiture/task force account and is working on additional funding. He went to several dealers for availability and prices, delivery is taking about a year, Terry's has a truck available on the lot. Terry's was the lowest pricing. The Mayor clarified that the Village would be buying the F150 for the Chief and there would be two squads in next year's budget, the Chief is only requesting the truck at this time. There was discussion on leasing but there are mileage restrictions and that could increase cost, Ford used to have programs but they are no longer offered, Admin mentioned that some rental car agencies have fleet programs. Trustee Bowden asked if there

were any grant opportunities, Chief said not currently. The Mayor clarified that this motion would be for approving funds to purchase the truck, on the lot for \$55,743 which includes the lighting package. \$46,456 will be paid from federal seized fund and \$9,287.53 from the General fund.

Moved by Trustee Bowden, Seconded by Trustee Jones

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sluis

Motion passed

D. MOTION TO APPROVE THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AS PRINCIPAL AUTHORITY ON THE ACCOUNT FOR ILLINOIS FUNDS, INB AND EPAY

The current names approved to make changes on these accounts are all people no longer with the Village. This motion will be used to correct and update to have access to the accounts. Trying to access to move forward and make updates to be able to make payment accessible on the Village website.

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sluis

Motion passed

IX. Questions of the Press: None

X. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions:

Boy Scouts were present at the meeting, working towards their citizenship in the community badge. The Chief received a letter from Chief Lemming in Beecher thanking Detective Gary Miller for his assistance and leadership with an incident in Beecher. The Mayor complimented the Chief and the Police Department on their handling of a potential threat at the School. Trustee Marevka asked the Administrator how the Blood Drive went, it was very successful, almost all spots were filled.

XI. Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Strba

All said AYE

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sluis

Adjournment at 6:33 pm