

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of August 28, 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 Marevka, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba. Also present were the Village Administrator and the Village Attorney.

Public Comments: Ed Nelson asked about when Rathje Road was widened and parkway trees were removed if there were any plans to replace the trees. The Mayor responded that the parkways are too narrow and there is not enough room for trees but he will look into, Bob confirmed that the parkways are too narrow.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2023, Regular Village Board meeting.
- B. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

IV. Staff Committee Reports:

Engineer: The MFT project does not yet have a concrete start date, the Sidewalk project will be starting next week. MFT is waiting on Contractors.

Public Works: Davis will be starting next week on the Sidewalk project. Public Works has been painting crosswalks and doing branch pick up, did training on work orders and will be doing training on GIS later in the week. Bob reminded residents not to blow grass into the streets, it is a state law.

Chief: The Chief prepared a report for the first six months of the year and it was in the Trustee packets.

Administrator: The administrator reported about building permits issued to date and that the number of permits issued to date already equals the total number of permits issued in 2022.

AOC: Trustee Hudson reported that the committee met on August 9th to review and discuss current Peotone investments, they have been reinvested and will be looked at again going into the new budget.

Building: The committee met on August 21st and there was discussion to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding building department services, there will be more information provided at the next board meeting.

V. Mayor's Comments:

The Mayor thanked the volunteers, the Fair Board and everyone that helped with the Will County Fair. The Hidden Gems Market was held this past Sunday and the next one will be on September

17th. The Old Mill Fest will be September 17th. Trustee Richards inquired about traffic control devices at Wilmington Road & I-57, the Mayor responded traffic studies were done over the years with the most recent one in 2020 by the developer of the Travel Center and none have had enough traffic to warrant a light per IDOT, hopefully in the Spring another study can be done to reevaluate after the Travel Center opens, the roads belong to County and State. Regarding the Airport, legislature passed a bill for the Airport and IDOT will put out a request for qualifications not bid process, the Mayor and Administrator will try to attend every meeting possible to gather information and keep the Village involved in the process.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

A. Present Certificate of Achievement for Years of Service to Aaron Asbrand and Robert Hennke in the Public Works Department

B. Approve Special Event for Peotone Chamber of Commerce, Sip N' Stroll, September 14, 2023, 6pm-9pm, Downtown Peotone

Dave Corradino was there to represent the Chamber of Commerce, they are selling a max of 100 tickets, 21 and older event that starts at the Peotone American Legion, there will be a map of the businesses that are involved and gives an opportunity to showcase downtown improvements and the businesses in the downtown area, tickets are available online or at Game On, so far 35 tickets have been sold and 13 businesses have committed to the event.

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

C. Approve Resolution Authorizing an Execution of an Agreement for Services Between the Village of Peotone and Pete's Construction in the amount of \$20,190.00 relative to Installing Safety Components and General Maintenance in the Administrative Office of the Village Hall

This will make the administration area safer and look nicer, to start in the next month, same contractor did improvements in the Police department and it is in the budget.

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

D. Approve Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing Acceptance of Proposal from Kulacz & Sons for Heating and Cooling System Improvements in Police Garage

In this years budget and the this is the last repair that needs to be done, cost is \$6000.

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed

E. Approve Updated Downtown Streetscape Budget for Submittal to Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to Complete the Grant Application

In 2021 a grant proposal was submitted to DCEO and the rough estimate for the project was \$3 million, the Village committed to spending \$500,00 and received a grant of approximately \$2.5 million. A final budget needs to be submitted as a grant requirement. Total cost estimate of \$3,465,200 is to be submitted to DCEO for grant agreement. The Committee is working on lowering some costs by modifying some aesthetics and removing parking area on Railroad Street south of Main Street, will include Railroad Street as an add on once we go to bid and decide if it can be done. Trustee Strba expressed some concerns about removing the islands and difficulty plowing around them, removing them could lower cost and possibly increase parking spots. Trustee Sandberg agreed and expressed concerns about trees being planted and the maintenance they would involve.

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Richards
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sluis, Mayor March
Nays: Trustee Sandberg
Absent: None
Abstain: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Strba
Motion passed

F. Motion to Approve Payout 2 to D Construction for Work Completed at 88th Ave, Wilmington Rd, I-57 Ramps in the amount of \$640,011.94

This is the second payment for work completed on the South Side and paving will start next week. The Mayor commented that D Construction told the Village cost to repair roadbed at the overpass would be \$100,000. Will County has agreed to pay for that portion.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Sandberg
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed

VIII. Questions of the Press: The Editor asked if it was known how many parking spaces will be lost in the Downtown project with the bump outs that are in the plans. The Mayor replied maybe 10 but will get the number for her.

IX. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions: None

X. Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba
All said AYE
Nays: None
Absent: None

Adjournment at 6:33pm

Stacey Hartwell Village Clerk