

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD
Minutes of September 25, 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 Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba. Also present were the Mayor, the Village Administrator and the Village Attorney.

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2023, Regular Village Board meeting.
- B. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable
- C. Approve Hiring Diane Nielsen for Part Time Clerical Support Position in the Administration Department

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Hudson

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Marevka

Motion passed

V. Staff Committee Reports:

Engineer: MFT Resurfacing Project - paving complete, still need to do restoration and punch list. Sidewalk Project – started removal which will continue tomorrow, excavating for Corning weather depending may be pouring concrete Friday. Wilmington Peotone Road – guard rails complete, will start patching tomorrow weather permitting, should take approx. two days and traffic will be a little hectic, once patching complete will do milling and paving.

Public Works: Leaf collection is coming up and will be 10/23/23-12/1/23 weather permitting, branch pick up will be ending 10/23/23, doing crosswalk painting and day to day operations, did training on GIS mapping, asking once again for residents to not blow grass into the street when mowing as it clogs the basins and can be dangerous to motorcycle riders, will be attending a couple training sessions in October including a mutual aid conference, AT&T put in a rush order for restoration on Garfield.

Chief: Submitted a 6 month review and a report to Trustees, the Chief and Seargent are working with the Police Officers on the Safe T Act changes.

Christmas Committee: There was a Committee meeting last week, Trustee Strba was absent, parade route was changed due to a conflict with the USPS, food trucks and locations, sponsorship letters have gone out.

VI. Mayor's Comments: Thanked the Historical Society for hosting the Old Mill Fest, thanked the trustees and staff that attended IML conference last week, presented a flyer for Business After Hours being held on

10/5/23 at Bult Field which Mayor will not be able to attend but felt it would be good to have representation from the Village, the Village received the Government Finance Association Budget Award and acknowledged the work the Treasurer and Administrator put into it, the budget is on the Village website.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

A. Present Certificate of Achievement for Years of Service to Gary Miller, Matt Moore, John Popek and Dan Stankus in the Police Department

B. Presentation of the 2022/2023 Annual Financial Statements for the Year ended March 2023 (Audit)

Courtney Moore from Lauterbach & Amen gave an overview of the Audited Financial Statements. Reported it received a clean opinion which is the highest it can receive and there were no difficulties or disagreements throughout the process. Mayor asked for a motion to accept the budget.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Richards

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

Nays: None

Absent: Marevka

Motion passed

C. Discuss Village Code Ch. 72.01 – Vehicle Parking

There was discussion on enforcement of the No Parking from 2am-6am in the Downtown area.

Ordinance already exists but had not been enforced in the past few years. Police will be enforcing once again but will start informing before enforcement.

D. Approve Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing Acceptance of Proposal from Jif Paving for Paving of Southeast Corner of Main St. and Railroad St. in the Amount of \$34,600

Trustee Hudson will have to recuse himself as he owns property. This was not submitted in the original grant but would allow for additional parking during the construction in the downtown area. Engineer spoke and has reservations due to high pricing and will not be able to reuse if Railroad Street is reconstructed in the future, would just be temporary. There was discussion about if it could just be tar and chip, it is a possibility and Public Works Manager will look into. The consensus was to take direction from staff and no motion or action taken.

E. Approve Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing Acceptance of Proposal from Peotone Sealcoating for parking Lot Sealcoating at Northeast Corner of E. Crawford and N. Railroad St. in the Amount of \$3,350

This would provide approximately 20 parking spaces. The Engineer stated this would be temporary and last a few years and would make it look nicer. There was discussion on just striping it, possibly tar and chip, the Township has a “patcher” that the Village could potentially borrow, there would be more traffic on it if it was being used more. Public Works Manger will look into options. The consensus was to take direction from staff and no motion or action taken.

F. Approve Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing Acceptance of Proposal from Freehill Asphalt Inc. for Crack Sealing at First St. from Corning to Wilson, Wilson St. from Railroad Tracks to West St, Crawford St. from West St. to Railroad Tracks, Meyer Glen Subdivision on Wesley, Hauert and Hickory in the Amount of \$24,900

This was in the budget and the company was used last year, it would extend the life of the roads and is smart to do preventative maintenance which could save money.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Marevka

Motion passed

G. Approve Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Services Between the Village of Peotone and GMT LLC for Economic Development, Planning and Marketing Service

The Village has used GMT in the past and felt they were instrumental in forming the TIF District, the Business Development District and also putting together the deal for the Travel Center. The Mayor feels development is coming to the area and the Village should potentially be building some employee housing with the new battery company coming to Manteno. Gene Steinmarch said his goal would be to bring in enough development/business for the Village to make a profit after paying for his services. He currently does not have any businesses in mind and stated retail is hard right now but he does have contacts with several shopping center/retail developments. He has worked with a lot of communities and can provide a list of Mayors to contact for references, they have little social media presence but are older and utilize word of mouth. He will get some contacts to the Administrator. This service was not in the budget and a budget amendment would have to be done. This item is to be tabled to the next meeting.

H. Approve Resolution Adopting a Capital Planning and Reporting Policy

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Marevka

Motion passed

IX. Questions of the Press: Editor stated that the School Board presented a motion that IDOT has identified several hazardous bus stops in Peotone including one on Fourth Street, she said that the section on Fourth Street does not currently have any sidewalk and asked if there were any plans for a sidewalk extension there. The Mayor said he was unaware of the situation and his goal would be to have usable sidewalks on both sides of the street and this would be something the Public Works Manager will look into.

X. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions: None

XI. Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

All said AYE

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Marevka

Adjournment at 6:50pm