

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of December 11, 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 Mayor, the Village Administrator and the Village Attorney.

III. Public Comments:

Ed Nelson spoke about concerns from himself and other residents about the gas prices, he questioned why the prices in Peotone are so high and mentioned how they were lowered when the travel center opened. The Mayor explained that the Village does not have any control over the pricing and that the individual businesses set their pricing.

IV. Presentation from the Police Department to Adopt A Soldier

The Police Department raised money during “No Shave November” and chose Adopt A Soldier to receive the funds. Sue Wackerlin was present and accepted the check.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2023, Regular Village Board meeting.
- B. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable
- C. Approve 2024 Regular Village Board Meeting Schedule
- D. Approve New Business Registration, Dunkin Donuts, 601 S. 88th Ave., Peotone, IL

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

VI. Staff Committee Reports:

AOC: Trustee Hudson reported the committee met on 11/29. They reviewed a proposal from a retail coach and discussed economic development strategy needs for future growth, they feel the Village has a need for a qualified consultant. They also discussed implementing a 1% prepared food and beverage tax and the Village is preparing an ordinance for early 2024, all businesses affected by it will be notified prior.

Building: Trustee Hudson reported the committee met on 12/5. They had discussions on potentially creating a district in the downtown area that determines and regulates design requirements for building exterior, the possibility of renovation and façade programs and a downtown overlay district.

Christmas: Trustee Strba announced that there were more people in attendance this year and next year will be the 10 year anniversary of the event. He thanked the residents, business owners and supporters. The Mayor thanked Nick, Tammy and the committee.

Public Works: Leaf collection is complete for the year, snow equipment has been readied for the season, holiday banners and lights are up, they are back to working on GIS input and he is working on MFT for next year. He reminds residents to please not place snow in the road.

Engineer: Waiting to hear when D Construction will put in the raised reflective pavement markers and complete punch list items, Streetscape project is on track to go out to bid the 21st, MFT and Sidewalk still has a few punch list items to be addressed.

Chief: He had an officer injured off duty, staff is stepping up to help schedule coverage, he will be doing a year end report and presenting it to the board in January.

Admin: Pointed out planning and environmental linkage study from Will County for Wilmington-Peotone Road, there will be an open house at the High School on 12/13 and she invited people to offer input. Blood drives for 2024 will be at the American Legion as the Fire Station will have remodeling construction going on.

VII. Mayor's Comments: He commended Police for the fundraising in "No Shave November" and the donation to Adopt A Soldier. The Christmas in the Village event, the lighted parade and the tree lighting event all went well. The Travel Center is open and they have started the foundation for the hotel.

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business:

A. FY 2025 Budget Preparation Presentation

Annamarie Mampe gave an overview of the handout and reviewed it as a slideshow presentation. The Village collected about half of projected revenue and expenditures are trending below budgeted amounts for most departments, she also went over proposed 2024 budget schedule and planning.

B. Approve Ordinance for the Levying and Assessing of the 2023 Taxes for the Village of Peotone, Will County, Illinois

Levy is done annually for property taxes, will collect in calendar year 2024, equalized assessed value has gone up quite a bit but because of the tax rate cap the rate residents pay has gone down a little bit.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Hudson

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

C. Approve Resolution for Budget Amendment to Capital Improvement Fund in the Amount of \$80,433 ARPA Revenue and \$145,774 Expenditure for Rathje Road and Conrad Storm Sewer

This is regarding the Rathje Road project from 2018, this is the local share portion and the final bill for the project. Conrad Street has been submitted for reimbursement.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Hudson

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

Nays: None

Absent: None
Motion passed

D. Approve Ordinance for Paid Leave Benefits Required for Village Employees and Making Certain Changes to the Personnel Policy Manual

This ordinance is to be in compliance with the State law that was passed requiring PTO benefits to all employees.

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 Ordinance for Provision in Chapter 72 of Village Code Prohibiting Parking on Grass Surfaces

This ordinance is to make it clear that you cannot park on grass surfaces, it will be taken into consideration during extenuating circumstances.

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

F. Approve Resolution for Planning and Zoning Services Proposal Between Village of Peotone and Kendall Jackson

There was a proposal presented from Kendall Jackson that would provide a higher level of Planning and Zoning consultations in addition to the services provided for the building department, it will be on an as needed basis, approx. 8 hours a week at a rate of \$75.00 per hour. He is a retired Community Development Director from Joliet.

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: Trustee None
Motion passed

X. Questions of the Press: None

XI. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions: None

XII. Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

All said AYE

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Strba

Adjournment at 6:51pm

Stacey Hartwell Village Clerk