

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of December 15, 2025

I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vieaux at 6:00 pm.

II. Roll call

Village Clerk, Stacey Hartwell, conducted the roll call and the following persons were present: Mayor Vieaux, Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba. Also present was Village Administrator Palmer, Village Attorney Bartley, Village Engineer Golem, Police Chief DeMik and Public Works Manager Hennke.

III. Approve Hiring of New Part Time Police Officer, Oscar Galarza

The Mayor moved this item up in the agenda.

Moved by Trustee Richards, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

IV. Administer Oath of Office to New Part Time Police Officer, Oscar Galarza

Village Clerk Hartwell administered the Oath of Office to the newly approved part time officer.

V. Public Comments: None

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda:

A. Approve Minutes of the November 17, 2025, Regular Village Board meeting

B. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable

C. Approve Raffle License, Peotone School District 207U, 5/More Raffles per Calendar Year

D. Approve Village Board Regular Meeting Schedule for 2026

E. Approve Designation of Chris Vieaux as the Representative for the Village of Peotone and Nick Palmer as Alternate on the SSMMA Environmental Justice Committee

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

VII. Staff Committee Reports:

- A. Engineer** – Troy reported that they have submitted for federal funding for the West Street reconstruction project.
- B. Police** – Chief DeMik submitted a report in the packet and reported that he is working on finalizing a grant for body and in-car cameras.
- C. Public Works** – Bob reported that there has been a lot of snow and some equipment breakdowns, leaf collection is to be determined and dependent on weather, the sidewalk program was completed, and he has applied for Tree City USA. The department has been working on parkway tree trimming, general cleaning and organizing the shop and their winter project will be to repaint the leaf machine.
- D. Admin** – Administrator Palmer reported that there have been two Committee meetings and he has attended a few other meetings, he is working with Consultant Mampe to start the budget process, he is working on economic development and infrastructure with the mayor and also is continuing to work on annexation to expand Village boundaries.
- E. AOC** – Trustee Hudson reported some of the AOC agenda items which included reviewing and assessing the 2025 taxes, reviewing the investment policy, discussed and reviewed current investment fund balances and looked at options, reviewed the IMIC renewal and discussed the upcoming budget process. Most of these items are on the agenda tonight for approval.

VIII. Mayor's Comments - Mayor Vieaux acknowledged the Christmas Commission and the businesses for their involvement with Christmas in the Village, he received a letter from Bev Schwartz with Hope for the Day Foundation in thanks for the Village proclamation for Suicide Prevention, he also announced that ESP Solar will be doing a project North East of Peotone and will be giving the Village \$100,000 which the Mayor would like to recommend donating towards the Windmill, this item will be discussed and considered during the budget process and would need to go on a future agenda for approval.

IX. Old Business:

Approve New Home Occupation Permit Application, Bingo J Transportation Limited Liability Co., Jiayi Yan, 532 Hauert St, Unit 1, Peotone, IL (Item tabled from Village Board Meeting on November 17, 2025)

There was a motion to take this item off the table as it was tabled at the Village Board Meeting on November 17, 2025

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

Motion to approve the new Home Occupation Permit Application

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

X. New Business:

- A. Approve Payout 4 (Partial) to Iroquois Paving Corp in the Amount of \$8,830.08 for Work Completed on the Conrad Storm Sewer Project**

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

B. Approve New Business Registration for The UPS Store, Suhas Patel, 601 S. 88th Ave., Peotone, IL

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

C. Approve an Ordinance for the Levying and Assessing of the 2025 Taxes for the Village of Peotone, Will County, Illinois

These funds are paid by the taxpayers and this is filed annually.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

D. Approve a Resolution Allocating 2025 Tax Levy to Individual Funds of the Village Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, as Amended

This is an add on to the ordinance and gives authority to levy individual categories.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

E. Approve Ordinance Abating Taxes Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on Obligation Bonds, Series 2022 of the Village of Peotone, Will County, Illinois

This is filed annually.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

F. FY 2027 Budget Kickoff Presentation

Consultant Mampe gave a presentation/overview of where the Village budget is as of November 30th and the upcoming budget schedule. Administrator Palmer mentioned that he would like to review revenues and while there isn't currently any new revenue sources it would be a good time to review fees and determine if they should be increased to prevent unknowingly subsidizing services. Palmer also discussed reviewing the existing capital improvement plan and updating to reflect current revenue available and future planning.

G. Resolution Approving an Investment Policy for the Village of Peotone

The Village is bound by state statute and it is best practice to review and update as needed. The previous policy had not been updated in years and was updated to add reporting quarterly or as needed. It was reviewed at the AOC meeting, and it was determined that the approximate \$800,000 that was in a money market at Old National Bank will be moved to the Village's general operating account and then sent to PFM to continue the Village's ladder investment strategies. Administrator Palmer added that interest earned is a significant source of the Villages revenue.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

H. Resolution Approving Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative (IMIC) 2025-2026 Renewals

The Village is a member of the Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative, and this approves the annual renewals.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: Non

Motion passed

I. Approve Ordinance Amending Sections 127.01 (Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax) and 128.01 (Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax) of the Code of Peotone for the Village of Peotone, Will County, Illinois

This amends the original approved ordinance, per the request of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

J. Approve Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 150 (Building Regulations) of Title XV (Land Usage) of the Code of Peotone Regarding the Adoption of Various Updated Building Codes

The Village will be updating to the 2021 International Building Code, it will be effective January 1, 2026 and apply to all permits submitted after January 1, 2026.

Moved by Trustee Sandberg, Seconded by Trustee Richards

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

K. Motion to Approve the Westgate Manor Letter of Credit (LOC) Reduction

This will reduce the current LOC from \$85,000 to \$50,000

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

XI. Questions of the Press: None

XII. Executive Session: None

XIII. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions: None

XIV. Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

All said AYE

Nays: None

Absent: None

Adjournment at 6:56pm

Stacey Hartwell Village Clerk