

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD
Minutes of December 16, 2024

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 Marevka, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba. Also present was Village Administrator Palmer and Village Attorney Marrs.

The Mayor moved items G, H and I to the first items, these three items were all Police Department related.

III. Proposed Restructuring of Peotone Police Department Rank Structure

Chief DeMik gave an overview of the packet detailing the rank structure submitted to the Board.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

IV. Administer Oath of Office to Matthew Moore

V. Administer Oath of Office to John Popek

VI. Public Comments: Fred, a resident that lives in Gull Landings, and Larry Skarr who lives at 114 Ashburton both got up and spoke about their concerns and unhappiness with Aqua and the increase in rates.

VII. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2024, Regular Village Board meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2024 Executive Session
- C. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable
- D. Approve Village Board Regular Meeting Schedule for 2025
- E. Approve Raffle License, Peotone School District, 5/More Raffles per Calendar Year
- F. Approve Special Event Permit and Amplifier Permit, Peotone Car Club, Car Show and Street Dance, July 26, 2025, 6am-6pm/7pm-12am, Downtown Peotone, Road Closure Main St. from Railroad St. to First St., Second St. from Main St. to Crawford, North St. from First St. to Railroad St. and Railroad St. from Main St. to North St.

Mayor moved item F (Special Event and Amp Permit) to New Business

Moved by Trustee Strba, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

VIII. Staff Committee Reports:

- A. **Police** – Chief reported that the Christmas Parade went well, Police and Public Works did a great job with the barricades and keeping children out of the street.
- B. **Public Works** – Bob agreed with Chief about the Christmas Parade. Leaf collection has ended. Conrad Street storm sewer relocation is still ongoing and Aqua still needs to do relocating. Staff have been putting up seasonal banners and doing winter maintenance on equipment. Public Works has a team building project for winter and will be building brush forks for the skid steer in addition to day to day operations.
- C. **Admin** – Nick reported that the Village has contracted with B&F to do code enforcement which includes feedback, follow up and working on compliance. There has been some progress on 528 Schroeder. Pavlov Media had an open house and it was very positive.

IX. Mayor’s Comments – The Mayor thanked the Christmas Committee, Police and Public Works for a great job on the Christmas in the Village Event.

X. Old Business: None

XI. New Business:

A. Approve Special Event Permit and Amplifier Permit, Peotone Car Club, Car Show and Street Dance, July 26, 2025, 6am-6pm/7pm-12am, Downtown Peotone, Road Closures Main St. from Railroad St. to First St., Second St. from Main St. to Crawford, North St. from First St. to Railroad St. and Railroad St. from Main St. to North St.

Moved by Trustee Strba, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba, Mayor March

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Sandberg

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

B. FY 2026 Budget Kickoff Presentation

Financial Consultant Annmarie Mampe gave an overview and presentation on the FY 2026 budget.

C. Approve Ordinance Abating Taxes Levied for Year 2024 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Bonds Series 2022

This is filed each year with the County

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

D. Approve Ordinance for the Levying and Assessing of the 2024 Taxes for the Village of Peotone

This is filed annually with the County

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Richards

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

E. Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the Village of Peotone and the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau

Representatives were at the last board meeting. This will give a small portion of hotel tax to them, which will be used to promote tourism in the community.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

F. Resolution Approving Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative (IMIC) 2024-2024 Renewal

This is a group of municipalities owned and managed by municipal partners.

Moved by Trustee Sandberg, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

G. Approve Ordinance Amending Section 71.25 (Stop Intersections) of Chapter 71 (Traffic Rules) of Title VII (Traffic Code) of the Code of Peotone Relative to Stop Signs at Second Street and North Street

Moved by Trustee Strba, Seconded by Trustee Richards

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

H. Discussion Regarding Elimination of the Village Vehicle Sticker Program

There was discussion about eliminating the vehicle sticker program with the exception of the Non Highway Vehicles (golf carts) and dog tags. Staff looked at revenue and the cost to run the program and are looking for formal direction from the Board to either eliminate the sticker program or continuing to implement it. The Administrator and Mayor explained with the reduction in Community Development staffing, non property tax revenues, revenues increasing, optimizing future growth and freeing up staff time spent that it would not be detrimental to eliminate them. Trustee Sluis expressed she is in favor of eliminating them. Trustee Sandberg stated he purchases multiple stickers and would want to make sure that the revenue is there to replace program revenue. Trustee Strba expressed concerns about wanting to make sure there is a revenue source to replace funds and about not implementing a food tax to replace funds, he said he would be ok with eliminating it if those items were addressed. Trustee Marevka stated she would be on board as long as the revenue is recouped elsewhere and stated that it could be helpful for

residents. Trustee Richards said she was not opposed to eliminating it. The Mayor concluded that it is an unpopular program and eliminating it will free up staff time and having to deal with unhappy residents and recommends bringing the ordinance back to the Board in January for approval.

I. Approve Payout 1 (Initial) to Iroquois Paving Corp in the Amount of \$68,911.38 for the Crawford St MFT/RBI Resurfacing Project

This was updated to reflect the final invoice/payment to Iroquois Paving in the amount of \$76,568.20

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

J. Approve Payout 3 (Partial) to Iroquois Paving Corp in the Amount of \$1,310,784.85 for the Streetscape Project

Still holding 10% retention per Engineer, currently on track with budget.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

XII. Close Regular Session

K. Close Regular Session to go into Executive Session for: Litigation, When an Action Against, Affecting or on Behalf of the Particular Public Body has been Filed and is Pending Before a Court or Administrative Tribunal, or when the Public Body Finds that an Action is Probable or Imminent, in which Case the Basis for the Finding Shall Be Recorded and Entered into the Minutes of the Closed Meeting. 5 ILCS 120/(c)(11)

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

L. Open Regular Session

Moved by Trustee Strba, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Motion passed

XIII. Questions of the Press: None

XIV. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions: The Administrator stated that the Village is continuing to work on 528 Schroeder and is working with the property owners attorney and mortgage company for a resolution.

XV. Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Strba

All said AYE

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hudson

Adjournment at 7:25pm

Stacey Hartwell Village Clerk