

**VILLAGE OF PEOTONE**  
**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD**

Minutes of February 12, 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 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: None**

**IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2024, Regular Village Board meeting.
- B. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable
- C. Resolution Approving Executive Session Minutes and Authorizing and Approving the Release of Certain Executive Session Minutes

Moved by Trustee Hudson, 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

**V. Staff Committee Reports: None but the Village Administrator told Angie (from Aqua) that a resident had asked if Aqua replacing the lead service lines would have anything to the source switch, Angie replied no.**

**VI. Mayor's Comments: None**

**VII. Old Business: None**

**VIII. New Business:**

**A. Variance Request to Allow a Front yard Fence and a Variance to Allow for a Steel Wire Fence at 6918 W. Corning Ave, Peotone, IL**

Edward Anderson, the attorney for the residents (Nick Martinick and Emily Volum) spoke and explained that prior to the purchase of the property in 2021 the residents were not aware that the property was within Village limits and were told by the realtor, the seller and the title company that it was not. The information they were provided was incorrect. The homeowner explained that due to the set up of the home on the property he felt the only option would be to have the fence in the front, they have dogs and there is no door at the rear of the home or way to access the rear yard. Trustee Richards asked if they could reverse the annexation through the County, the Administrator clarified that the Village had involuntarily annexed the property and there would have to be discussion as the Village owns the road and doesn't feel that would be a good idea. The petitioner said they have been denied police services when they called to report a trespasser and were told they are not within the Village limits and also the zoning map on the website is not current. There was discussion with the board and the petitioner about different

options of where the fence could go and approvable materials. There was no motion to approve and the Mayor suggested the petitioner work with staff at the Village for a way to move the fence to that is in compliance with the Village ordinance or requires a lesser variance. The homeowners and their attorney stated they have had some difficulty with communication from the Building and Zoning Coordinator and the Village Administrator stated they could contact her directly. They will work with the Village to keep within the code requirements and work towards finding a resolution and there may be no need to bring back to the Board.

**B. Resolution Approving a Proposal from Iroquois Paving Corporation for Phase 2 Streetscape Roadway Improvements on Main Street, Second Street and North Street**

Per the Village Attorney, Trustee Hudson will recuse himself in Item B & C as he owns property in the downtown district. The Village Engineer gave an overview of the submitted bids for the Phase 2 Streetscape Roadway Improvements and also Alternate 1 (Railroad Street paving) and Alternate 2 (cast iron grates). The low bidder was Iroquois Paving. Trustee Marevka stated at the last Downtown Ad Hoc meeting they had discussed and wanted to bring to the Village Board to vote for the lower bid and Alt 1, they did not want Alt 2. Alt 1 would be contingent on receiving a purchasing agreement before proceeding. Trustee Strba wanted to clarify that no department budgets were going to be reduced for the project, the Mayor responded no, that is all money that would be repaid and will not reduce any departments budget. There was a motion made to approve contingent on receiving the title/donation agreement and a resolution authorizing acceptance agreement of the property.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

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

Nays: Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Strba

Abstain: Trustee Hudson

Absent: None

Motion passed

**C. Resolution Authorizing an Execution of an Agreement for Services Between the Village of Peotone and Athena Advisory/Sarah Marion in the Amount of \$10,000 for Public Relations Campaign Relative to the Downtown Streetscape Project**

The Mayor changed this item to a discussion item and tabled any action for a future meeting. Trustee Marevka stated at the last Downtown Ad Hoc meeting they had discussed a community specialist and instead of paying an outside person could they work with the Peotone Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor had spoke with Sarah Marion about doing a Public Relations Campaign to provide services to help keep businesses informed during the streetscape project. She would provide a PR Campaign including press releases to the media and radio stations and newspapers, letters to the businesses, newsletters to residents, social media including Facebook and Instagram, event plans to help businesses, ribbon cutting, posters, townhall meetings and updates on the Village website. She would focus on the positive to help get the community excited. She would work with the Chamber, School District and Library to get everybody on board and on the same path.

**D. Approve Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property**

These are older vehicles that are no longer being used by the Police Department or Public Works Department. If possible, they will be auctioned or sold by sealed bid.

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

**IX. Questions of the Press:** None

**X. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions:** None

**XI. Adjournment:**

Motion by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

All said AYE

Nays: None

Absent: None

Adjournment at 6:34pm

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Stacey Hartwell      Village Clerk