

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of April 22, 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 Sandberg, and Trustee Strba. Also, present were the Mayor, the Village Administrator and the Village Attorney.

III. Public Comments:

Emma Azo, owner of The Styled Canine, spoke about safety concerns she has for her clients, both dogs and humans, during the Streetscape project. She said there are construction issues and debris and is requesting a safe route, the Mayor stated he and Henry will come talk to her. Mandy Avis, owner of Archy's, stated concerns she had expressed prior to construction starting regarding lighting and signage, the Mayor stated there will be signage and a banner coming this week. Ed Nelson inquired about temporary lighting, the Mayor stated there is an option of diesel powered generator lights but the concern would be leaving them on all the time, he will look into other options.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2024, Regular Village Board meeting.
- B. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable
- C. Approve Executive Session Minutes from April 8, 2024
- D. Accept Jim Petreikis's Resignation from Planning & Zoning Commission and Accept Appointment of Brian Orzel to Planning & Zoning Commission
- E. Accept Appointment of Brandon Owens to Replace Steve Stein on Christmas Commission and Approve Reappointment of Same Members of Christmas Commission
- F. Approve Liquor/Tobacco/Amp/Video Gaming Renewals: Vegas Café, Tony's Pizza, Hansen's Dugout, Suzy's Saloon, Berkot's, Firepit Bar & Grill, Will County Fair Association

Trustee Sandberg inquired about the invoice to Robinson Engineering and would like to discuss and get more information, the Mayor removed the Payroll/Accounts Payable and will discuss under New Business.

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Hudson

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Richards, Trustee Sluis

Motion passed

V. Staff Committee Reports: All Staff reports were in the board packets, there were no questions.

VI. Mayor's Comments: He gave a reminder that in the Treasurer report not all FY2024 revenue are reflected and there will be a final report in a couple months. The Village will be waiving business registration and liquor license fees for the downtown businesses to reduce the burden and help the businesses during the construction process. He appointed Bill Mercer as Chair of the Planning & Zoning Commission. The

building at North & Second Street was declared a nuisance under the Property Maintenance Code and the owner was sent a notice to remove, the Village is looking into a demo and lien, the Village Administrator is waiting on estimates and there will be a Special Village Board meeting in regards to this. He included meetings and contacts he had and special dates in his report including the Farmers Market, Public Works Committee Meeting and Memorial Day Ceremony at the Peotone Cemetery.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

A. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable

Trustee Sandberg inquired why the Village is paying the engineering fees for a private business and not asking for an escrow deposit. The Mayor stated this was in regards to his business and recused himself to let Trustee Hudson and the Village Administrator speak. The Administrator stated the expense incurred was when the applicants engineer submitted the plans and the Village engineer needed to review as there isn't staff to handle. She stated this is consistent with stormwater, parking and small projects and that they do not require reimbursement, she said that other businesses have had the same engineering services including Cleveland Steel, Black Diamond, Caleb Chemical, Chalkstone Partners and the School amongst a few others. Trustee Hudson and Administrator Ingalls confirmed that this is normal procedure. The Attorney asked if this is consistent with past Village Practice and Administrator Ingalls replied yes. Trustee Sandberg stated his concerns were that it doesn't match the wording of Village Ordinance and presented a print out to the board. The Attorney recommended going forward to either change the ordinance to exempt smaller projects or if it is consistent with past practice to clean up the ordinance such as amount of fees before taking an escrow, he also stated that it was not the Village of Peotone's code that was presented by Trustee Sandberg. The Attorney stated it was fine to vote on and it could be looked at moving forward.

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Hudson

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Richards, Trustee Sluis

Motion passed

B. Present Certificate to Jim Petreikis for Years of Service on Planning & Zoning Commission

This item was postponed to a future meeting as Mr. Petreikis was not present.

C. Presentation by Pavlov Media Regarding Potential Fiber Project in Peotone

Mark Shelden from Pavlov Media gave an overview. Pavlov Media is out of Champaign Illinois and they are a high speed fiber internet provider. They have been in business for 30 years and are expanding to Central Illinois and think Kankakee and Will County would be ideal locations. They have begun the design phase and are working with an engineering firm putting plans together to meet city codes. Safety is their number one concern and they plan to minimize inconvenience, there will be no street closures and minimal disruptions. All work will be done underground using directional boring and completed in under one year. They are currently working in Iroquois County and are in discussions with Bradley and Manteno as they feel locations off I-57 would be ideal. They want to be part of getting more federal funding to rural areas. They would need to work out a licensing agreement and engineering. They would like to do an open house for the community and there would be no cost to the Village other than staff would have to do locates for Village utilities.

D. Approve Ordinance Amending Certain Provisions of the Peotone Village Code Relative to the Hours of Operation for Class B Banquet Hall Licensees

A new banquet license was created a few years ago and the owner of Serendipity is requesting a change in hours with a later closing time. Currently the license has a closing time of 9pm Sun-Thur and 10pm Fri/Sat. The owner is requesting closing to be changed to 10pm Mon-Thur, 11pm Fri and Sun and 12am on Sat. There was no motion to approve.

E. Variance Application for Front Yard Fence at 6918 Corning Avenue

Trustee Hudson stated that the ordinance does not allow front yard fences and unless the ordinance is revised this would set precedence for the future. The Building & Zoning Coordinator has met with the petitioner to discuss available options and resolutions. Petitioners were not present at the meeting. There was a motion to deny.

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

F. Approve IDOT Resolutions for Crawford Resurfacing Project

This is to approve IDOT resolutions for the annual MFT project.

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

G. Approve Service Agreement Between Fortress Plus Solutions and Village of Peotone for Evidence Storage

Currently the police evidence is stored in a unit at the Village Hall location with no air conditioning, heat or climate control and needs to be more secure. This company deals with the State Police, DuPage and Cook County. They will pick up, secure and enter into a system the State Police uses, they also do lab runs. They are located in Burr Ridge and it would be an annual payment with a 30 day cancellation notice requirement.

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

H. Approve Agreement Between Village of Peotone and International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 700 (Peotone Police Department), 2024-2027

Motion to approve contingent upon ratification.

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

I. Approve Ordinance Annexing Property Located at 521 N. First Street, Peotone, Illinois

Black Diamond is in the process of being sold and it was found that part of the property was never annexed into the Village and rezoned accordingly.

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

J. Approve Ordinance Rezoning Certain Real Property from R-1 One Family Residence District to I-2 Existing Industrial District at 521 N. First Street, Peotone, Illinois

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

IX. Questions of the Press:

Andrea Arens, Editor of The Vedette, asked if it was possible to get an estimated amount of total engineering expenses the Village incurs for plan reviews if it is a common practice, Administrator replied yes.

X. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions:

The Mayor stated that he resents the fact that whenever he tries to make improvements as a local business man that it gets turned into accusations of him taking advantage of his position as Mayor. The Mayor presented a plaque to Bob Hennke, Public Works Manager that the Village has received for the 7th Year of Tree City USA.

XI. Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Hudson
All said AYE
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Richards, Trustee Sluis
Adjournment at 7:05pm