

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of August 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 Sluis and Trustee Strba. Also, present were the Mayor, the Village Administrator, the Village Attorney and the Village Engineer.

The Mayor introduced the new Village Administrator, Nick Palmer. Nick gave a brief overview of his work history and experience.

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2024, Special Village Board meeting
- B. Approve Executive Session Minutes from the July 24, 2024, Special Village Board meeting
- C. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable
- D. Special Event, Old Mill Fest, 427 W. Corning, September 15, 2024, 9:00am-5:00pm, Road Closure on Corning from Mill Street to Conrad Street
- E. Special Event, Game On Bar & Grill Tree Lighting, North St & Second St, November 30, 2024, 4:30pm-6:30pm, Road Closure on North Street from Second St to Railroad St

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sandberg

Motion passed

V. Staff Committee Reports:

- A. Aqua** – Angie stated that everything is still progressing and the source switch should be completed by the end of the year, Aqua is doing outbound calls to secure approximately 20 homes from different types of service lines for repeat sampling, the new building is almost complete.
- B. Engineer**- Troy reported that the streetscape is progressing, they are working on the concrete for the seat walls and planter curbs first to set the grade for the rest. The MFT Resurfacing Project on Crawford will possibly be starting Wednesday or Thursday, the Conrad Street Storm Sewer Project is on hold, Wood Street drainage options are being looked into with help from Public Works.
- C. Admin** – Nick stated he has been doing outreach including with Trustees and the Taxing Bodies.

VI. Mayor's Comments: None

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

A. Approve Payout 2 to Iroquois Paving Corp in the Amount of \$716,821.85 for Work Completed on Streetscape project

Moved by Trustee Richards, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sandberg

Motion passed

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Security Camera System at Public Works Facility

Trustee Richards will recuse herself from this discussion as she works for a sister company of one of the bidders. \$10,000 was budgeted total for cameras but it was recommended to start with Public Works as there is very little security at their location. Bob stated the cameras would cover 3 acres and would be recorded and also notify him directly if there were any intruders. He received three bids and all three were in the same price range. The lowest bid was \$11,102 and Bob is comfortable accepting it. Motion was made to accept bid from MDI Security.

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sandberg

Abstain: Trustee Richards

Motion passed

C. Discussion About Rathje Mill

The Mill had cross pieces that had broken free and onto the decking and ground. There is an immediate need to secure for public safety and to avoid any possible injuries. The Village is working on getting bids and the Historical Society was already in the process of obtaining a permit for the decking. The Village has received three quotes and is waiting on one more, the current bids are approximately \$10,000-\$20,000. The first thing would be to secure it and make it safe and then come up with a long-term plan. The Village Attorney stated given the public safety issues involved the Village Board can authorize Village Staff to move forward as needed and ratify at the next Village Board meeting. The consensus of the Board was to let the Mayor, Administrator and Manager of Public Works move forward. The Mayor stated that the Mill was originally given to the Village and then to the Park District and then returned back to the Village with the agreement that the Historical Society would maintain it, he feels that there should be meetings including public input and then come up with a plan including what to do with the Mill, looking into grants and set a goal. Any Village funds will have to come from the Capital Fund Balance.

IX. Questions of the Press: None

X. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions: The Mayor reminded residents to not park vehicles across the sidewalks and also to keep grass clippings off the street as they can clog storm drains.

XI. Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Strba

All said AYE

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sandberg

Adjournment at 6:33pm

Stacey Hartwell Village Clerk