

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD
Minutes of November 14, 2022

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

II. Roll call

Mayor March, conducted the roll call and following persons were present: Administrator, Aimee Ingalls, Village Attorney, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, and Trustee Strba.

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

Trustee Marevka moved, and Trustee Sluis, seconded the Consent Agenda consisting of:

- A. Approved the Minutes of the October 24, 2022, Regular Village Board meeting.
- B. Approved the Payroll period ending November 1, 2022, in the amount of \$69,220.04 This will all be coming out of the general fund.
- C. Accounts Payable pay period ending November 11, 2022, in the amount of \$77,246.18. Building Permit Escrow Fund in the amount of \$3,650.00.
- D. Motor Fuel Tax Fund in the amount of \$10,663.57.
- E. Business Development District in the amount of \$5,545.87 and total of \$97,105.87.

Approved by Trustee Marevka and seconded by Trustee Sluis

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Marevka, and Trustee Strba.

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Bowden and Trustee Jones

Motion passed.

V. Staff Committee Reports:

- A. ADMINISTRATOR:** Has a report for the Budget meeting and will send it out to everyone and will start in December. Only one meeting in December to look at the Budget and see what needs to be done next year. Will not have as many AOC meetings but will have most of our discussions on the regular Board Meetings nights.
- B. POLICE CHIEF - None**
- C. PUBLIC WORKS – None**
- D. ENGINEERING –** Troy reported on the Railroad Street. Today they took off the asphalt and stone and excavation will start on Wednesday. Next week will start with concrete. There are requirements for cold weather for pouring concrete. They might have to put extras in the mix. Troy stated you can do it in the cold but depends on how cold it gets.
- E. AQUA –** Angie stated wrapping up the Water Towers and will be done this week. Will not take long to fill it up. Angie will check on if they are going to do any restoration on the yard. Also, the meeting with Troy, Public Works, and Aimee Ingalls, regarding our 5-year plan. Planning on staying in touch with everyone with all the projects going on the next few years and do more meetings.

F. TREASURER: None

G. MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor March wanted to give an update on the Police Chief's search. We had 22 applicants and we narrowed it down to 7 people from viewing the resumes. On Friday, we will be doing an assessment. We will be having three Chiefs' doing the interviewing each of those 7 candidates throughout the day. Mayor March will be sitting in on that. Next Monday, I will be having a Board Meeting on hearing the reports on that assessment and will have the top 3 candidates on that report. We will then proceed how to interview the candidates with the Board.

Update on 206 N. Second Street

Last meeting, we directed our Administrator to start getting proposals for demolition. Aimee only got one proposal. On the next Agenda Meeting we will be approving that proposal. Mayor March talked with Trustee Marevka and want the Downtown Committee to meet within the next couple of weeks along with Troy our Village Engineer. We need to determine who will be our Landscape Architect and how that is going to coincide with Robinson.

Update on the Railroad Street Project:

They were out there today and got started although we did have a delay. They found some contaminated soil which means we must pay to have it taken to a land fill. The project is moving forward again and hopefully if the weather stays decent, we can move forward.

Christmas Tree Lightning: November 26, 2022, from 4pm until 5:30pm

This was a fun event last year and hope you can make it up there again.

Christmas in the Village Meeting Will have one final meeting before December 10, 2022 event.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business-

- A. Ordinance No. 22-26: This is an Ordinance of issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source) Series 2022 of the Village of Peotone, Will County, Illinois in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$3,100,000 for purpose of financing the costs of certain capital projects within the Village and paying for costs related thereto, and providing the levy on direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the said bonds.

This is continuing the process of getting us the position to issue these bonds. Tonight, the Ordinance we are going to pass has the parameters of the bond and is giving permission to our Bond Agent to go out and get the actual cost to us. Approving this just gives them the authority to go ahead and see what the costs are going to be. Once we know that information, we will make the final decision. Aimee and I, Municipal Advisors, Attorneys is a good team we put together. We explored just using our cash to do since the interest rates have gone up a little.

I still think it's a better decision to have the Village Board issue the bonds. What we may do is use our cash to pay the interest the first couple of years. We are depending on the tax increment to pay for this until this Travel Center is built. Initially we were going to roll those costs to the first years of the bonds. I think it would be cheaper for the Village in the long run if we pay the interests for the first couple of years directly from our cash. The money we will be able to recover from TIF funds in the future. It will keep our borrowing costs lower because we won't have to roll that interest.

Moved by Trustee Hudson and seconded by Trustee Sluis

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Strba
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Jones
Motion passed.

B. Motion to Purchase 2013 Ford Explorer for Police use from Taylor Ford in Manteno for \$16,767.24

This vehicle is a surplus from the Village of Manteno. Since it has been very difficult to get vehicles, this might help us get through the next years until supplies become normal again.

Moved by Trustee Marevka and seconded by Trustee Strba
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Strba and Trustee Hudson
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Bowden and Trustee Jones
Motion passed.

C. Motion to Accept Joseph Mort Resignation -Part time Patrolman in the Police Department

Joseph Mort wrote a letter stating he wishes to resign with the Village of Peotone Police Department effective November 30, 2022. My resignation is not in any way a critic of the Police Department or the Village. My full-time career at the Will County Sheriff's Office requires my full-time attention. I want to thank everyone at the department for spending many years educating me and helping me excel. Spending time at the law enforcement and department many years I will always treasure. Thank you, Sargent Joseph Mort.

Moved by Trustee Marevka Seconded by Trustee Strba
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba, Trustee Hudson
Nays:
Absent: Trustee Bowden and Trustee Jones
Motion passed.

D. Motion to hire a Landen Marevka Seasonal Part Time Position for Public Works starting November 15, 2022

We are going to ask Trustee Marevka to recuse herself since this is her son. Every year we try to hire someone with the snowplowing duties. This is who Public Works suggested and move to make a motion.

Moved by Trustee Sluis Seconded by Trustee Strba
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba, Trustee Hudson, and Mayor March
Nays:
Absent: Trustee Bowden and Trustee Jones
Motion passed

E. Motion to Approve Update on the Village Clerk Job Description

It was last updated in 1998. It was time to refresh, and the position has changed quite a bit. It used to be a collector position when we were still collecting money for water, sewer, and garbage. Quite a few changes to the job description were taken out of and most was for the Village collector's duties.

Moved by Trustee Hudson Seconded by Trustee Strba
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba, Trustee Hudson, and Trustee Marevka
Nays:
Absent: Trustee Bowden and Trustee Jones

Motion passed

F. Resolution to Appoint Stacey Hartwell to Village Clerk effective December 1, 2022

We have been without a Village Clerk for the last couple of months. We did advertise for this position, but we found someone right here to fill that position. Stacey has many years of experience and knows how the Village Hall works. We asked her to take on this position. The plan is to hire another part-time clerical person to take over some of her duties. Inputting of building permits and dealing with residents as they come in with questions.

Moved by Trustee Hudson Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Bowden and Trustee Jones

Motion passed

G. Motion to Approve Hansen's Dugout Business Registration Previously known as "Peotone Bowl"

There is a Business Registration Application in your packet. Mr. Hansen closed on the business but not the property yet. The property was supposed to close today but there is a delay with the survey. He asked about the approval of the liquor license which will be on the next meeting date. Mr. Hansen cannot apply to the State of Illinois before he gets his liquor license. He needs to have one Special Meeting having both with both items on the agenda.

Moved by Trustee Sluis Seconded by Trustee Marevka

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

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Bowden and Trustee Jones

Motion passed

H. Motion to Approve Payout No. 2 to Iroquois Paving Corporation Invoice No. 2204702-02 in the Amount of \$14,379.23 for work on Garfield, Mill and Penny Street.

Moved by Trustee Hudson Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Bowden and Trustee Jones

Motion passed

VIII. Questions of the Press– Has questions on the whole bond and will email to Mayor March.

IX. Adjournment

Motion Trustee Marevka and Seconded by Trustee Sluis

All said AYE

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, and Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Bowden and Trustee Jones

Adjournment at 6:28 pm

Aimee Ingalls Village Administrator