

# VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

## REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of August 22, 2022

### **I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peter March, President at 6:00 pm.**

### **II. Roll call**

Administrator Aimee Ingalls conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba, Trustee Bowden, and Trustee Hudson. Also present were Village Administrator, Aimee Ingalls, Police Chief, William Mort, Public Works, Bob Hennke, Village Attorney, Michael Mars, and Angie Serafini, representing Aqua Illinois.

### **III. Public Comments: None**

### **IV. Approval of Consent Agenda**

#### **Trustee Marevka moved the Consent Agenda consisting of:**

Approved the Minutes of the August 22, 2022, Regular Village Board meeting

Approved the Payroll and Accounts Payable in all categorized Funds as presented.

Mayor March discussed the amounts of the GF, BDD and TIF (1) giving the total of all (3).

Seconded by Trustee Sluis.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Hudson

Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Present: Trustee Marevka

Absent: Trustee Jones

Motion passed.

### **V. Committee Reports:**

**Administrator Report:** None

**Treasurer Report:** None

**Police Chief Report:** Chief Bill Mort stated that there is a timeframe purchasing two squad cars and would like to save a little money to get the order in by 2023.

**Public Works Report:** MFT street servicing is complete. Still waiting on striping and schools are requiring additional striping. He is waiting for more information from the school, and he would put a request in to make it safer. Also, gas line on the RR will start this week. Dates for leaf collection will start soon. For the next meeting, my staff and I have a few items at the downtown park, and we are moving on that. We will do the plantings later when the weather gets cooler.

There were questions regarding branches that had not been picked up. Bob stated that every time you see piles of branches left, we leave a sign on the door in how to correct them. We also make a list in our truck on those places we left door hangers. He also noted a reminder to remind our children who are using bicycles, scooters, or skateboards to look both ways before you cross the streets.

**Engineer Report:** None

**Aqua Report:** Angie stated that we are going to begin painting the tower this week. They are going to empty out the tower either tomorrow or on Wednesday. Our engineer department will be contacting FD and I also talked to them. The final completion of date of both towers is set for the end of October. It should take around 1 ½ to 2 weeks to complete. Angie will talk with Mayor March on all other updates.

## **VI. Mayor Comments: 8/22/2022**

Mayor March stated the correction under Aqua report that a resident reached out to him instead of Angie and call was taken care of by Angie. Motion was moved and approved.

We had Will County do a study to lower the speed zone by our crosswalk. Their study stated the speed was not high enough to consider lowering it and not enough pedestrian traffic. Mayor stated we will follow up next year.

Attended the meeting at Governors State University regarding the South Suburban Airport was discussed. Proponents of construction are now only for only cargo. Nothing new was said and doesn't look like it is going anywhere without Governor Pritzker and he has done nothing yet. He will continue to attend meetings to keep us informed.

Second Street Pocket Park proceeding, Werner Landscape did an excellent job on the pavers & pet areas. Fence was put in along with Public Works put the benches, garbage cans, and bike racks. Waiting on delivery of planters. We will wait until September and October to put trees and shrubs in. The downtown streetscape revitalization that started in 2021 and refresh everyone's memory. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) did a survey on our residents and revitalized out downtown infrastructure and business mix was our number one priority. Board members engaged a design from Upland Design to study our existing downtown. The Board gave approval for one way street plan with angle parking. After further review, the board gave the two-way traffic with angle parking while trying to reduce the width of traffic lanes to allow slightly wider sidewalks.

A Grant opportunity by the State of Illinois was announced in 2021 and the Board engaged and applied on our behalf. We did obtain the Grant and it's a huge win for the Village. There are many people I want to thank, Upland Design for putting together a very professional complete Grant application. I'd like to thank the Board in having the desire and forethought to proceed with the downtown streetscape plan. Also, would like to thank the public and business community for their support and input throughout the process. We had many letters attached to the Grant application to show that knowing the support, stake holders, and local state governing bodies. There were many letters from the school, park, businesses, library districts, Chamber of Commerce. Finally, I want to thank our Administrator, Aimee Ingalls, for her guidance and organization support with this project. Without her, the Grant would not have successful. This is a big project for the community along with the Travel Center the largest project in our history being built along I-57.

Finally, I wanted to recognize Judy Astell, she recently just sold her business downtown. She has been a big part of our downtown business community for many years. On behalf of the Board, we want to thank her for her years of service and wish her well with whatever her endeavors entail.

Administrator, Aimee Ingalls asked Mayor March the Ad Hoc downtown committee did a lot of detailed work for the engineering company. I would say a personal thank you to them.

## **VII. Old Business: None**

### **A. New Business:**

Special Event Permit for the Old Mill Festival: Closing of Conrad/Mill Street. This the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary for this event. Civil War reenactment and it's a little different then what we have had in the past. Mayor March asked if the structural engineering study was done on the deck. It has not been done yet and hopefully next year it will get done.

Trustee Marevka moved to approve and Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Jones

## **B. New Business:**

### **Presentation by Trajectory Energy Partners:**

John Carson contacted Mayor March and wanted to give him a presentation on a solar panel park just south of town. John Carson, Managing Partner from Trajectory Energy Partners. He gave everyone a packet explaining his presentation. There is an Open House being held at the Atrium at the fairgrounds on September 21, 2022. This project is going through all of Will County residences. The idea is in helping the entire community, residences, small businesses, government sector identities to save on their utility bills. (See packet for more information).

## **C. Ordinance 22-17 of approving a letter of engaging a residential municipal adviser development group in connection with I-57 Group Project.**

Trustee Bowden moved to approve Ordinance 22-17. Seconded by Trustee Hudson

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Jones

## **D. Ordinance 22-18 approving the Class F Liquor License for Mac's Convenience Stores LLC., DBA, Circle K No. 4700182 in the Village of Peotone, Illinois, Will County Illinois Store Address have known as 700 N. Oriole Drive.**

Motion by Trustee Bowden and seconded by Trustee Sluis

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Marevka, Trustee Strba, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Bowden,

Trustee Hudson.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Jones

## **E. Motion to Move to wave competitive bidding and authorize purchase of two Ford 2022 Police Receptors Utility Vehicles from McCandless Ford Meadville, PA each at \$38,710 each.**

2023 & 2022 are hard to find. Found a dealer in PA that had some available.

Motion Trustee Marevka and Seconded by Trustee Strba

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

Trustee Bowden

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Jones

Congratulations to everyone's hard work to get the Grant for the Village of Peotone.

GREAT JOB!!

## **VIII. Adjournment**

All said AYE

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

Trustee Bowden

Nays: None  
Absent: Trustee Jones  
Adjournment at 6:35 pm

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Aimee Ingalls      Village Administrator