

# VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

## REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of March 13, 2023

### **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 Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka and Trustee Strba. Trustee Sluis was absent. Also present were Village Administrator, Aimee Ingalls, Police Chief DeMik and Village Attorney.

### **III. Public Comments:**

Frank Zummo, a resident at 217 E. Wilson, spoke about an issue he is having with a neighbor and about code and safety concerns. He would like to petition for no parking on the North side of Wilson Street. The Mayor said he will talk to the Chief and Administrator and he will have the Chief update him on what is going on. The Chief also stated that he will talk to the resident one on one after the board meeting.

Julie Busich, owner of the building at 113 N. Second Street had a complaint about a comment that Trustee Jones made to a potential buyer at a previous board meeting and did not feel it was pertinent and that it was a conflict of interest as a representative of the Village. She would like to file something with the Village Board.

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

- A. Approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2023, Regular Village Board meeting.
- B. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable.

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Hudson

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sluis

Motion passed.

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

- A. **Public Works** – Branch pick up will be starting in April, reviewed the guidelines which are on the website.

### **VI. Mayor's Comments** – Went to Springfield to meet with legislatives and lobbyists, it was their committee week, will give more detailed report at next meeting on what we need to be concerned about. Still trying to fight the TIF bill and increase local government distribution funds from the state. Mayor and Admin went to the Will County Planning and Zoning Meeting, there was a solar farm on the docket, it passed and will be voted on by the County Board. They have been in discussion with the property owners regarding annexing the property into the Village. He stated he appreciates the civil comments in regards to chickens and while he is not in favor he wants to have an open mind. In order to satisfy the request, there would need to be an outlined and detailed ordinance and a way to enforce it. One third of the residents in the survey are against chickens. He will have a discussion item on the next agenda and the trustees can give their viewpoint.

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

**VIII. New Business:**

**A. APPROVE EMPLOYMENT OF TWO PART TIME OFFICERS, DAVID GARZA AND DONALD MCROBERTS**

Moved by Trustee Marevka, Seconded by Trustee Strba

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka and Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sluis

Motion passed

**B. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO TWO NEW PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS**

**C. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

a. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Called the Public Hearing to order

b. **REVIEW OF BUDGET DETAILS** – Mayor reviewed highlights of the budget

c. **BOARD COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION** - None

d. **PUBLIC COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION** - None

e. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING** – Mayor formally closed the Public Hearing

**D. ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 VILLAGE OF PEOTONE BUDGET (APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024)**

Moved by Trustee Bowden, Seconded by Trustee Hudson

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka and Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sluis

Motion passed

**E. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FROM KULACZ & SONS FOR HEATING & COOLING SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,268.00**

This has been in the budget for a few years. It has been repaired periodically but is very old. Replacing boilers and improving the air conditioning. The Village has worked with Kulacz & Sons before and they are a local business and will be able to complete the work by the end of the month to keep in this years fiscal year. Admin clarified that they will be removing the boilers.

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Strba

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Jones, Trustee Marevka and Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sluis

Motion passed

**F. MOTION TO APPROVE PARTIAL PAYMENT TO IROQUOIS PAVING, INVOICE #2 (PARTIAL) FOR RAILROAD STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,615.15**

Partial payment for Railroad Street parking lot.

Moved by Trustee Strba, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

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

**G. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO M&J UNDERGROUND FOR CAMERA & CLEANING AT MAIN/SECOND/RAILROAD/NORTH STREETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,944.39**

This was done at the request of the engineers to see the condition of the downtown area as they are doing the engineering drawings for the streetscape project. They wanted to make sure there were no big problems and locations for when they start digging.

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

**H. GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES AND TO CONSIDER SALARY SCHEDULES FOR ONE OR MORE CLASSES OF EMPLOYEES**

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

**I. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

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

**IX. Questions of the Press:** The Editor of the Vedette asked the Mayor to email her a statement regarding the airport bill that just came out of committee.

**X. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions:** Trustee Marevka stated that the Post Prom Cash Bash is looking for donations and to contact on Facebook. Trustee Jones wants to move to condemn the property Don Daly owns on the corner of Second and North. Admin gave an update that he was ticketed and paid his fine and pulled a demolition permit.

**XI. Adjournment:**

Motion by Trustee Strba, Seconded by Trustee Marevka  
All said AYE

Nays: None

Absent: None

Adjournment at 6:39 pm

*Stacey Hartwell*

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Village Clerk