

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2017

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT, STEVEN CROSS.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX HALL, 208 E. MAIN STREET, PEOTONE, ILLINOIS; THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT, STEVEN CROSS, PRESIDING. THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS ANSWERED ROLL CALL: MR. JONES, DR. MARCH, MR. BOWDEN, AND MR. HAMM. TRUSTEE HUPKE AND TRUSTEE HACK WERE ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE CLERK, ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, ENGINEER, MS. BORMET, MR. ROCK, MR. BILOTTA, AND SEVERAL BOY SCOUTS.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY MARCH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2017. REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. JONES, MARCH, BOWDEN, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

MOTION BY BOWDEN, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL AND TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN ALL CATEGORIZED FUNDS AS PRESENTED. BOWDEN, HAMM, JONES, AND, MARCH VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

PAYROLL & ACCTS. PAYABLE

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

PRESIDENT CROSS EXPRESSED THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR THE PASSING OF THE BEECHER POLICE CHIEF.

PUBLIC COMMENT

POLICE CHIEF REPORT - NONE

REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT - THE RATHJE ROAD LIFT STATION GENERATOR HAS BEEN INSTALLED FOR SOME TIME. WE ARE WAITING FOR NICOR TO INSTALL THE GAS SERVICE. THE HOLE PUNCHING ON RTE. 50 BEING DONE IS FOR THE UTILITY RELOCATION FOR THE PROJECT STARTING IN THE SPRING. THE SIDEWALKS ON THE WEST SIDE OF RTE. 50 WERE INSTALLED BY IDOT AS PART OF THE RTE. 50 RESURFACING PROJECT AND WILL BE REMOVED WHEN THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT IS DONE. THERE WILL BE AN 8 FT. SHOULDER ON THE WEST SIDE OF RTE. 50 FROM CORNING AVENUE TO THE SHOPPING CENTER. THE PROJECT SHOULD TAKE FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS.

SEVERAL BOY SCOUTS WERE PRESENT TO REQUEST A VILLAGE WIDE CANVASS ON 10/23/17 AND 10/30/17 TO SELL THE 26th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER TICKETS.

**BOY SCOUTS
VILLAGE WIDE CANVASS**

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 315 TO CANVASS THE VILLAGE TO SELL SPAGHETTI DINNER TICKETS ON 10/23/17 AND 10/30/17 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 7:45 P.M. MARCH, JONES, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MR. ROCK STATED THAT THE POLICE PENSION FUND WAS SEVERELY UNDERFUNDED. HE STATED THAT THEY HAD A 2% RETURN THIS YEAR RATHER THAN THE 7% RETURN PREDICTED WHEN THE PENSION FUND BEGAN. THE FUND CAN ONLY PUT 10% OF THE FUNDS INTO THE STOCK MARKET. HE REQUESTED THE VILLAGE CONTRIBUTE \$330,000.00 THIS NEXT YEAR. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE VILLAGE USE THE MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE SALE OF THE WATER/SEWER SYSTEMS TOWARD THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY.

**DAVID ROCK
POLICE PENSION REPORT**

PRESIDENT CROSS STATED TRUSTEE HACK'S CONCERN OF GETTING THE MONEY BACK THAT WE SPEND ON TRAINING POLICE OFFICERS AND THEN THEY LEAVE IN ONLY A YEAR. THE ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE ISSUE.

BRIAN KING HAS SUMMITTED A LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 14, 2017.

**BRIAN KING
RESIGNATION**

MOTION BY BOWDEN, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF BRIAN KING FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 14, 2017. BOWDEN, HAMM, JONES, AND, MARCH VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY JONES, TO CHANGE THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF JOHN RUCKMAN FROM PART TIME POLICE OFFICER TO FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 10, 2017. MARCH, JONES, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

**JOHN RUCKMAN
FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER**

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY BOWDEN, TO SET THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS FOR 4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 31, 2017. MARCH, BOWDEN, HAMM, AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE ESTIMATE FROM STRUBHAR ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT ON \$4,100.00 TO UPGRADE THE VILLAGE HALL AND MEETING ROOM LIGHT FIXTURES.

**VILLAGE HALL LIGHT
FIXTURE UPGRADE**

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO APPROVE THE STRUBHAR ELECTRIC ESTIMATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,100.00 AND AWARD THE PROJECT FOR THE VILLAGE HALL AND MEETING ROOM LIGHT FIXTURE UPGRADE. JONES, HAMM, BOWDEN, AND MARCH VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE QUOTES FROM KULACZ & SONS HEATING AND COOLING (FOR THE BOILER - \$11,800.00 AND THE AIR CONDITIONING - \$6,300.00) AND FROM JTR HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING (FOR THE BOILER - \$11,620.00 AND THE AIR CONDITIONING - 8,475.00)

**PUBLIC WORKS BLDG
BOILER & AIR**

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY BOWDEN, TO APPROVE THE QUOTE AND AWARD THE PROJECT TO KULACZ & SONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,800.00 FOR THE BOILER AND \$6,300.00 FOR THE AIR CONDITIONING FOR THE NEW PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING. MARCH, BOWDEN, HAMM, AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE QUOTES FOR THE ELECTRICAL WORK AT THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING FROM STRUBHAR ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000.00 (WHICH INCLUDES NEW CONDUIT) AND EXCEL ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,716.00 (USING EXISTING CONDUIT).

**PUBLIC WORKS BLDG
ELECTRICAL WORK**

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY MARCH, TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE ELECTRICAL WORK AT THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING. JONES, MARCH, BOWDEN, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HAMM, SECONDED BY JONES, TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE OF STRUBHAR ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000.00 AND AWARD THE PROJECT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING ELECTRICAL WORK. HAMM, JONES, MARCH, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE PLANTING OF 12 TREES IN THE PARKWAY ON CORNING AVENUE WAS DISCUSSED. SOME PROPERTY OWNERS DON'T WANT THE TREES. THE PROPERTY OWNERS SHOULD BE CONTACTED AND INFORM THE RESIDENTS OF THE BENEFITS OF THE TREES TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS. TRUSTEE MARCH COMPOSED A DRAFT LETTER TO SEND TO THE RESIDENTS. PUTTING TOGETHER THE APPLICATION TO BECOME A TREE CITY WAS DISCUSSED.

PARKWAY TREES

TRUSTEE HAMM SUGGESTED STARTING THE LEAF PICK-UP EARLIER. OCTOBER 23rd IS THE LAST BRANCH PICK-UP.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

MR. BILOTTA FROM AQUA ILLINOIS WAS PRESENT TO GIVE A PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE WATER/SEWER SYSTEMS SALE. THE APPRAISALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND SUBMITTED TO THE ICC. THE CLOSING IS ANTICIPATED BY THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2018. AN OPEN HOUSE WILL BE PLANNED FOR THE RESIDENTS AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

AQUA ILLINOIS

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY JONES, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:05 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY AND THE PERFORMANCE OF AN OCCUPANT OF A PUBLIC OFFICE. MARCH, JONES, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY MARCH, TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:23 P.M. JONES, MARCH, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATOR SPATHIS UPDATED THE BOARD REGARDING THE STUDY FOR THE GROCERY STORE MOVING FORWARD, THE MEETING WITH IDOT CONCERNING THE I-57 INTERCHANGE, AND AN UPCOMING MEETING WITH A HOTEL CHAIN FOR THE EAST SIDE OF I-57.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

MOTION BY BOWDEN, SECONDED BY HAMM, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 8:30 P.M. BOWDEN, HAMM, JONES, AND MARCH, VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna Werner
Village Clerk