VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2016

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

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 INTERIM VILLAGE PRESIDENT, STEVEN CROSS, PRESIDING. THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS ANSWERED ROLL CALL: MR. HUPKE, MR. JONES, DR. MARCH, MR. BOWDEN, AND MR. HACK. MR. HAMM WAS ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE CLERK, ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, ENGINEER, MR. BORGO, AND CHIEF MORT.

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2016, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. MARCH, JONES, HUPKE, BOWDEN, AND HACK VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

THE CLERK / COLLECTOR REPORT AND THE TREASURER REPORT WERE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.

CHIEF’S REPORT - NONE

ENGINEER REPORT - DUE TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RTE. 50 & CORNING AVE. TRAFFIC LIGHT PROJECT, WE WILL MISS THE JUNE 10, 2016, IDOT LETTING. WAITING FOR THE JULY 29, 2016, LETTING WILL MEAN A FALL CONSTRUCTION START FOR THE PROJECT.

TRUSTEE MARCH INQUIRED ABOUT THE NO SMOKING SIGNS DOWNTOWN, THE ATTORNEY LETTER TO THE PROPERTY OWNER OF THE RTE. 50 VACANT LOT, AND THE LETTER TO THE MEYERS GLEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT CROSS STATED THAT THE NO SMOKING SIGNS HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE BUSINESSES.

THE ATTORNEY STATED THAT FOUR LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT ATTEMPTING TO FIND REGISTERED AGENT FOR THE RTE. 50 LOT DEMANDING PAYMENT OF THE LIENS. IF WE HAVEN’T HEARD FROM THEM BY THE NEXT MEETING, THE ATTORNEY WILL REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH THE NEXT STEP.

THE ADMINISTRATOR STATED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MEYERS GLEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.

THE PEOTONE AMERICAN LEGION HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON MAY 30, 2016, THE PARADE BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. (WITH THE LINE UP AT THE AMERICAN LEGION AT 9:00 A.M.) AND USING THE SAME PARADE ROUTE AS THE PREVIOUS YEARS.

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE THE PEOTONE AMERICAN LEGION REQUEST FOR THE MAY 30, 2016, MEMORIAL DAY PARADE BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. AND USING THE SAME PARADE ROUTE AS PREVIOUS YEARS. MARCH, JONES, HUPKE, HACK, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.
THE VILLAGE WILL SPONSOR A KIDS FEST SPECIAL EVENT ON JUNE 25, 2016, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. WITH THE STREET CLOSURES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF MAIN STREET FROM SECOND STREET TO FIRST STREET AND SECOND STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO CRAWFORD STREET.

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY HACK, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE JUNE 25, 2016, KIDS FEST FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. WITH THE STREET CLOSURES OF MAIN STREET FROM SECOND STREET TO FIRST STREET AND SECOND STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO CRAWFORD STREET.

PRESIDENT CROSS STATED THAT CARTER BETTENHAUSEN WAS TRYING TO ORGANIZE A PARADE DURING FAIR WEEK. THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT HE HAD MET WITH MR. BETTENHAUSEN WITH REGARD CHANGING THE PARADE DATE TO THE KIDS FEST DATE.

MR. AND MRS. VELASCO HAVE SUBMITTED A FENCE VARIANCE APPLICATION FOR 1041 BONNIE LANE TO ALLOW A SIX FOOT PRIVACY FENCE.

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY HACK, TO PASS RESOLUTION 15-R12 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR A PRIVACY FENCE AT 1041 BONNIE LANE, LAURA AND RUBEN VELASCO. HUPKE, HACK, BOWDEN, MARCH, AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORTED ON THE OPTIONS AND COSTS OF EXTENDING THE WATER AND SEWER MAINS TO THE WEST SIDE OF I-57. THE FOUR OPTIONS FOR THE WATER MAIN EXTENSION RANGE FROM 1.58 MILLION TO 2.52 MILLION DOLLARS. THE SEWER EXTENSION OPTIONS RANGE FROM 1.7 MILLION TO 2 MILLION DOLLARS. THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE OPTIONS PRESENTED. PRESIDENT CROSS STATED THAT THIS WAS NOT A PROJECT THAT THE VILLAGE WAS GOING TO DO TOMORROW, BUT THE INFORMATION WAS NECESSARY FOR THE FUTURE.

MR. PEARSON HAD SUBMITTED A PETITION FOR A VARIANCE AT 523 HAUERT STREET TO ALLOW FOR AN EIGHT UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING. THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FORWARDED A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION WITH CONDITIONS. MR. BORGO WAS PRESENT REPRESENTING MR. PEARSON AS WELL AS HIMSELF. TRUSTEE HACK WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE STORM DRAINAGE WOULD GO TO HAUERT STREET.

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING/ZONING FINDINGS OF FACT AND TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 15-19 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR AN EIGHT UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING AT 523 HAUERT STREET, KENNETH PEARSON, WITH THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY THE PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION. MARCH, HUPKE, JONES, HACK, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

CHIEF MORT HAD PREPARED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BOARD TO INSTALL A STOP SIGN ON Rathje Road and Crown Street. TRUSTEE HUPKE REQUESTED THE ITEM BE TABLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE. THE BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE STOP SIGN ISSUE. THEY RECALLED THAT AT A PREVIOUS MEETING, IT WAS STATED THAT A STOP SIGN WAS NOT THE PREFERRED ANSWER TO SLOWING TRAFFIC. TRUSTEES INQUIRED IF WE HAD REACHED OUT TO THE AREA RESIDENTS FOR INPUT AND TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY WOULD BE LOSING 30 FOOT OF PARKING AT THE INTERSECTION. THE ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGN WAS DISCUSSED AGAIN. TRUSTEE MARCH SUGGESTED CONTACTING THE VILLAGE PLANNER FOR HIS THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS. CHIEF MORT STATED THAT THE POLICE WERE DOING AS MUCH SPEED ENFORCEMENT AS POSSIBLE. THE PROBLEM ARSES WHEN THE TICKETS GO TO COURT AND ARE THROWN OUT UNLESS THEY ARE FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MILES PER HOUR OVER THE SPEED LIMIT. WHEN ASKED, THE ENGINEER AGREED THAT STOP SIGNS ARE NOT GOOD FOR TRAFFIC CALMING AND OTHER OPTIONS COULD BE EXPLORED.
MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY BOWDEN, TO TABLE THE RATHJE ROAD STOP SIGN ISSUE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING. HUPKE, BOWDEN, HACK, MARCH, AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

CHIEF MORT HAD PREPARED THE AMENDMENT TO THE LIQUOR ORDINANCE AS DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD AT A PREVIOUS MEETING. THE AMENDMENT INCLUDES THE GAS STATIONS STOPPING ALCOHOL SALES AT MIDNIGHT AND THE SUNDAY ALCOHOL SALE HOURS FOR ALL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BEGIN AT 6:00 A.M., THE SAME AS THE OTHER DAYS.

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY JONES, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 15-20 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSING HOURS OF SALES AND DELETING PROVISIONS PROHIBITING SALES BY MOTOR FUEL VENDORS, VILLAGE OF PEOTONE, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. MARCH, JONES, HUPKE, HACK, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY HACK, TO APPROVE THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE 2016/2017 WORKING BUDGET. HUPKE, HACK, BOWDEN, MARCH, AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

TRUSTEE JONES INQUIRED ABOUT RECEIVING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORTS THE BOARD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED. THE NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WILL BE INFORMED OF THE REQUEST.

VEHICLE STICKER DEADLINE – MARCH 31

WATER/SEWER BILLS WILL BE MAILED THE END OF MARCH.

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO NOON.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY HACK, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 8:05 P.M. JONES, HACK, BOWDEN, MARCH, AND HUPKE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Donna Werner
Village Clerk