VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2013

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT, RICHARD DURAN.

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, RICHARD DURAN, PRESIDING. THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS ANSWERED ROLL CALL: MR. REICHERT, MR. HUPKE, MR. WICKER, MR. HACK, MR. CALLAHAN, AND MR. FORSYTHE. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE ADMINISTRATOR, ENGINEER, ATTORNEY, POLICE CHIEF, MS. BROOKE, MS. AUSTELL, MS. STEEVES, MS. WACKERLIN, AND MS. FACCHINA.

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2013, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. HUPKE, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, HACK, WICKER, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL AND TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN ALL CATEGORIZED FUNDS AS PRESENTED; HOLDING CHECK #28012 TO OUTSEN ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF $1949.50 FOR APPROVAL LATER ON THE AGENDA. WICKER, REICHERT, HUPKE, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, AND HACK VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT - MARGE BROOKE THANKED THE BOARD FOR THE CLEAN-UP AT THE PROPERTY ON THIRD STREET WHICH SHE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD’S ATTENTION AT THE LAST MEETING. SHE INQUIRED IF THE CODE OFFICER COULD GET OUT OF THE CAR TO CHECK ON THE STATUS OF OTHER PROPERTIES WHICH ARE VACANT. MR. GRAY INFORMED HER THAT THERE ARE LIMITS REGARDING THE CODE OFFICER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE POLICE HAVE A DIFFERENT SET OF REGULATIONS REGARDING GOING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

PRESIDENT DURAN SPOKE ABOUT THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND THE SERVICE AT THE CEMETERY. HE WAS REALLY PLEASED WITH THE VERY GOOD TURN OUT FOR THE INCLEMENT WEATHER WE HAD THAT DAY. EVERYONE MARCHED TO THE CEMETERY IN THE RAIN AND STOOD IN THE RAIN FOR THE CEREMONY TO HONOR THE SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WE HAVE LOST. THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND SAT IN THE RAIN AND STILL PLAYED FANTASTICALLY. HE SAID IT WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHY PEOTONE IS A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT - NONE

ENGINEER REPORT – NONE


MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO RATIFY APPROVAL FOR THE MAY 25, 2013, POPPY DAY EVENT. WICKER, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, HACK, REICHERT, AND HUPKE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MR. WEISS HAD APPLIED FOR A HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT FOR AN OFFICE AT 408 S. FOURTH STREET FOR AUTOMOTIVE-TECH REPAIRS. THE BOARD TABLED THE REQUEST UNTIL

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MORE INFORMATION COULD BE OBTAINED. A LETTER WAS SENT TO MR. WEISS REQUESTING THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. MR. WEISS HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE LETTER AND IS NOT PRESENT FOR THIS BOARD MEETING.

KIRSTEN STEEVES WAS PRESENT TO EXPLAIN THE PARK DISTRICT’S REQUEST FOR THE MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S MUSIC FESTIVAL ON JULY 19-21, 2013. THE PARK DISTRICT HAS REQUESTED AN AMPLIFIER PERMIT, THREE CLASS C-2 LIQUOR LICENSES, AND THE CLOSURE OF BLUE DEVIL DRIVE FROM THE SCHOOL TO WEST STREET. THE PARK DISTRICT HOPES TO GET THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED FOR VOLUNTEERS AND VENDORS. THERE WILL BE SECURITY FOR THE EVENT.

MS. AUSTELL INQUIRED IF COOLERS WERE GOING TO BE ALLOWED IN THE PARK. MS. STEEVES ANSWERED THAT COOLERS WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED.

MS BROOK INQUIRED WHY THE EVENT COULDN’T BE HELD AT THE ATRIUM. THE ANSWER FROM MS. STEEVES WAS THAT THE EVENT WAS INTENDED TO SHOWCASE THE PARK DISTRICT AND ALSO THERE WOULD BE A COST TO RENT THE ATRIUM.

MS. BROOKE INQUIRED IF ANYONE HAD EVER CHECKED INTO THE RESOLUTION REGARDING NO ALCOHOL AT THE PARK. MS. STEEVES ANSWERED THAT WAS THE REASON FOR REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD.

CHIEF STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SITE PLAN DETAILING WHERE EVERYTHING WOULD BE PLACED FOR THE EVENT. HE EXPLAINED SOME OF HIS SAFETY CONCERNS.

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO APPROVE THE PARK DISTRICT EVENT ON JULY 19-21, 2013, AND TO APPROVE THE AMPLIFIER PERMIT ON FRIDAY FROM 5:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT, ON SATURDAY FROM NOON TO MIDNIGHT, AND ON SUNDAY FROM NOON TO 10:00 P.M. HUPKE, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, HACK, WICKER, AND REICHER VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY REICHER, TO APPROVE THREE CLASS C-2 LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PARK DISTRICT FOR BEER AND WINE FOR THE MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S MUSIC FESTIVAL ON JULY 19-21, 2013, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL ALCOHOL SALES WILL CEASE ONE HOUR BEFORE CLOSING TIME, THE ALCOHOL WILL BE IN PLASTIC OR ALUMINUM CONTAINERS WITHIN THE FENCED IN AREA, A SITE PLAN WILL BE PROVIDED DEPICTING THE STAGE, THE POWER SUPPLY LOCATION, AND BEER GARDEN. SAFETY ISSUES WILL BE WORKED OUT WITH THE POLICE CHIEF, FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND LIQUOR COMMISSIONER. FORSYTHE, REICHER, HUPKE, WICKER, HACK, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

RITA FACCHINA ADDRESSED THE BOARD EXPLAINING WHAT CASA OF WILL COUNTY, INC. (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN) DOES. CASA VOLUNTEERS ADVOCATE FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN TO ENSURE THEY RECEIVE SERVICES APPROPRIATE TO THEIR NEEDS AND TO FIND PLACEMENT IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. MS. FACCHINA STATED THAT THE VOLUNTEERS HAVE THIRTY-THREE HOURS OF TRAINING. FUNDING IS OBTAINED THROUGH DONATIONS AND FUND RAISERS.

SUE WACKERLIN FROM THE PEOTONE AMERICAN LEGION ADOPT A SOLDIER PROGRAM INFORMED THE BOARD THAT 6 SOLDIERS WILL BE COMING HOME BETWEEN JUNE 10-20. SHE STATED THAT AS SOON AS SHE HAD A SOLID DATE SHE WOULD LET US KNOW. SHE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO CLOSE NORTH STREET FROM SECOND STREET TO RAILROAD STREET FOR THE CEREMONY.

PRESIDENT DURAN GAVE PERMISSION.

KATIE REGAN HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR THE COLON CANTER 5K SPECIAL EVENT ON
SEPTEMBER 21, 2013, FROM NOON UNTIL 10:00 P.M. ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT THE PEOTONE AMERICAN LEGION.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO APPROVE THE COLON CANTER 5K RUN SPECIAL EVENT STARTING AND FINISHING ON NORTH STREET ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2013, FROM NOON TO 10:00 P.M. WICKER, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, HACK, HUPE, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE VILLAGE HAS DESIGNATED STREET CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE, ALLEY, CURB, AND SIDEWALK PROJECTS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR AND NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THE PROJECTS COULD BE FUNDED BY A $600,000.00 DEBT CERTIFICATE. THE TERM OF THE DEBT CERTIFICATE WOULD BE SIX YEARS. SPEER FINANCIAL, THE VILLAGE FINANCIAL CONSULTANT, WOULD PREPARE THE BID DOCUMENTS AND CONDUCT THE BID PROCESS.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY HUPE, TO AUTHORIZE SPEER FINANCIAL TO PREPARE BIDS FOR A $600,000.00 DEBT CERTIFICATE FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF STREETS, ALLEYS, CURBS, SIDEWALKS, AND ANCILLARY STRUCTURES. WICKER, HUPE, REICHERT, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, AND HACK VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

AQUA ILLINOIS HAS FILED A PETITION WITH THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN AREAS OF KANKAKEE COUNTY AND WILL COUNTY. THE AREA WOULD COVER 75 SQUARE MILES FROM GRANT PARK AND MANTENO TO UNIVERSITY PARK. THE VILLAGE HAS FILED A VERIFIED PETITION TO INTERVENE ON THE AQUA ILLINOIS CERTIFICATE APPLICATION. THE RESOLUTION FORMALIZES THE VILLAGE POLICY AS OPPOSED TO THE AQUA ILLINOIS PETITION.

MOTION BY HUPE, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO PASS RESOLUTION 13-R6 – A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PETITION OF AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IN AREAS OF KANKAKEE AND WILL COUNTY. HUPE, WICKER, HACK, CALLAHAN, FORSYTHE, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.


MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO APPROVE THE FINAL PAYOUT TO OUTSEN ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF $1949.50. FORSYTHE, REICHERT, HUPE, WICKER, HACK, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

PERIODICALLY ORDINANCES ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD ARE SENT TO AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORP. WHO PREPARES THE SUPPLEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES. THE ORDINANCE ADOPTS SUPPLEMENT 2013 S-27 FOR INCLUSION IN THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY HUPE, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 13-05 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE, ILLINOIS. WICKER, HUPE, REICHERT, FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, AND HACK VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.
MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY HACK, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:58 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES AND TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS. FORSYTHE, HACK, WICKER, HUPKE, REICHERT, AND CALAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:29 P.M. REICHERT, FORSYTHE, CALAHAN, HACK, WICKER, AND HUPKE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PART TIME POLICE OFFICER, JOHN MUELLER. FORSYTHE, HUPKE, WICKER, HACK, CALAHAN, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO HIRE BRIAN PETERS AS A PART TIME POLICE OFFICER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AT THE RATE OF $16.49 PER HOUR. WICKER, HUPKE, REICHERT, FORSYTHE, CALAHAN, AND HACK VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY HACK, TO HIRE STACY HARTWELL AS THE FULL TIME BILLING CLERK/ASSISTANT TO THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT THE RATE OF $12.00 PER HOUR. FORSYTHE, HACK, WICKER, HUPKE, REICHERT, AND CALAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 8:33 P.M. HUPKE, FORSYTHE, CALAHAN, HACK, WICKER, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

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Donna Werner
Village Clerk

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