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. HACK, AND MR. FORSYTHE. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE CLERK, ENGINEER, ATTORNEY, MR. HENNKE, MS. BORMET, MS. HAMANN, MS. MURAWSKI, AND MS. GOVIC.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY MARCH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 2015, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. JONES, MARCH, HACK, FORSYTHE, AND HUPKE, AND 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, FORSYTHE, JONES, AND MARCH VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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

POLICE CHIEF REPORT - NOT PRESENT


ENGINEER REPORT – ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE WILMINGTON ROAD SIDEWALK/BIKE PATH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. GRANTS ARE ON HOLD.

THE PEOTONE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OLD MILL FALL FEST ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2015, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. WITH A PARTIAL STREET CLOSURE OF THE NORTH SIDE OF CORNING FROM MILL STREET TO CONRAD STREET.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT REQUESTED BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE OLD MILL FALL FEST ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2015, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. WITH THE PARTIAL STREET CLOSURE. FORSYTHE, HUPKE, JONES, MARCH, AND HACK VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY HACK, TO APPROVE THE NEW JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT POSITION. HUPKE, HACK, FORSYTHE, MARCH, AND JONES VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HACK, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE THE NEW JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION. HACK, JONES, MARCH, HUPKE, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

IDOT HAS REQUESTED A RESOLUTION BE PASSED BY THE VILLAGE TO FACILITATE ANY PERMITS NEEDED FOR CONSTRUCTION ALONG THE STATE HIGHWAY.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO PASS RESOLUTION 15-R06 – A RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HWY. FORSYTHE, HUPKE, JONES, MARCH, AND HACK VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD HAD DISCUSSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS CHANGING THEIR STANCE REGARDING THE ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. THE DECISION OF THE BOARD WAS TO OPPose THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY MARCH, TO PASS RESOLUTION 15-R07 – A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY. JONES, MARCH, HACK, FORSYTHE, AND HUPKE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD HAD DISCUSSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS REQUESTING THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO VACATE AND/OR RESCIND THE RECORD OF DECISION REGARDING THE ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY HACK, TO PASS RESOLUTION 15-R08 – A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PEOTONE, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, REQUESTING THAT THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION VACATE AND/OR RESCIND ITS ILLIANA CORRIDOR TIER TWO RECORD OF DECISION. FORSYTHE, HACK, MARCH, JONES, AND HUPKE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED AT A PREVIOUS MEETING THE VILLAGE ORDINANCE REGARDING PARKWAY TREES. THE ORDINANCE CONTAINED NO MINIMUM HEIGHT ABOVE THE SIDEWALKS OR THE STREETS. THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE A MINIMUM HEIGHT OF SEVEN FEET ABOVE THE SIDEWALK.

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY JONES, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 15-08 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IX, CHAPTER 98, SECTION 98.02 OF THE CODE OF PEOTONE: TRIMMING TREES. MARCH, JONES, HUPKE, FORSYTHE, AND HACK VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.
A PREVAILING WAGE ORDINANCE IS A STATE REQUIREMENT. THE CURRENT JUNE WAGE RATES FOR WILL COUNTY WHICH REFLECT THE STANDARDS RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WERE INCORPORATED IN THE ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE.

MOTION BY HACK, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 15-09 – AN ORDINANCE OF PREVAILING WAGE. HACK, HUPKE, JONES, MARCH, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THIS YEAR’S SIDEWALK PROGRAM. $50,000.00 HAS BEEN BUDGETED FOR THE PROGRAM. THE SIDEWALKS TARGETED FOR THE PROGRAM ARE ON PORTIONS OF N. SECOND STREET, E. CRAWFORD STREET, W. NORTH STREET, AND CONRAD AVENUE.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY HACK, TO APPROVE $50,000.00 FOR THE 2015 SIDEWALK PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE ROBINSON ENGINEERING TO PREPARE THE SPECIFICATIONS AND BIDDING PROCESS. FORSYTHE, HACK, MARCH, JONES, AND HUPKE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.


MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO AWARD THE 2015 TREE SERVICE BID TO THE LOWEST BIDDER, AAA TREE SERVICE WITH THE WEIGHTED BID AMOUNT OF $326.55. FORSYTHE, HUPKE, JONES, MARCH, AND HACK VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

FOUR LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR THE VACANT TRUSTEE SEAT HAD BEEN RECEIVED. PRESIDENT CROSS INTERVIEWED THE APPLICANTS. PRESIDENT CROSS CALLED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK BOWDEN AS VILLAGE TRUSTEE STATING HIS DECISION WAS BASED ON MR. BOWDEN’S BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY MARCH, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK BOWDEN AS VILLAGE TRUSTEE. JONES, MARCH, HACK, AND CROSS VOTING AYE; FORSYTHE AND HUPKE VOTING NO; MOTION CARRIED.

MR. BOWDEN WILL BE SWORN IN AT THE NEXT MEETING.

PRESIDENT CROSS RESTRUCTURED THE COMMITTEES WITH THE ADDITION OF THE NEW TRUSTEE. PRESIDENT CROSS CALLED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – ROY HUPKE (CHAIRPERSON), PETER MARCH, AND PATRICK BOWDEN; PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – KEVIN HACK (CHAIRPERSON), CHRIS FORSYTHE, AND MICHAEL JONES; POLICE / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – PETER MARCH (CHAIRPERSON), KEVIN HACK, AND ROY HUPKE; BUILDING COMMITTEE – MICHAEL JONES (CHAIRPERSON), CHRIS FORSYTHE, AND PATRICK BOWDEN; AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – PRESIDENT CROSS (CHAIRPERSON), MICHAEL JONES, AND PETER MARCH.

MOTION BY JONES, SECONDED BY HUPKE TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – ROY HUPKE (CHAIRPERSON), PETER MARCH, AND PATRICK BOWDEN; PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – KEVIN HACK (CHAIRPERSON), CHRIS FORSYTHE, AND MICHAEL JONES; POLICE / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – PETER MARCH (CHAIRPERSON), KEVIN HACK, AND ROY HUPKE; BUILDING COMMITTEE – MICHAEL JONES (CHAIRPERSON), CHRIS FORSYTHE, AND PATRICK BOWDEN; AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – PRESIDENT CROSS (CHAIRPERSON), MICHAEL JONES, AND PETER MARCH. JONES, HUPKE, MARCH, AND HACK VOTING AYE; FORSYTHE VOTING NO; MOTION CARRIED.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 30, 2015, AT 6:30 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEATING THE NEWLY APPOINTED TRUSTEE AND HIRING A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

TRUSTEE HUPKE EXPLAINED HIS REASON FOR VOTING NO. HE STATED THAT HE THOUGHT HIS CHOICE FOR TRUSTEE WOULD HAVE BROUGHT A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE TO THIS BOARD. HE THOUGHT HIS CHOICE WOULD HAVE MADE THIS BOARD A NON-BIAS BOARD WITHOUT SAYING WHO HIS CHOICE IS.

PRESIDENT CROSS RESPONDED THAT BY MAKING THAT COMMENT, TRUSTEE HUPKE WAS SAYING THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PERSON TO THE BOARD SOMEHOW MAKES THE BOARD A BIAS BOARD, WHICH HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IT DOES. HE STATED THAT IT WAS HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF THE BEST POSSIBLE PERSON HE FELT COULD TAKE THAT SEAT. HE DIDN'T FEEL THAT THIS APPOINTMENT MAKES THIS BOARD BIASED IN ANY WAY; HE FELT IT MAKES THIS BOARD A STRONGER BOARD. HE STATED THAT WHAT WE NEED TO DO FROM THIS MINUTE ON IS TO MOVE FORWARD AS A BOARD. WE ARE ELECTED TO DO ONE JOB; TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF THIS VILLAGE TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. WE'RE HERE TO MAKE PEOTONE A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYBODY. HE STATED THAT HE WILL DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN AND HE HOPED THAT EVERY TRUSTEE HAD THE SAME FEELING.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY HACK, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 7:37 P.M. FORSYTHE, HACK, MARCH, JONES, AND HUPKE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Donna Werner
Village Clerk