VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2018

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY THE 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 VILLAGE PRESIDENT, STEVEN CROSS, PRESIDING. THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS ANSWERED ROLL CALL: MS. MAREVKA, MR. JONES, DR. MARCH, MR. PARKER, MR. HAMM, MR. AND BOWDEN. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE CLERK, ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, ENGINEER, MR. HENNKE, MS. BORMET, AND MS. RIDDLE.

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2018, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. MAREVKA, JONES, MARCH, PARKER, BOWDEN, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

TRUSTEE MARCH ANNOUNCED THAT THE TREES FOR THE THIS YEAR'S TREE PROGRAM WILL BE GOING IN TOMORROW. HE STATED THAT HE WANTED TO PERSONALLY THANK MR. HENNKE AND MR. SPATHIS FOR THEIR WORK ON ACHIEVING THE TREE CITY DESIGNATION.

ENGINEER REPORT - THE ENGINEER REPORTED THAT THE COUNTY DEADLINE TO HAVE THE I-57 GUARDDRAIL REPAIRED IS JULY 31ST.
TRUSTEE MARCH INQUIRED WHO WAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TREES AND GRASS AT THE I-57 INTERCHANGE. PRESIDENT CROSS STATED THAT IT HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP AT AN IDOT MEETING. IDOT WILL BE CONTACTED AGAIN.
THE FORMER VERIZON STORE HAS BEEN CONTACTED FOR THE TALL GRASS/WEEDS.
COM ED HAS FINISHED RELOCATING THE POLES ON RTE. 50. COMCAST IS NOW RELOCATING THEIR UNDERGROUND LINES.
COM ED AND NICOR ARE CONTACTING THE PROPERTY OWNERS FOR UTILITY RELOCATION FOR THE RATHJE ROAD PROJECT.

MS. RIDDLE ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING A DISPUTE OVER HER LAST QUARTER WATER/SEWER BILL. THE WATER METER REGISTERED 234,000 GALLONS USED AND SHE STATED THAT HER NORMAL BILL HAS ALWAYS BEEN 6,000 GALLONS. SHE STATED THAT THERE WERE NO LEAKING TOILETS, NO LEAKING FAUCETS, AND SHE DOES NOT HAVE A WATER SOFTENER. WHEN ASKED IF SHE HAD WATER IN HER BASEMENT, SHE STATED MR. JONES, HER LANDLORD/PROPERTY MANAGER, STATED THE BASEMENT WATER WAS DUE TO MELTING SNOW AND RAIN COMING IN THROUGH THE WINDOW. SHE STATED THAT SHE WAS TOLD THAT THE PLUMBER FOUND NO LEAKS. SHE HAS NO DOCUMENTS FROM THE PLUMBER. PRESIDENT CROSS STATED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO WATER/SEWER MANAGER BEDNAROWICZ WHO STATED THAT HE HAD CHECKED THE WATER METER AND IT WAS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. THE BOARD DISCUSSED A POSSIBLE REDUCTION ON THE SEWER PORTION OF THE BILL. THE ATTORNEY ADVISED TRUSTEE JONES TO RECUSE HIMSELF FROM ANY VOTE REGARDING THE ISSUE.
MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY MARCH, TO DISCUSS WITH WATER/SEWER MANAGER BEDNAROWICZ A PROPER AMOUNT OF REDUCTION TO THE SEWER PORTION OF MS. RIDDLE’S WATER/SEWER BILL. MAREVKA, MARCH, PARKER, HAMM, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; TRUSTEE JONES RECUSED HIMSELF FROM THE VOTE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MAREVKA, SECONDED BY PARKER, TO HIRE ANDREW MEYER AS A FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER. MAREVKA, PARKER, HAMM, BOWDEN, JONES, AND MARCH VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE ENGINEER EXPLAINED THE STREETS INVOLVED IN THE 2018 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT.

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE THE 2018 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE VILLAGE. MARCH, JONES, MAREVKA, BOWDEN, HAMM, AND PARKER VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE ENGINEER EXPLAINED THE LOCATIONS OF THE SIDEWALKS TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED FOR THE 2018 SIDEWALK REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

MOTION BY BOWDEN, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO APPROVE THE 2018 SIDEWALK REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE VILLAGE. BOWDEN, MAREVKA, JONES, MARCH, PARKER, AND HAMM VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

STREETS/ALLEYS MANAGER HENNKE EXPLAINED THAT AAA TREE SERVICE, INC. HAS EXTENDED THE OFFER OF KEEPING THE SAME PRICE AS LAST YEAR FOR THE 2018 TREE PROGRAM. MR. HENNKE STATED THAT THERE WERE ABOUT 40 ASH TREES LEFT TO REMOVE.

MOTION BY HAMM, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO APPROVE THE 2018 TREE PROGRAM CONTRACT WITH AAA TREE SERVICE, INC. AT THE SAME PRICE AS LAST YEAR. HAMM, MAREVKA, JONES, MARCH, PARKER, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING FALLS ON MEMORIAL DAY.

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY JONES, TO RESCHEDULE THE MAY 28, 2018, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING TO MAY 29, 2018, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX HALL, 208 E. MAIN STREET, PEOTONE, ILLINOIS. MARCH, JONES, MAREVKA, BOWDEN, HAMM, AND PARKER VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MARCH, SECONDED BY BOWDEN, TO CANCEL THE MAY 28, 2018, REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING. MARCH, BOWDEN, HAMM, PARKER, JONES, AND MAREVKA VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THERE WILL BE NO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

COMMUNITY DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19TH AT 9:00 A.M.

AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR A NEW ENTRANCE SIGN FOR THE WESTGATE SUBDIVISION.

PRESIDENT CROSS AND ADMINISTRATOR SPATHIS MET WITH COUNTY LAND USE. THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING IS AT A STANDSTILL UNTIL A SPECIAL USE HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR THE ZONING OF THE PROPERTY.
TRUSTEE MARCH WOULD LIKE A SIDEWALK INSTALLED ON CORNING FROM RTE. 50 TO FOURTH STREET INCLUDED ON NEXT YEAR’S SIDEWALK PROJECT.

MR. HENNKE ANNOUNCED THAT AQUA ILLINOIS WILL WORK WITH HIM REGARDING ANY WATER OR SEWER MAIN MAINTENANCE INVOLVING EXCAVATING THE VILLAGE STREETS.

PRESIDENT CROSS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PROJECTED CLOSING DATE WITH AQUA ILLINOIS WILL BE THE END OF JUNE OR FIRST OF JULY. THE BILLING WILL THEN BE SENT TO THE RESIDENTS FROM AQUA. THE RATE INCREASE WOULD BE IN 2020. PRESIDENT CROSS STATED THAT THE RESIDENTS WERE NEVER PAYING ENOUGH TO BUILD UP FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE NEEDS. HE STATED THAT PUBLIC WORKS HAS DONE A FANTASTIC JOB OF KEEPING UP, BUT THINKS IT’S BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY. THERE WILL BE PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH AQUA FOR THE RESIDENTS TO ASK QUESTIONS BETWEEN NOW AND 2020.

MOTION BY HAMM, SECONDED BY MAREVKA, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 7:42 P.M. HAMM, MAREVKA, JONES, MARCH, PARKER, AND BOWDEN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna Werner
Village Clerk