VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2012

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. CALLAHAN, AND MR. FORSYTHE. MR. LIBERATORE WAS ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE ADMINISTRATOR, ENGINEER, ATTORNEY, POLICE CHIEF, DAVE AND DAN DRALE, MR. HARTT, AND MR. ROCK.

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2012, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. REICHERT, WICKER, CALLAHAN, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; HUPKE VOTING PRESENT; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL AND TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN ALL CATEGORIZED FUNDS AS PRESENTED. WICKER, REICHERT, HUPKE, FORSYTHE, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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

POLICE CHIEF REPORT - ITEMS LATER ON THE AGENDA

ENGINEER REPORT — IDOT HAS APPROVED THE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR THE RTE. 50 TRAFFIC SIGNAL. PHASE I ENGINEERING CAN BEGIN IN APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS.

DAVE AND DAN DRALE WERE PRESENT TO RECAP THEIR REQUEST FOR ANOTHER TWENTY YEAR SALES TAX REBATE. THEY APPRECIATED THE FANTASTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VILLAGE THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST AND HOPED IT WOULD CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE. THEY EXPLAINED THAT GM IS REQUESTING THE DEALERSHIPS TO LOOK ALIKE WHICH REQUIRES REMODELING. THE DRALE PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE A $100,000.00 BASE AND 90% OF THE SALES TAX ABOVE THE $100,000.00 WOULD BE REBATED TO THEM. PRESIDENT DURAN SUGGESTED A $127,000.00 BASE. HE INQUIRED IF THE DEALERSHIP WOULD BE OPEN TO CHANGING THE 90% REBATE TO A LESSER NUMBER. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT LOCKING INTO A 20 YEAR AGREEMENT WOULD CAUSE THE VILLAGE TO GO INTO THE HOLE WITH CONSIDERATION TO ALL THE OTHER STATE TAX REVENUE CUTBACKS IMPOSED UPON US. UPON INQUIRY FROM THE TRUSTEES MR. DRALE STATED THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY TRADESMEN APPLYING FOR THE REMODEL WORK, HE WOULD HIRE LOCAL TRADESMEN IF POSSIBLE. TRUSTEE WICKER STATED THAT WE WANT TO BE BUSINESS FRIENDLY AND DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY BUSINESS TURNED AWAY OR LOSE ANY BUSINESS IN THE TOWN.

MR. DRALE STATED THAT THEY WOULD BE GLAD TO SIT DOWN AND WORK SOMETHING OUT.
MR. ROCK PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH THE ANNUAL POLICE PENSION REPORT. HE SPOKE ABOUT THE TAX LEVY, TAX CAPS, AND THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY OF $1,934,103.00. THE ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTION FROM THE INCEPTION OF THE POLICE PENSION FUND WAS FOR A 7% INVESTMENT RETURN AND USING A 1971 LIFE TABLE. THE 7% INVESTMENT RETURN HAS NEVER BEEN REALIZED AND THE CURRENT RETURN WAS LESS THAN 3%. HIS REPORT STATED THAT FOR EACH ½ % DECREASE IN THE INVESTMENT RETURN UNDER 7% THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION NEEDS TO INCREASE BY $10,000.00 TO MEET THE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS. AN ADDITIONAL $100,000.00 WOULD NEED TO BE ADDED TO THE RECOMMENDED TAX LEVY REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY OVER 34 YEARS. HE STATED THAT THE PENSION FUND IS LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 10% IN EQUITY INVESTMENTS. THE CASH INVESTMENTS ARE IN A LOCAL BANK CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS. MR. ROCK STATED THAT, GIVEN THE APPROXIMATE VILLAGE EAV OF $94 MILLION, THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY WOULD EQUATE TO $685.00 PER CAPITA. THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO ANNUITANTS AND THE PAYROLL IS NOT MORE THAN THE PAYMENTS TO THE ANNUITANTS. THEREFORE, THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS WILL PRIMARILY BE AT CD MATURITIES AND LEVY COLLECTIONS.

PRESIDENT DURAN THANKED MR. ROCK FOR THE REPORT AND HIS WORK ON THE POLICE PENSION BOARD.

MR. HARTT HAS REQUESTED A STREET CLOSURE OF LOCUST LANE BETWEEN GARFIELD AND WESTGATE DRIVE FOR A BLOCK PARTY ON JULY 28, 2012, FROM 2:30 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. MR. HARTT WAS ADVISED THAT IF THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT WAS GRANTED, IT WOULD BE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE STREET C Helen BE COMPLETELY BLOCKED TO ALLOW THE EMERGENCY VEHICLES ACCESS AND NO ALCOHOL WOULD BE ALLOWED ON THE STREET.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AS REQUESTED BY MR. HARTT, OF 902 LOCUST LANE, FOR JULY 28, 2012, FROM 2:30 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. WITH THE STREET CLOSURE OF LOCUST LANE BETWEEN GARFIELD AND WESTGATE DRIVE, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE STREET CLOSURE MUST ALLOW EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS AND NO ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED ON THE STREET. FORSYTHE, WICKER, HUPKE, REICHERT, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MS. AUSTELL HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROACHED THE VILLAGE BOARD REGARDING A HANDICAP OR LOADING ZONE SPACE ON N. SECOND STREET. AFTER RESEARCH AND DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED THAT A LOADING ZONE WOULD BE THE BEST OPTION FOR THE LOCATION.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 12-13 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72 OF TITLE VII OF THE CODE OF PEOTONE REGARDING LOADING ZONES. WICKER, REICHERT, HUPKE, CALLAHAN, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL HAS REQUESTED THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE VILLAGE RECOGNIZING THEDANCE TEAM AS STATE GRAND CHAMPIONS. THE VILLAGE WILL ORDER THE SIGNS AND WILL BE REIMBURSED BY THE SCHOOL.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO GRANT PERMISSION TO PLACE THE SIGNS AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE VILLAGE RECOGNIZING THE PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM AS STATE GRAND CHAMPIONS. FORSYTHE, WICKER, HUPKE, REICHERT, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE VILLAGE ADVERTISED FOR BIDS FOR THE TREE TRIMMING / REMOVAL PROJECT. ONE BID WAS RECEIVED FROM AAA TREE SERVICE, INC.
MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO AWARD THE TREE TRIMMING / REMOVAL PROJECT TO AAA TREE SERVICE, INC. AT THE UNIT PRICE SPECIFIED ON THE BID FORM. REICHERT, WICKER, CALLAHAN, FORSYTHE, AND HUPKE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

OF THE PROPOSED ILLIANA ROUTES, THE B-3 / B-4 ROUTES WOULD BEST SERVE THE VILLAGE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. THE VILLAGE OPPOSES THE USE OF "QUICK TAKE" FOR LAND ACQUISITION.

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO PASS RESOLUTION 12-R10 – A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVES B-3 / B-4 AS THE PREFERRED ILLIANA ROUTE ALTERNATIVE AND OPPOSING THE USE OF "QUICK TAKE" FOR LAND ACQUISITION. REICHERT, WICKER, HUPKE, CALLAHAN, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

CHIEF MORT HAS REQUESTED TO HIRE TWO PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO HIRE MARK KOVAR AND JEFF CHUDWIN AS PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS EFFECTIVE JULY 23, 2012, AT THE PAY RATE OF $16.00 PER HOUR. WICKER, HUPKE, REICHERT, FORSYTHE, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

JULY 27, 2012 - CANCER RELAY AT THE PEOTONE JR. HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

JULY 28, 2012 - PEOTONE CAR CLUB CAR SHOW/Cruise in the Downtown Area

JULY 31, 2012 - ILLIANA PUBLIC HEARING AT THE PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 16, 2012 - OLD MILL FEST AT THE PEOTONE MILL

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 8:20 P.M. FORSYTHE, REICHERT, HUPKE, WICKER, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Donna Werner
Village Clerk