VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2011

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. RUSSELL, MR. FORSYTHE, AND MRS. ECKMAN. TRUSTEE WICHER AND TRUSTEE LIBERATORE WERE ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE ADMINISTRATOR, ENGINEER, ATTORNEY, MRS. BROOKE, AND MR. AND MRS. KASPAR.

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY ECKMAN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2011, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. REICHERT, ECKMAN, FORSYTHE, AND RUSSELL VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - MARGE BROOKE SPOKE ABOUT A RUMOR SHE HAD HEARD REGARDING A NEW VILLAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON THE WEST SIDE OF I-57. SHE WAS TOLD THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSION OF WHAT COULD GO THERE, A MUNICIPAL BUILDING WAS NOT PART OF THE DISCUSSION. SHE SPOKE ABOUT REPURPOSING BUILDINGS AND THOUGHT THAT THE CHARTER ONE BUILDING WOULD MAKE A NICE VILLAGE HALL.

CHIEF'S REPORT - NONE

A BUSINESS REGISTRATION FOR MICHAEL HICKS d/b/a WINGMEN ART STUDIO & GALLERY TO BE LOCATED AT 104 W. MAIN STREET HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY ECKMAN, TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL HICKS FOR WINGMEN ART STUDIO & GALLERY AT 104 W. MAIN STREET. REICHERT, ECKMAN, FORSYTHE, AND RUSSELL VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.


MOTION BY ECKMAN, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO APPROVE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ON JUNE 11, 2011, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., TO WAIVE THE VILLAGE GARAGE SALE FEE AND, TO EXEMPT THE COMMUNITY SALE FROM THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SALES ALLOWED PER YEAR. ECKMAN, FORSYTHE, RUSSELL, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RUSSELL, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO APPROVE THE TOBACCO LICENSE RENEWALS FOR BERKOTS SUPERFOODS, CASEY’S GENERAL STORE, MAC’S CIRCLE K #182, RC SERVICES, INC., SECOND STREET SALOON, SPEEDWAY LLC #7032, AND SUZY’S SALOON. RUSSELL, FORSYTHE, ECKMAN AND, PRESIDENT DURAN VOTING AYE; REICHERT ABSTAINING; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY RUSSELL, TO APPROVE THE COMMERCIAL AMPLIFIER PERMIT FOR DRALLE CHEVROLET AND BUICK AS SUBMITTED. FORSYTHE, RUSSELL, REICHERT, AND ECKMAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RUSSELL, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO APPROVE THE COMMERCIAL AMPLIFIER PERMIT FOR CHEF KLAUS PEOTONE BIER STUBE WITH THE HOURS OF 4:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AND 4:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. RUSSELL, REICHERT, ECKMAN, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.


MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY ECKMAN, TO PASS RESOLUTION 11-R1 – A RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE FOR THE ALLOWABLE FENCING AT 301 E. CORNING AVENUE. FORSYTHE, ECKMAN, RUSSELL, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MR. LENNIE HAS REQUESTED A FENCE VARIANCE FOR 325 E. NORTH STREET. THE PROPERTY IS NEARLY SURROUNDED BY A SIX FOOT PRIVACY FENCE. THEY WISH TO CONNECT TO THE EXISTING FENCES WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF A SIX FOOT FENCE ON THE WEST SIDE AND A FOUR FOOT FENCE ON THE SOUTH SIDE.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY ECKMAN, TO PASS RESOLUTION 11-R2 – A RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE FOR THE ALLOWABLE FENCING AT 325 E. NORTH STREET. FORSYTHE, ECKMAN, REICHERT, AND RUSSELL VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

THE 2011/2012 OPERATING BUDGET WAS RECAPPED BY ADMINISTRATOR GRAY. MOTION BY ECKMAN, SECONDED BY RUSSELL, TO APPROVE THE 2011/2012 OPERATING BUDGET. ECKMAN, RUSSELL, REICHERT, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

AN ORDINANCE IS NEEDED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CEMETERY
ASSOCIATION FOR A FENCE. TRUSTEE ECKMAN STATED THAT A WROUGHT IRON FENCE WITH BUSHES WOULD LOOK MUCH NICER THAN A PRIVACY FENCE. MRS. BROOK AGREED WITH TRUSTEE ECKMAN STATING THAT THE CEMETERY WAS THERE FIRST. SHE ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT THE VILLAGE PAYING FOR THE FENCE INSTALLATION. SHE WAS INFORMED THAT THE VILLAGE DREW ON THE DEVELOPER’S LETTER OF CREDIT, AND THE FENCE WOULD BE PAID FOR FROM THOSE FUNDS.

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY RUSSELL, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 11-01 — AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PEOTONE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION. REICHERT, RUSSELL, FORSYTHE, AND PRESIDENT DURAN VOTING AYE; ECKMAN VOTING NO; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RUSSELL, SECONDED BY REICHERT, TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THREE QUOTES TO BE OBTAINED FOR THE CEMETERY FENCE INSTALLATION. RUSSELL, REICHERT, ECKMAN, FORSYTHE AND, PRESIDENT DURAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

ATTORNEY BARTLEY INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD HAS AGREED TO REMOVE THE ABANDON HARRIS REBAR (BENNETT) BUILDING. THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUMMER.

TRUSTEE ECKMAN REMARKED THAT OTHER TOWNS HAVE SIGNS FOR NO TRAIN HORNS. SHE INQUIRED WHY THE VILLAGE COULDN’T STOP THE TRAIN HORNS THROUGH THE NIGHT HOURS. MR. GRAY EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS A VERY EXTENSIVE PROCESS, BUT HE WOULD PURSUE THE PROJECT IF THE BOARD WISHED.

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 P.M. TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, PERSONNEL, AND TO REVIEW THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES. REICHERT, FORSYTHE, RUSSELL, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY ECKMAN, TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:16 P.M. REICHERT, ECKMAN, FORSYTHE, AND RUSSELL VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY REICHERT, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2010; MAY 10, 2010; APRIL 13, 2009; NOVEMBER 24, 2008; AND APRIL 28, 2008. REICHERT, FORSYTHE, ECKMAN, AND RUSSELL VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ECKMAN, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE; TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 9:17 P.M. ECKMAN, FORSYTHE, RUSSELL, AND REICHERT VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

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Donna Werner
Village Clerk