VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 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. HUPKE, MR. WICKER, AND MR. FORSYTHE. MR. CALLAHAN ARRIVED AT 7:01 P.M. MR. REICHERT AND MR. LIBERATORE WERE ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE ADMINISTRATOR, ENGINEER, ATTORNEY, MS. PARKER, AND MR. BATTERMAN.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2012, REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. FORSYTHE, HUPKE, WICKER, AND PRESIDENT DURAN VOTING AYE; CALLAHAN VOTING PRESENT; MOTION CARRIED.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

POLICE CHIEF REPORT - NOT PRESENT

ENGINEER REPORT - ENGINEER VAN CALOMBARIS AND TROY GOLEM FROM ROBINSON ENGINEERING WERE INTRODUCED.

THE GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER CHICAGO HAVE REQUESTED A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2012, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M. THE EVENT WILL BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO SHOP IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THE EVENT INCLUDES GIRL SCOUT CHRISTMAS CAROLING, HOT CHOCOLATE AND GIRL SCOUT COOKIES, A VISIT FROM AND PICTURES WITH SANTA, AND DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE. THE REQUEST INCLUDES CLOSING NORTH STREET FROM SECOND STREET TO RAILROAD STREET.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AS REQUESTED BY THE GIRL SCOUTS FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2012, AND TO APPROVE THE STREET CLOSURE OF NORTH STREET FROM SECOND STREET TO RAILROAD STREET. WICKER, HUPKE, FORSYTHE, AND CALLAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

ATTORNEY TONGREN HAS SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO ACT AS THE VEHICLE IMPOUND HEARING OFFICER. THE PROPOSAL IS FOR THE AMOUNT OF $300.00 PER MONTH FOR 5-15 CASES PER MONTH. SHOULD THE IMPOUND HEARING CASES PROVE TO BE A GREATER NUMBER THAN ANTICIPATED, THE FEE WOULD HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED.

MOTION BY CALLAHAN, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR VEHICLE IMPOUND HEARING OFFICER AS SUBMITTED BY ATTORNEY TONGREN IN THE AMOUNT OF $300.00 PER MONTH. CALLAHAN, WICKER, HUPKE, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION
CARRIED.

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE PLANNING/ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE SHED SETBACK REQUIREMENTS OF R-1 TEN FEET, R-2 EIGHT FEET, AND R-3 SIX FEET.

TRUSTEE HUPKE STATED THAT HE HAD SURVEYED TEN OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES REGARDING SHED SETBACKS AND FOUND THAT NINE REQUIRE A FIVE FOOT SETBACK AND ONE REQUIRED A SEVEN FOOT SETBACK. HE EXPLAINED THAT MANY OF THE LOTS IN R-1, R-2, AND R-3 ARE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE AND REQUIRING A FIVE FOOT SETBACK WOULD BE MORE UNIFORM. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD RATHER THE VILLAGE BOARD DO OUR OWN FINDINGS OF FACT THAN TO SEND THE ISSUE BACK TO PLANNING/ZONING.

PRESIDENT DURAN EXPLAINED THAT THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO ANSWER A LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR A FINDINGS OF FACT AND A TWO-THIRDS VOTE WOULD BE NEEDED BY THE BOARD.

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY CALLAHAN, FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD TO MAKE OUR OWN FINDINGS OF FACT RELATIVE TO THE FIVE FOOT SIDE LOT LINE SETBACK FOR SHEDS. HUPKE, CALLAHAN, FORSYTHE, AND WICKER VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

FINDINGS OF FACT:
1. TO WHAT DEGREE DOES THE PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT BENEFIT THE VILLAGE AS A WHOLE, AND NOT BENEFIT A SPECIFIC PROPERTY?
   The proposed rules will run to all residential districts and not to a specific property.

2. HOW IS THE PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE?
   The text establishes design standards.

3. WILL THE PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT CREATE ANY NON-CONFORMING USES, IF SO, WHAT KIND?
   No. As the proposed change is less restrictive than current requirements, no additional non-conforming uses will be created.

4. HOW IS THE PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?
   The village comprehensive plan establishes guidelines for residential development, this is in conformity with the village comprehensive plan.

5. HOW IS THE TEXT AMENDMENT CONSISTENT WITH VILLAGE POLICY AS ESTABLISHED IN PREVIOUS RULINGS ON PETITIONS IN THE PROPOSED ZONING CLASSIFICATION?
   The text amendment is generally consistent with past variations granted.

6. HOW IS THE TEXT AMENDMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST?
   The text amendment creates uniformity and consistency for residential development.

MOTION BY HUPKE, SECONDED BY WICKER, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 12-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 157.015 OF CHAPTER 157 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF PEOTONE (THE PEOTONE ZONING ORDINANCE) TO ESTABLISH THE SETBACK IN R-1, R-2, AND R-3 AS FIVE FEET FROM EITHER RESIDENTIAL SIDE LINE. HUPKE, WICKER, CALLAHAN, AND FORSYTHE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT DURAN AND MR. GRAY INFORMED THE BOARD THAT SENATOR HUTCHINSON
HAS ADVISED THE IRON RING COMMUNITIES (PEOTONE, CRETE, MONEE, AND BEECHER) THAT SHE INTENDS TO PURSUE LEGISLATION REGARDING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD AND THE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN AN UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION. SHE HAS FORWARDED DRAFTS OF THE SENATE BILLS FOR COMMENTS. THE IRON RING ADMINISTRATORS HAVE REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE SENATE BILLS WITH THE PRESIDENTS. A RESOLUTION HAS BEEN PREPARED TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL CONTROL OF AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THIS RESOLUTION DOES NOT ALTER THE VILLAGE POSITION RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION ON AN AIRPORT.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE CONCERN THAT, WHILE THEY AGREE LOCAL CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS IMPORTANT, THE RESOLUTION STATES A NEUTRAL STANCE ON THE NEED FOR THE AIRPORT AND DID NOT DEFINE THE VILLAGE POSITION AGAINST THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRPORT. ADDING LANGUAGE STATING THE VILLAGE'S OPPOSITION TO THE AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION WAS SUGGESTED. MR. BATTERMAN WAS PRESENT TO STATE WILL TOWNSHIP'S SUPPORT OF A RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY. PRESIDENT DURAN CALLED FOR A MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED.

MOTION BY WICKER, TO PASS A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE NECESSITY FOR A LOCALLY-CONTROLLED AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR THE SOUTH SUBURBAN AIRPORT.

THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

THE PRESIDENT PUT FORWARD THREE OPTIONS: 1) TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION AND ATTACH THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION, 2) CHANGE THE LANGUAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO THE AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION, OR 3) TO ATTACH A LETTER OF CLARIFICATION WITH THE RESOLUTION.

CONTACTING THE OTHER VILLAGES TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE OF THE RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED. BEECHER PASSED THE RESOLUTION AT THEIR LAST BOARD MEETING. THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE STRENGTH OF ALL THE VILLAGES TOGETHER AS OPPOSED TO STANDING ALONE.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY CALLAHAN, TO CONTACT BEECHER, CRETE, AND MONEE TO ASK IF THEY WOULD SUPPORT THE ADDITION OF LANGUAGE IN THE RESOLUTION AND IN THE LETTER TO SENATOR HUTCHINSON TO STATE OUR OPPOSITION TO THE AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION. FORSYTHE, CALLAHAN, WICKER, AND HUPKE VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT DURAN SUGGESTED WE PASS THIS RESOLUTION CONTINGENT UPON THE OTHER COMMUNITIES AGREEING TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE OF OPPOSITION TO THE AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION IN THE RESOLUTION AND THE LETTER TO THE SENATOR.

MOTION BY WICKER, SECONDED BY FORSYTHE, TO PASS RESOLUTION 12-R19 — A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE NECESSITY FOR A LOCALLY CONTROLLED AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR THE SOUTH SUBURBAN AIRPORT CONTINGENT UPON CRETE, BEECHER, AND MONEE AGREEING TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE OPPOSING THE AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION IN THE RESOLUTION AND IN THE LETTER TO SENATOR HUTCHINSON. WICKER, FORSYTHE, AND HUPKE VOTING AYE; CALLAHAN VOTING NO; MOTION CARRIED.

THE FIRST STREET WATER MAIN PROJECT WILL BE READY FOR TESTING NEXT WEEK. THE SIDEWALK PROJECT SHOULD BE FINISHED NEXT WEEK.
THE CONCRETE PAD FOR THE CONRAD STREET GENERATOR PROJECT HAS BEEN POURED. WE WILL RECEIVE SOME TREE GRANT FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT TREES IN THE SPRING. TOMORROW IS WATER SHUT OFF. AN AFTER HOURS PAYMENT SLOT IS LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE HALL DOOR.

TRUSTEE WICKER ANNOUNCED THAT THE PEOTONE AMERICAN LEGION HAS A LIST OF 100 UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. THE CHILDREN ARE GIVEN MONEY AND BUSSED TO WAL-MART TO SHOP. THE FAMILIES ARE GIVEN CHRISTMAS DINNER GROCERIES. ANY DONATIONS OF MONEY OR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS BY DECEMBER 15th WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

MOTION BY FORSYTHE, SECONDED BY HUPKE, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEOTONE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 8:12 P.M. FORSYTHE, HUPKE, WICKER, AND CALAHAN VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna Werner
Village Clerk