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VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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**Meeting Agenda- June 3, 2015**

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Retirement notice from Thomas Santen Sr.

Police Chief Report

Executive Session regarding Pending Litigation

Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Report of Street Superintendent

Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Bills

Adjournment

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015  
4001 COOKSON ROAD  
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

President Bregen called the Meeting to order followed by the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Clerk Ramirez recorded the attendance. The following were in attendance:

Trustees: David Suarez, Hernandez, Munoz, Michael Suarez, Fiudo and Arriola. Also in attendance were Treasurer Abe Aleman, Fire Chief Robert Allen and Street Superintendent Roger Juenger.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of May 20, 2015, was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Arriola. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.  
(Motion Passed)

At this time President Bregen expressed his appreciation to attending firefighters and other representatives of the Fire Departments and Ambulance Services and others who assisted the Fairmont City Fire Department on May 3, 2015. The president then turned the meeting over to Fire Chief Robert Allen.

Chief Allen identified the incident May 3, 2015, 1:52pm; the Fairmont City Fire Department was called to a fully engage fire at Tek Recycling. Mutual Aid was necessary and after 8 grueling hours the fire was under control. There were 10 fire departments, 75 firefighters and others engaged in the battle.

Chief Allen proceeded to identify and present plaques of appreciation to: State Park Fire Department, Caseyville Fire Department, Madison Fire Department, Long Lake Fire Department, Mitchell Fire Department, Church Road Fire Department, Midway Fire Department, French Village Fire Department, and the Washington Park Fire Department. Plaques were also presented to the Hollywood Heights Fire Department and the Alorton Fire Department who were on standby allowing other departments to assist.

Chief Allen presented a plaque to the Police Department for their excellent job in traffic control along with administration of the entire scene.

Chief Allen presented a plaque to Roger Juenger and the Fairmont City Street Department for their use of the backhoe and driver and other measures of support. The working crew was on hand.

The fire chief expressed his pride in how the separate village departments are able to act as one during crisis.

Chief Allen presented a plaque to Abbot Ambulance who provided 2 rigs, transported one firefighter to the hospital, treated a fire fighter and monitored all those engaged and their vitals.

The Fire Chief presented a plaque to the American Red Cross and its volunteers who provided canteen throughout the event.

Chief Allen presented a plaque to B. Garcia Trucking Company who provided and operated a much need front loader.

Lastly the chief presented a plaque to retired Fire Chief Robert Belba who remained on the scene for moral support and service.

Chief Allen expressed his gratitude once again and President Bregen returned to the regular order of business.

#### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer commended Officer Noe Marquez for his outstanding work on "Carlos Martinez Day", May 28, 2015. Treasurer Aleman said he had been approached by Chief Penny regarding a possible cash award for Mr. Marquez. The treasurer agreed and asked the board for a motion to give Noe Marquez a \$1,500.00 cash bonus.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Michael Suarez to approve a cash bonus in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Noe Marquez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.  
(Motion Passed)

The treasurer had financial matters to address in Closed Session.

#### Clerk's Report

Clerk Ramirez presented a notice of retirement from Thomas Santen Sr. Mr. Santen stated he has filed for retirement as of July 1, 2015.

The motion was made by Fiudo and seconded by Arriola to accept the letter presented as resignation of Thomas Santen Sr. as of June 30, 2015. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.  
(Motion Passed)

#### Report of Police Chief - No Report

### Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

### Report of Fire Chief

Fire Chief Allen reported to the board that 2 of his firefighters will be leaving due to residence changes. Matt Hunter is moving to Fairview Heights. Joe Muyleart has been living in Granite City and is not sure if he will be able to move back into Fairmont. The chief stated he has put Mr. Muyleart on a temporary leave of absence.

Chief Allen reported 2 expensive rear lights are out on the ladder truck. He wanted to let the board know he is grateful that the Fire Association agreed to purchase the lights. Scott Rose will be installing them next week.

### Report of Street Superintendent

Street Superintendent Roger Juenger wanted to thank the board for the opportunity to be of service. He is looking forward to making some changes that he hopes will improve the community.

The superintendent addressed the board regarding summer help. The treasurer suggested no more than 4 at 32 hours per week. President Bregen suggests Mr. Juenger do the interviews and Michael Suarez volunteered to help find recruits.

### Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Hernandez – No Report

Economic/Finance, Development, Planning, and Tourism – Chair – Fiudo – No Report

Streets, Sewers, Grounds, Building & Parks – Chair – Michael Suarez

Michael Suarez wanted to thank the street department for all the help with Carlos Martinez Day. He also wanted to thank the P.A.L. and Fire Association who donated baseball gloves for the event.

Mr. Suarez also reported Scott Gallagher with the area's Select Soccer Association will be volunteering to hold a soccer clinic June 29, 30 and July 1, 2015 at Granby Park. The clinic will host children age 7 through high school. The sign up will be similar to the Carlos Martinez Day at the library. Mr. Suarez will be pricing some portable soccer nets to accommodate the event and will ask for board approval at the next meeting. Trustees Michael Suarez and Raul Munoz will be organizing the event.

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Munoz – No Report

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Arriola – No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez

Mr. Suarez reported Joe "Pepe" Manso will be available on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 for a retirement party. The board agreed to the date.

### President's Report

President Bregen wanted Fire Chief Allen to know how deeply he appreciates the work he does and his ability to bring all the departments together.

The presented reported Mr. Carlos Martinez would be hosting a Celebrity Bowl next Thursday, June 11, 2014. The event will be the kick off for the "Carlos Martinez Foundation". A third of the profits goes back into the foundation itself, a third will be going back to his home town in the Dominican and a third will be disbursed to area charity. At this time there is a church in St. Louis and the Village of Fairmont City as candidates to receive donations.

The president would like to follow up with the Cardinal Care Foundation for possible funding for the Granby Project.

President Bregen wanted to thank Mr. Marquez for all his work. Michael Suarez reported he, Noe Marquez, Scott Penny Jr., and Derek Parker will be attending the Celebrity Bowl next week. Raul Munoz informed the board that Brian Munoz was invited to take pictures at the event. Mr. Martinez was impressed by his work on Carlos Martinez Day here in Fairmont City.

President Bregen and Administrator Penny have approached various business owners who have made monetary pledges to finish the Granby Project if necessary. The president and the board of trustees agree the project needs to be finished.

The situation with the State of Illinois continues to escalate with Governor Rauner's plan to cut state spending by 50%. The president reported the county is facing possible layoffs for the first time in 20 years. Litigation has been started regarding monies already spent on grant projects throughout the state.

Despite the circumstances, President Bregen is confident in the future. A meeting is set for the new Public Works director, Roger Juenger, to meet with village engineers to evaluate streets, sidewalks, parks, sewers, drainage and the likes. He is hopeful that by fall there is a plan in place to share with residents via, social media, website and a newsletter.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is back in town taking samples of dirt from various properties by permission of owners and is not associated with the city.

A finance meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 6pm in the conference room of the annex building.

#### Public Comment

Two area residents were in attendance that wanted to complement the village regarding Carlos Martinez Day.

A resident of Delmar Avenue noted he had been warned regarding clean up of his property. He wanted to know if anything has been done to clean up the property next to him. Mr. Juenger agreed to meet with the resident the next day to see the property and research the ownership.

#### Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills are accepted as presented and authorized for payment was made by Munoz and seconded by Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.  
(Motion Passed)

#### Executive Session

At this time the motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Fiudo to enter into executive session regarding personnel and possible litigation. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.  
(Motion Passed) 7:47pm.

#### Return to Regular Order of Business from Executive Session

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Hernandez to return to the regular order of business from Executive Session. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.  
(Motion Passed) 8:02pm.

#### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Munoz and seconded by David Suarez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.  
(Motion Passed)

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Richard D. Ramirez  
Village Clerk  
June 3, 2015