

**Meeting Agenda- September 16, 2015**

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Request for Executive Closed Session to Review Closed Executive Session  
Minutes.

Police Chief Report

Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Report of Street Superintendent

Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Closed Executive Session

Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes

Bills

Adjournment

Richard D. Ramirez, Clerk

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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, and Fiudo.  
Trustee Arriola was absent. Also in attendance were Treasurer Abe Aleman, Police Chief and Administrator, Scott Penny, Fire Chief Robert Allen and Public Works Director Roger Juenger.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of September 2, 2015 with a typing correction to the last line on page 1, was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Arriola. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes. Trustee Arriola was absent.  
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aleman presented the financial reports for August, 2015. The village has been operating in the black for the last three months.

The treasurer informed those present the insurance premium will be coming in soon and the fire department payroll is also coming up. These items will be a significant expenses and the treasurer would like to refrain from using savings accounts.

Two letters regarding sewer delinquency were reviewed and discussed. A letter to the owners of properties with delinquent sewer billing will be sent and signed by Treasurer Aleman and President Bregen.

The treasurer reported he has been working with Public Works Director Juenger regarding invoicing for labor and equipment for various projects, the recent storm sewer repairs, for example. He will be reimbursing the general fund from the sewer account.

The treasurer stated that he is open to any new ideas regarding generating funds.

### Clerk's Report

A review of the closed session minutes had been tabled at the last meeting.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Hernandez to retain the Executive Closed Session minutes as is. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes. Trustee Arriola was absent.

(Motion Passed)

### Report of Police Chief

President Bregen congratulated Chief Penny on his forty year anniversary as a policeman. Chief Penny reciprocated noting as of Wednesday, September 20, 1995; Mr. Bregen has been President of the Village of Fairmont City for twenty years.

Chief Penny reported the department is short two officers. The two new hires are still in the academy. The department is working very hard to minimize over time.

Chief Penny requested an Executive Closed Session regarding personnel.

### Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

### Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen reported Alec Suarez, Ruben Ochoa, Tristan Ramirez and Hector Alcazar, have successfully finished the department fire fighter training. The chief informed the board that Mr. Ramirez and Mr. Alcazar will not be eighteen years old until November. He will withhold their probationary status until their birthdays, and asked the board to approve Alec Suarez and Ruben Ochoa as probationary firefighters.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Munoz to approve the appointment of Alec Suarez and Ruben Ochoa as village firefighters on a probationary period for six months. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Fiudo, yes. Trustee Arriola was absent.  
(Motion Passed)

Chief Allen reported the department's annual open house is scheduled for October 14, 2015. The state theme this year is smoke detectors. He and Firefighter Juenger will be working on artificial smoke to use to trigger smoke detector assimilations for the audience participation.

The motion was made by Fiudo and seconded by Hernandez to approve expenses for the Village of Fairmont City Fire Department Open House on October 14, 2015, not to exceed \$500.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Fiudo, yes. Trustee Arriola was absent.  
(Motion Passed)

The fire chief also invited those present to attend his Vendor Showcase on Thursday, September 24, 2015. There will be more than fifty area fire departments participating.

#### Report of the Public Works Director

Public Works Director Juenger reported he has talked to the Munie Company; who did some of the work on the Granby Project. He will be setting up a meeting regarding completion of the project next week.

The director will also be setting up a meeting with village engineer Randy Burke regarding a priority list for street repairs.

Mr. Juenger reported there have been numerous truck repairs made to the trash truck. Murphy Truck Repair has been making the repairs and has suggested the purchase of a new electronic repair box. Mr. Juenger asked the board to approve the cost of the box at \$6,000.00.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Munoz to approve the cost of an electronic control box to repair the village trash truck not to exceed \$6,000.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes. Trustee Arriola was absent.  
(Motion Passed)

#### Committee Reports

##### Police/Public Safety-Chair-Hernandez

President Bregen asked Mrs. Hernandez to set up a Police Committee meeting with representatives from the Fraternal Order of Police for a preliminary negotiation regarding the police contract. The current contract expires April 30, 2016.

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

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

Michael Suarez asked the board for some ideas for a start time for the cleanup day scheduled for October 10, 2015. There was also discussion regarding other details he has set up, including dumpsters and street painting from St. Clair County.

Michael Suarez asked for input regarding supplies and shirts, food and drink. The group shared ideas.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Hernandez to approve expense for refreshment for the village cleanup day to be held, October 10, 2015, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes. Trustee Arriola was absent.  
(Motion Passed)

The motion to approve the expense for shirts and supplies for the village cleanup day to be held, October 10, 2015, not to exceed \$3,500.00 was made by Munoz and seconded by Fiudo. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes. Trustee Arriola was absent.  
(Motion Passed)

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Munoz – No Report

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Arriola – Absent No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez – No Report

### President's Report

President Bregen asked for an update on regarding the business located at Maryland & Highway 111, Tek Recycling, and the ongoing clean up of the property.

Fire Chief Allen reported that Noe Marquez had met with Mr. Elliot, the owner of the business last week. The fire chief inspected progress before the meeting. The chief reported Mr. Elliot had completed every task he promised to be complete by this date. The south side of the building is completely free of debris and the west side of the building is currently being worked on. Fire Chief Allen felt the progress is going very well considering what Mr. Elliot has limited resources with the delay in insurance negotiations. The Fire Chief is keeping close watch of the situation.

President Bregen reported the letter of solicitation to complete the Granby Park Project is ready to be mailed.

The president also reported a letter regarding the medical building has been written noting some changes regarding rent and repairs. The East Side Health District is struggling financially due to the withholding of state funds. If the state budget is not completed the district will be closing all their facilities.

### Public Comment

A local resident who has attended several meetings regarding upkeep of the surrounding property of his residence wanted to thank everyone for their participation in getting the grass and weeds cut down.

This resident also asked about the trees growing in the fence. Chief Penny informed the resident that even though the trees may be growing in the other side of the fence, what is in his fence is his responsibility.

Chief Penny and Public Works Director Juenger assured the resident that they have successfully opened lines of communication with the owners of the surrounding property. They will be monitoring progress. Chief Penny informed the resident the police department will be ticketing the owners if necessary.

### Municipal Bills

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

(Motion Passed)

### Closed Executive Session

A motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Hernandez to enter into a Closed Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes. Trustee Arriola was absent.

(Motion Passed) 7:38pm

A motion was made by Fiudo and seconded by David Suarez to return to the regular order of business from Closed Executive Session. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes. Trustee Arriola was absent.

(Motion Passed) 7:48

A motion to hire Victoria Cox as a full time employee at \$15.00 per hour was made by David Suarez and seconded by Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes. Trustee Arriola was absent.

(Motion Passed)

### Adjournment

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

(Motion Passed)

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Richard D. Ramirez  
Village Clerk  
September 16, 2015