

ALEX J. BREGEN
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

RICHARD D. RAMIREZ
VILLAGE CLERK

Meeting Agenda- December 7, 2016

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Building Permit Application 2915 N 61st Street, New Porch, Diego Escoto owner.

Ordinance #717 An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Fairmont City, St. Clair County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the 1st Day of May, 2016 and Ending on the 30th Day of April, 2017.

Resolution 2016-08 A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code.

Report of Police Chief

Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Report of Public Works Director

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Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Closed Executive Session

Request for Closed Executive Session Personnel

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, DECEMBER 7, 2016
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, Lieutenant Noe Marquez, and Fire Chief Robert Allen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of November 16, 2016 was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by David Suarez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Aleman reported he is still working with the auditors regarding the Agreed upon Procedures report the village needs to submit to the state for grant reimbursement. The auditors will be working on it in January. President Bregen asked him to call the state regarding the time limits for submittal.

Treasurer Aleman explained he has increased the Tax Levy presented at the meeting by 5%. That is the maximum increase that can legally be made without a publication.

The treasurer followed up with Charter regarding the possibility to get their product offered to the entire city. He was informed the village has an exclusive agreement with Media Com that excludes the offering of Charter to the public. No one present seemed to be aware of the agreement.

Treasurer Aleman presented a model Travel Ordinance that is a new state law requirement to have in place. There is a line for the maximum allowable reimbursement that will have to be figured out to finish the ordinance. The ordinance needs to be on the agenda for next meeting. It becomes effective January 1, 2017.

Treasurer Aleman reported he has adjusted payroll to include a line item for eligible Motor Fuel Tax labor reimbursement.

The in house part of the audit has been complete and there have been a few extra requests made for additional information. The treasurer is still waiting for the final report.

Mr. Aleman explained that the computers in the annex building are 10 years old and are not functioning to accommodate the village's QuickBooks program which is growing in size. The treasurer asked the board to approve the purchase of 2 new computers and a computer server for the annex building in the amount of \$10,000.00.

The motion was made by Fiudo and seconded by David Suarez to approve the purchase of 3 new computer systems for the annex building not to exceed \$10,000.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, no; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed)

Clerk's Report

Clerk Ramirez presented a Building Permit Application from Building Permit Application 2915 N 61st Street, New Porch, Diego Escoto owner.

With everything in order the motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Arriola to approve the Building Permit Application from Diego Escoto, 2915 N 61st Street, to build a new porch. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed)

The clerk presented Ordinance #717 An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Fairmont City, St. Clair County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the 1st Day of May, 2016 and Ending on the 30th Day of April, 2017.

The motion was made by Hernandez and seconded by Munoz to approve Ordinance #717, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Fairmont City, St. Clair County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the 1st Day of May, 2016 and Ending on the 30th Day of April, 2017. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed)

Clerk Ramirez presented Resolution 2016-08, A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code. The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Arriola to approve Resolution 2016-08, A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed)

Report of Police Chief

Lieutenant Marquez filled in for Chief Penny. Firstly, the lieutenant wanted to personally compliment Fire Chief Allen for the "good feeling" he and his volunteers left behind from the Toys for Tots program this year.

The lieutenant the requested a close session regarding personnel

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Fire Chief Allen reported the excess toys will be distributed in various ways, including the Catholic Urban League and the F.O.P. /P.A.L. breakfast to be held Sunday, December 18, 2016. He was very moved by all the volunteers who came out in the rain to distribute the toys last weekend. He was a little afraid of not having enough food, but he did.

The fire chief reported the ISO auditor completed his work here with the exception of a couple minor requests before finalizing. It was an intense 6 hours of producing information for the fire chief and his assistants. The auditor hopes to have the reports ready by February or March.

Report of the Public Works Director

Trustee David Suarez reported in Mr. Juenger's absence. The Public Works Director is still waiting for Ameren to begin the sewer repair on Collinsville Road. There is also a wait for legal permissions from the railroad.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Hernandez – Absent No Report

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

Streets, Sewers, Grounds, Building & Parks – Chair Michael Suarez – No Report

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Munoz

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Arriola – No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez

Mr. Suarez reported he a couple other village employees attended the public hearing held by the post office on Monday, November 28, 2016. He reported they were not very organized and were not aware that the National City area had even been annexed by the Village of Fairmont.

The post office representative reported they were looking at a second site to relocate. It was suggested that letters of interest and/or concern be sent from local residents to Bloomington Illinois, where the decision will come from, to re-locate the post office.

President's Report

President Bregen also wanted to commend the fire chief and his volunteers, and personally thank them all. The Toys for Tots Program just gets better every year.

The president reported he has interviews set up with Juan Mena and a firm called Schowalter & Jabouri, P.C. regarding replacement of the treasurer position. He, Abe and Karen will be doing the interviews together.

President Bregen presented a schedule of holidays from the county courthouse. The president asked the board to approve the same holiday schedule as presented by St. Clair County.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by David Suarez to approve the holiday schedule for civilian employees as presented from St. Clair County. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed)

Mr. Bregen instructed Abe or Karen to call Springfield regarding the deadline to file for the Granby Project reimbursement.

President Bregen reported he has been contacted by the Environmental Protection Agency. Apparently funding has come through the federal government and the American Zinc project is on a list to begin remediation. He is expecting to hear from them soon.

At this time President Bregen recognized Pearl Harbor Day and asked everyone present for a moment of silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives for all of us.

Public Comment

Three members of the library were present and wanted to thank the President and the village board for all their support.

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills are accepted as presented and authorized for payment was made by Arriola 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

The motion was made by Munoz and seconded by David Suarez to enter into executive session regarding personnel. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed) 7:31pm

The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Fiudo to return to the regular order of business. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed) 8:07pm

President Bregen suggested the employee handbook be amended to include random drug testing. More information will be gathered from other business, county and local governments for wording and consequence.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Munoz to amend the employee handbook to include random drug testing. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Adjournment

With that, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Suarez and seconded by Hernandez. 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
December 7, 2016

