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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017
4001 COOKSON ROAD
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

President Alex 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, Raul Munoz, Guadalupe Hernandez, Michael Suarez, Michael Fiudo and Charles Arriola. Also, in attendance were; Treasurer, Juan Mena, Police Chief/ Administrator Scott Penny, Fire Chief Robert Allen and Public Works Director Roger Juenger.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of February 15, 2017 was made by M. Suarez and seconded by G. Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: D. Suarez, yes; R. Munoz, yes; G. Hernandez, yes; M. Suarez, yes; M. Fiudo, pass, C. Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mena reported receipts of grant monies for the Granby Project have been received in the amount of \$192,000.00.

Clerk's Report

The clerk presented a Business License Application from El Michoacano Fruteria Food Truck, Ismael and Jessica Espinosa 3943 Kingsland Court, St. Louis, Missouri, owners. Ms. Jessica Espinosa said her father has a business license to operate a golf "fruit" cart. Those present are familiar with the cart. The business of the Food Truck is currently licensed in St. Louis. The owners have also been in contact with the GMO'S Restaurant Complex on Collinsville Road to rent space for operation.

Chief Penny had no problems with it but they were informed the GMO location would be a separate license application.

With no objections the motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Arriola to approve the Business License Application from El Michoacano Criteria Food Truck, Ismael and Jessica Espinosa, of 3943 Kingsland Court, St. Louis Missouri, owners. Roll Call Vote: D. Suarez, yes; R. Munoz, yes; G. Hernandez, yes; M. Suarez, yes; M. Fiudo, yes; C. Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

The clerk then presented Resolution 2017-03 A Resolution of Support of Application to the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Department for Funding for the Cookson Road Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

With no objection the motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Fiudo to approve Resolution 2017-03 A Resolution of Support of Application to the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Department for Funding for the Cookson Road Sewer Rehabilitation Project. . Roll Call Vote: D. Suarez, yes; R. Munoz, yes; G. Hernandez, yes; M. Suarez, yes; M. Fiudo, yes; C. Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Report of Police Chief - No Report

Report of Zoning Administrator

Acting as the Zoning Administrator Scott Penny presented an Advisory Report and Findings of Fact, an Application for a special use permit to operate a law office in a SR-3, single family zoning district, and to request a variation downward of section 1-11547 (B) to allow one off-street parking space instead of two off-street parking spaces. Marleen Suarez dba Suarez Law Firm PC, is the applicant and the property is located at 4204 Cookson Road.

A Motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Munoz to accept the Advisory Report and Findings of Fact, an Application for a special use permit to operate a law office in a SR-3, single family zoning district, and to request a variation downward of section 1-11547 (B) to allow one off-street parking space instead of two off-street parking spaces. Marleen Suarez dba Suarez Law Firm PC, is the applicant and the property is located at 4204 Cookson Road. Roll Call Vote: D. Suarez, yes; R. Munoz, yes; G. Hernandez, yes; M. Suarez, yes; M. Fiudo, yes; C. Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen reported the Central States Liquidator Business is now officially open. The building's owner had installed the new fire system and passed the test. The chief also reported the system is being installed to the other side of the structure which operates the Foodland Warehouse Grocery.

President Bregen thanked Chief Allen for the wonderful dinner and celebration the Fireman's Association hosted the previous Saturday. He was honored to attend.

Report of the Public Works Director

Public Works Director Juenger reported he received a letter from the state historic people. It confirmed no archeological work is necessary for the sewer project.

Secondly the director talked about the need for new Christmas Decorations. The current pole lighting is over 25 years old, including the large wreath that traditionally, has been on the old city hall. He would like to replace it. The director and Sally Rodriguez have been discussing the project. They have received bids by a couple of companies. The best price appears to be around \$8,000.00. The president has talked to Ms. Rodriguez and discussed the possible repair of the current decorations. If it can be done she has the skills to do it.

With no objection, the motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Hernandez to approve an upgrade and / or replacement of the village Christmas Lighting, not to exceed \$8,000.00. Roll Call Vote: D. Suarez, yes; R. Munoz, yes; G. Hernandez, yes; M. Suarez, yes; M. Fiudo, yes; C. Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

President Bregen asked the director if he has contacted Ms. Rodriguez regarding landscaping village property. Director Juenger has discussed the matter with Ms. Rodriguez and she is familiar with the two landscapers that have committed to bids.

There was a further discussion regarding the gazebo and the surrounding park. The gazebo is need of dire repair. Trustee Fiudo asked if hotel/motel monies can be used for park projects. Chief Penny will look into it.

Committee Reports

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Arriola

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

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

Trustee Suarez reported he and Public Works Director Juenger think it would like the village to become a member of the IPWMAN, Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network. The network responds to disaster between communities. Mr. Suarez will have an ordinance of agreement on the next agenda.

Trustee also reporting Public Works Director Juenger, Treasurer Mena and Deputy Clerk Manso attended a seminar sponsored by city engineers, Thouvenot, Wade and Moerchen, regarding Motor Fuel spending and reporting. Director Juenger reported the seminar was informative.

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Munoz – No Report

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Hernandez – No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez – No Report

President's Report

The president presented a draft contract for use of the Rose Lake Park Pavilion. There were some discrepancies reported last year regarding booking and individual over usage. President Bregen asked those present to review and provide input. The contract included a refundable deposit.

The president also had event reminders. The Fraternal Order of Police will be hosting a Fish Fry this Friday, March 3, 2017 in the Community Center. The Fireman's Association is hosting a Trivia Night on March 11, 2017 at the Holy Rosary Gym.

Public Comment

A local resident had a question regarding the name of his side street. The street sign had been replaced with a new spelling. Director Juenger gave a brief explanation and reported the new sign correct.

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills be accepted as presented, in the amount of \$50,213.53 and authorized for payment was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Fiudo. Roll Call Vote: D. Suarez, yes; R. Munoz, yes; G. Hernandez, yes; M. Suarez, yes; M. Fiudo, yes; C. Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Adjournment

With that, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Suarez and seconded by Michael Suarez. Roll Call Vote: D. Suarez, yes; R. Munoz, yes; G. Hernandez, yes; M. Suarez, yes; M. Fiudo, yes; C. Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
March 1, 2017