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Meeting Agenda- April 2, 2014

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Building Permit 921 North First Street, Newman Holdings, LLC, Office space and Truck Maintenance Shop.

Request Closed Session Meeting to review past six months Closed Session Minutes and personnel.

Police Chief Report

Report of Zoning Administrator

Zoning Approval Letter for proposed work at 5525 Congress Place, Sprint 2014-01.

Zoning Advisory Report & Findings of Fact, 2014-02 3050 N 61st Street, Iglesia De Cristo Miel Church, Reverend Gabriel Alberto Diaz, Sr.

Report of Fire Chief

Report of Street Superintendent

Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

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, APRIL 2, 2014
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: Suarez, Hernandez, Romo, Fiudo, Arriola,. Trustee Maliszewski is officially retired. Also in attendance were Treasurer Abe Aleman, Police Chief and Administrator, Scott Penny, Fire Chief, Robert Allen and Street Superintendent, Joe "Pepe" Manso.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting of March 19, 2014 was made by Arriola and seconded by Romo. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

First Order of Business

President Bregen called the first order of business; the filling of the vacant trustee position. The president asked for a motion to be made to appoint Michael Suarez to fill the vacancy.

The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Hernandez to appoint Michael Suarez as Trustee filling the vacant position with the retirement of Trustee Bernard Maliszewski. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Having consulted with legal counsel, President Bregen asked former Village President and current St. Clair County Treasurer, Charles Suarez to administer the oath of office to his son, Michael Suarez, as a trustee of the Village of Fairmont City. The oath was administered to Trustee Michael Suarez and he took his seat at the village board table.

Treasurer's Report - No Report

Clerk's Report

Clerk Ramirez presented a Building Permit for 927 North First Street, Newman Holdings, LLC, to construct Office Space and a Truck Maintenance Shop.

With everything in order the motion was made by Fiudo and seconded by Romo to approve the application for Building Permit for 927 North First Street, Newman Holdings, LLC, to construct Office Space and a Truck Maintenance Shop. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.

(Motion Passed)

Report of Police Chief

Chief Penny presented a report from the Illinois Gaming Control Board regarding village revenue. The revenue is not significant.

The chief provided a memo to the board reflecting suggestions for an advisory board for the Police Athletic League Gym. The choices reflect members from the community, Police, Fire and Street Departments. The purpose of the board will be to review gym applications, govern and oversee policy and suspend/terminate members who violate gym policy or rules. The board will meet once a month or as needed and make suggestions to the Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) Board of Directors. The P.A.L. Board of Directors consists of Chief Scott Penny, Lt. Noe Marquez and Lt. Mark Cronovich. The P.A.L. Board of Directors has final authority to act. Trustee Michael Suarez asked to be a member. President Bregen acknowledged Village Board Member representation as a good idea.

The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by David Suarez to approve the appointment of the following; Noe Marquez as Chairman; members; Michael Suarez, Mary Ann Aleman, Roger Juenger, Sheila Penny, Ron Pruitt and Therese Suarez, to serve on the Police Athletic League Advisory Board. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.

(Motion Passed)

The first meeting of the P.A.L. Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

Report of Zoning Administrator

Zoning director Penny provided a copy of a Zoning Approval Letter for Case 2014-01, Sprint.

The director also provided a Zoning Advisory Report & Findings of Fact for Case 2014-02, Iglesia De Cristo Meil Church, requesting a variance by Reverend Alberto Diaz.

With the findings in order the motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Romo to approve the variance requested in Case 2014-02 by the Iglesia De Cristo Meil Church, located at 3050 N. 61st Street and represented by Reverend Gabriel Alberto Diaz, Sr. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.

(Motion Passed)

Zoning Director Penny will be presenting an ordinance for the case at the next meeting.

Report of Fire Chief

Fire Chief Allen reported the Mass Warning Notification System was tested Tuesday, April 1, 2014. April, May and June are regarded as tornado season. The system can be accessed by the civil defense coordinators, Chief Allen and Chief Penny. There are activating devices, at city hall, portable radio, and mobile phones located in the Fire Chief's SUV and the Police Chief's SUV. Fire fighters are notified by text messaging and respond accordingly, only after securing their families first. The system passed and the fire department is ready for tornado season.

Report of Street Superintendent

Superintendent Manso reported the Maryland Avenue repair has been completed and the road is open. Mr. Manso expressed gratitude to Maclair Asphalt Company. Maclair was instrumental in completing the job by providing a much needed roller to the project.

The "bids" for the Granby Project will be ready by the end of the month.

The superintendent asks the board to consider candidates for the summer help program that would begin in June.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Arriola

Chair Arriola reported he had a meeting with Noe Marquez and the police department is running smoothly.

Mr. Arriola also reported the business currently located at Maryland Avenue and Route 111 is accumulating unsightly trash. Chief Penny replied he has been in communication with the company and a fence is in the process of being constructed.

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

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez – No Report

Public Health & Housing – Chair – Romo – No Report

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Hernandez – No Report

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

President's Report

President Bregen reported the Post-Dispatch Newspaper ran an article disclosing a plan for the city of East St. Louis to ticket vehicles weighing over 5,000 tons crossing River Park Drive near the Casino Queen in East St. Louis. The location coincides with how semi-trailers enter into the Bungee Corporation facility located in Fairmont City.

Scott Penny started did some investigating into how the village might be able to avoid such a plan. He has contacted Representative Hoffman and Senator Clayborn. Senator Clayborn's law firm represents East St. Louis. The village will try to set up a meeting with Jeff Watson representing the Casino Queen. Chief Penny also contacted the Chief of Police in East St. Louis that had not been informed of such a plan.

Chief Penny followed up by arranging a meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for Tuesday, April 8, 2014. The village will make a plea for an additional road into First Street. A new road would solve the problem regardless of the East St. Louis plan.

Public Comment - No Report

Municipal Bills

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

At this time Chief Penny waived the request for a Closed Session to review the Closed Session Minutes asking to table the release of any closed minutes for another 6 months.

The motion was made by Romo and seconded by Fiudo to retain for future review of Closed session minutes another 6 months. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Chief Penny asked the board to reflect on the matter of Michael Mason and the inability to finish the physical in the part-time police academy. Michael has taken a leave of absence from his full time job to attend the full time police academy. Should Mr. Mason succeed Chief Penny would like to hire him part time. Mr. Mason has asked the village consider assisting him with the tuition, \$2,500.00, as he will not be working. Should he fail, Mr. Mason has agreed to repay the tuition amount. Chief Penny reported this would be a savings to the city compared to past enrollees.

The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Hernandez to approve the payment of \$2,500.00 in tuition fees for the full-time police academy for Michael Mason contingent with graduation, less, the repayment of is required. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
April 2, 2014