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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 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.

Deputy Clerk Karen Manso recorded the attendance in Clerk Richard Ramirez's absence. 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 March 15, 2017 was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Charles Arriola. 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

The bank statements have not been received. The treasurer reviewed the balances and the month of March appears stable.

Treasurer Mena presented 3 items for review by the board. Item 1 is described as the Medical Expense Deductible (MED) Plan for the Village of Fairmont City, Illinois. The MED plan is an optional plan for out of pocket reimbursement of medical expense with contributions made by the employee. Contribution of up to \$2,500 per individual and \$5,500 per family are not reported as gross income on the employee W-2.

Item 2 is described as the Dental and Vision Expense (DAVE) Plan for the Village of Fairmont City, Illinois. The DAVE plan is exclusive to out of pocket dental and vision expenses incurred by employees and their family up to \$1,000 individual and \$2,000 as a family. This plan is funded by the village.

Item 3 is a memorandum provided by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) stating the IMRF Board of Trustees has adopted a resolution that requires recertification of IMRF eligibility every two years for all elected positions. Eligibility requirements were described

in the document. A resolution needs to be passed (a sample was provided) by September 1, 2017 for elected officials to continue participation.

Clerk's Report

The deputy clerk presented a Building Permit Application from Ernesto Ortiz of 254 Circle Drive, Fairview Heights Illinois. Mr. Ortiz wants to remodel a kitchen and bath at his property located at 3066 N 61st Street.

With no objection the motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Raul Munoz to approve the Building Permit Application for a kitchen and bath remodel at 3066 N 61st Street, Ernesto Ortiz, owner. Roll Call Vote: D. Suarez, yes; R. Munoz, yes; G. Hernandez, yes; M. Suarez, yes; M. Fiudo; yes, C. Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Deputy clerk Manso then presented a Business License Application; Five Hole LLC, 74 Fairmont City Boulevard in the National Stockyards area of Fairmont City, DBA Midwest Systems. The company sells Intermodal Shipping Containers.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Guadalupe Hernandez to approve the Business License Application from Five Hole LLC, DBA Midwest Systems, 74 Fairmont City Boulevard, Fairmont City Illinois, Intermodal Shipping Container Sales. Roll Call Vote: D. Suarez, yes; R. Munoz, yes; G. Hernandez, yes; M. Suarez, yes; M. Fiudo; yes, C. Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Ms. Manso introduced Cameron Belk of Construction & More. Mr. Belk introduced his wife, Jacquelyn Belk as the owner of their company. The Belks are in the processes of working with Lighthouse Community Development serving Illinois and Missouri. Mrs. Belk provided an overview of their mission. The company builds affordable small homes for persons who may otherwise be unable to buy a home. Mr. & Mrs. Belk asked the board if the village has land available to start a community of small homes.

The business is in the inception stage. Land is limited in village boundaries and President Bregen stated he would prefer the business return after getting started in another location.

Broken But Not Forgotten Ministries, Djamildo Graham, of 308 West Main Street in Collinsville was on the agenda but not represented. On the agenda form the ministry asked if the village had a building available which they might be able to provide their outreach programs. President Bregen asked the deputy clerk to write them a letter stating the village has no such building available.

Report of Police Chief

The chief reported he had not finished getting bids for the installation of cameras in the new police cars, which was on the agenda. It will remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Penny apologized for an error which occurred in copying the materials for the board meeting bag that went out to the president, trustees and department heads on Monday.

Chief Penny reported Brandon Wecker has given his notice of resignation and has found another job.

The motion to accept the resignation of Brandon Wecker 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)

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen presented a copy of the ISO report. He was very pleased to report the village rating improved from a score of 6 to a score of 4. The report score will go into effect on July 1, 2017. There was a lot of work going into the audit. The chief thanked all those who participated. He hopes residential insurance premiums reflect the change.

Mr. Allen asked the board to approve the expense of attending the Annual Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indiana. He and former Fire Chief Bob Belba would like to attend. The conference is April 27-30, 2017.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Raul Munoz to approve the expense for Robert Allen and Robert Belba to attend the Annual Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis Indiana, April 27 - 30, 2017, not to exceed \$2,000. Roll Call Vote: D. Suarez, yes; R. Munoz, yes; G. Hernandez, yes; M. Suarez, pass; M. Fiudo; yes, C. Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

President Bregen ask the fire chief if he has an ISO gear planned for the department. The chief has not yet selected the type of shirt he would like to provide.

Fire Chief Allen invited those present to attend the open house celebrating the merger of the Fairmont City Christian Activities Center and Puentes De Esperanza (Bridges of Hope). The two groups will be combining resources to provide educational opportunities and services to local youth. The Christian Activity Center is located at 4012 Maple Avenue. The open house is Friday, April 7, 2017 at 2pm.

Report of the Public Works Director

Director Juenger reported he has a second bid regarding the landscaping for the community center and city hall. The bid is from a local landscaper. There was some discussion regarding a third bid. The landscaping project was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Juenger presented an employment application for review. The application was from a local student for summer help. A decision regarding the hiring of students has not been made. Last year 2 adults were hired as seasonal help.

The director reported the sewer situation has been turned over to attorney John Baricevic. The engineer forwarded his contact information to the attorney. A week after Mr. Baricevic emailed CSX he was contacted by a Daniel Fetahovic. Mr. Fetahovic reported the supervisor previously in charge of the situation has been transferred. He and his teammates will be working on drafting a license agreement for the village. A license agreement could involve a fee. CSX does not want an easement agreement. Mr. Baricevic will be forwarding the agreement upon receipt for review.

Without being able to locate any legal resolution, ordinance or agreements the village is dependent on a new agreement to proceed with the repair of the sewer main.

Committee Reports

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

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

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

Mr. Suarez reported on an email the deputy clerk sent regarding the family of Bernard Maliszewski wanting to plant a tree in Bernard's honor. There was no objection and Ms. Manso will forward the permission.

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Raul Munoz

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

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez

Trustee David Suarez had some questions regarding village attorney Brian Flynn. Chief Penny will be setting up a meeting with the president and Mr. Flynn next week.

President's Report - No Report

Public Comment

A local resident asked if it might be possible to amend the village population signs coming into the village to include acknowledgement of the international award the library recently received. Those present were receptive and Michael Suarez said he could get that done.

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills be accepted as presented, in the amount of \$31,153.39, and authorized for payment was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Michael 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 Charles Arriola and seconded by David 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
April 5, 2017