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VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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VILLAGE CLERK

Meeting Agenda- January 18 2017

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

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Elevated Structure Agreement with Wisper Wireless Internet to Lease Village Property to Install Monopoles.

Report of Police Chief

Report of Zoning Administrator

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Closed Executive Session

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017
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, Munoz, Hernandez, Michael Suarez, Fiudo and Arriola. Also in attendance were; Treasurer, Abe Aleman, Police Chief/ Administrator Scott Penny, Fire Chief Robert Allen and Public Works Director Roger Juenger.

The village hired Brandon Wecker at the last meeting, not David Wacker. With the correction made, a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of January 4, 2017 was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by David Suarez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Munoz, yes; Hernandez, pass; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, pass; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

President Bregen welcomed Treasurer Aleman to his last meeting and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement (January 31, 2017).

The treasurer presented the financial reports for December, 2016 with a brief overview. He also reported the second half of the village insurance billing is due in May, in the amount of \$74,000.00.

Mr. Aleman reported the auditors are finalizing the Agreed Upon Procedures requirement to the state to get reimbursed for the Granby Project. The president will counter sign tonight.

The president thanked Treasurer Aleman for his service.

Clerk's Report

Also under old business the clerk re-presented an Elevated Structure Agreement with Wisper Wireless Internet to Lease Village Property to Install Monopoles. President Bregen presented a counter proposal from Wisper regarding some further negotiation Administrator Penny forwarded by email. The counter proposal is agreeable. Mr. Penny will prepare the agreement for approval at the next meeting.

Report of Police Chief

As the administrator, Mr. Penny reported he has been in communication with a company who recently purchased a remediation firm. The company is looking to annex into the village. President Bregen and Mr. Penny will be meeting with them.

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen wanted to confirm receipt by the board of the invitation to the Annual Fireman's Association Appreciation Dinner, to be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017.

The chief reported he has met with the village engineer and Public Works Director Juenger regarding the extension of a water line on Kingshighway of 1000 feet. The extension would include the entrance to Chemtrade.

Chief Allen informed the board he has met with Burlington Northern Railroad and they would like to sponsor attendance at the Crude By Rail class in Pueblo Colorado. A few years ago the Csx Railroad sponsored the all expenses paid class for 3 firemen. Burlington Northern Railroad would like to do the same this year. The class takes place August 21-23, 2017. Chief Allen asked the board to approve sending Tristan Ramirez, Jason Foster and Kevin Duckworth to Pueblo Colorado for the class.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Fiudo to approving sending firefighters, Tristan Ramirez, Jason Foster and Kevin Duckworth to Pueblo Colorado, August 21-23, 2017 to attend the "Crude by Rail" class, an all expense class provided by Burlington Northern Railroad. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Munoz, yes; Hernandez, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

The chief reported a fourth firefighter, Richard Ramirez Jr., will be in attendance sponsored by his full time employer.

Chief Allen also reported he has been in communication with Mr. Marsala regarding the business license for Central States Liquidation, approved at the last meeting. The license is pending the repair of the building's sprinkler system.

Mr. Marsala will be leasing the building and is dependent on the owner to proceed. There was some discussion regarding the importance of the system due to the amount of furniture Mr. Marsala will be housing there.

At this time President Bregen proposed an appreciation bonus for the chief and his assistants for a job well done putting all the necessary paperwork together for the ISO (Insurance Service Office, Inc.) reports. A lot of hours went into the report. A good score will benefit the whole community.

With no objection, the motion was made by Munoz and seconded by Hernandez to approve an appreciation bonus for their work benefiting the community for Fire Department Officers; Chief Robert Allen, Assistant Chief Dan Rafalowski, Assistant Chief Doug Gonzalez, in the amount of \$1,000 and Lieutenants; Roger Juenger and Kevin Duckworth in the amount of \$500. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Munoz, yes; Hernandez, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.

(Motion Passed)

Chief Allen also reported the department assisted the East St. Louis fire department in a huge church fire last week.

Report of the Public Works Director - No Report

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Hernandez – No Report

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

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

Trustee Michael Suarez reported he and Public Works Director Juenger met with village engineers regarding a grant application to the Service Transportation Program. The grant would be to re-surface 45th Street. Grant terms are 75% grant and 25% recipient. The project could cost the village \$500,000 for phase one and the funds could come out of T.I.F. The grant would not be available until 2021. There was some discussion concerning the engineering fees. There was, also, some concerns regarding other streets and cost of repair. Concern over the current sewer main emergency and the unknown costs that repair were also expressed.

Questions were also raised regarding the T.I.F. accounts and the future. President Bregen shared his experience with this type of funding with St. Clair County. The president thanked Trustee Suarez and Mr. Juenger for taking their time out to pursue the information.

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Munoz

Trustee Munoz asked for further clarification on the Granby Project. President Bregen explained he just signed the final documents which will be forwarded to the appropriate parties involved. Then we wait. The deadline is June, so there should be no problem.

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Arriola – No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez – No Report

President's Report

President Bregen welcomed the two new employees hired at the last meeting, who were in the audience.

Mr. Juan Mena, who will take over as the village treasurer on February 1, 2017, wanted to thank those who helped to make this opportunity happen. He appreciates their confidence and intends to continue in the goods works begun by Treasurer Aleman.

Ms. Sally Rodriguez was also present and shared Mr. Mena's remarks. She is excited to be on board.

Public Comment

Katie Heaton of the Fairmont City Library reported on activities there in the month of December. There were ginger bread houses, Santa Claus, and a coat give away. The attendance and participation was overwhelming. She provided some photos and want to especially thank Chief Allen for all he does.

Chief Allen pointed out what he does is the easy part and all his firefighters and the hard work and dedications they have, are the real heroes.

Ms. Heaton wanted to give an update into the month of February. A free tax service from AARP will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2pm-6pm. She reported last year they serviced 137 people.

She also reported the library has received a grant called the Illinois Veteran's Project. She will begin interviewing local veterans and submitting the reports to Illinois Veteran's Archive Office.

President Bregen expressed his appreciation for what Ms. Keaton personally contributes and the library board for all they contribute to our community.

Municipal Bills

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
January 18, 2017