

Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, January 16, 2013

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Police Chief Report

Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Street Superintendent Report

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 JANUARY 16, 2013
4001 COOKSON ROAD,
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Alex J. Bregen called the Meeting to order followed by the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Clerk Richard D. Ramirez recorded the attendance. The following were in attendance:

Trustees: Suarez, Hernandez, Romo, Maliszewski, Fiudo and Arriola. Also in attendance were Abraham Aleman, Treasurer; Scott E. Penny, Chief of Police; and, Robert Allen, Fire Chief. Joe "Pepe" Manso, Street Superintendent was absent.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting of January 2, 2013 was made by Romo and seconded by Arriola. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, pass; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed.)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aleman presented the December 31, 2012 Financial Statements for Board review.

Clerk's Report – No Reports.

Report of Police Chief

Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Application from the Mississippi Valley District Library - Police Chief Penny stated that the application was received after the agenda was posted. He presented copies for Board review.

St. Louis National Stockyards TIF Application – This application is requesting funds to construction two gravel roads in the Stockyards. The Barber-Murphy Realty Company is handling the Stockyards and has a potential buyer to purchase and construct a trash truck repair facility and parking lot.

Report of Police Chief - St. Louis National Stockyards TIF Application (Continued)

Chief Penny checked the parcels located in Fairmont City, Madison and East St. Louis and highlighted the area located in Fairmont City. A copy was forwarded to our Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen engineer to identify each individual parcel.

Mayor Bregen researched the TIF Funds from the date of establishment. He explained that the St. Clair County Board assessed the property and later Stockyards Lawyers had the property reduced and now their State Multiplier is 0.89. As a result, we have addressed a letter stating we would be happy to meet with them but that there is not a lot of money in this TIF Fund. The TIF Funds are traditionally used to encourage developers to develop the area not to help the seller sell the property.

Chief Penny stated that this property would also have to be rezoned and approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals and then back to the Village Board for any final approval. There would be little revenue realized from this venture.

Report of Zoning Administrator – No Reports.

Report of Fire Chief

Fire Chief Allen reported that the Department is ready for the five firefighters to attend the trip to Florida with regard to the new fire truck. Retired Fire Chief Robert Belba will also be attending the trip.

Chief Allen reported that we have only had one fire call for 2013 and fire calls for November and December were also down.

Report of Street Superintendent – Absent. Trustee Suarez reported for Mr. Manso.

The Department is doing well. Mr. Manso is still working on a part-time basis. He should be back on schedule within the next week.

Mayor Bregen questioned the work on Cookson Road. Trustee Suarez stated that they were relining the sewer line with plastic pipe to the highway.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety – Chair – Arriola – Police Commissioner Arriola reported that in conversations with Lt. Cronovich, everything is fine with the Department. There are no complaints.

Mayor Bregen inquired when the Police contract is up. The contract is up in May. Mayor Bregen suggested a review of the numbers.

Public Health & Housing – Chair – Romo – No Reports.

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Hernandez – No Reports.

Fire Protection – Chair – Maliszewski – No Reports.

Economic/Finance Development & Planning – Chair – Fiudo – No Reports.

Streets, Sewers, Grounds, Buildings & Parks – Chair – Suarez – No Reports.

Village Clerk Report – No Reports.

Mayor's Report

TIF Application for the Mississippi Valley Library District (Library) – Mayor Bregen wanted the Board to keep in mind two points about the Library. They are a taxing entity and receive as much as the Village does for its services. Secondly, they are tax exempt. Any monies the Village puts into the Library will never be recovered. As the Finance Committee considers this application, keep those two points in mind. We can help them with something as the Library has been a good contributor to the Community. He asked the Finance Committee to keep these two facts in mind when considering the application. Any suggestions or recommendations by the Finance Committee are to be cleared through the Treasurer and then forwarded to the Board to address.

Mayor Bregen has one item of personnel to discuss in Closed Executive Session.

Public Comment – No Public Comment.

Municipal Bills

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

A motion was made by Suarez and seconded by Maliszewski to Leave the Regular Order of Business to go into Closed Executive Session. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed.) 7:16 p.m.

A motion to Return to the Regular Order of Business was made by Suarez and seconded by Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed.) 7:18 p.m.

A motion to approve the expenditure of a \$2,600. bonus check for Scott E. Penny, Sr., was made by Arriola and seconded by Fiudo. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed.)

Adjournment

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

The Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard D. Ramirez, Clerk
January 16, 2012