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VILLAGE PRESIDENT

RICHARD D. RAMIREZ
VILLAGE CLERK

Meeting Agenda- June 15, 2016

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Report of Public Works Director

Request to change probationary status of Ramiro Munoz

Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Closed Executive Session

Request for Closed Executive Session Minutes to review personnel

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, JUNE 15, 2016
4001 COOKSON ROAD
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

President Bregen was absent. President Pro Tem David Suarez 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, Hernandez, Munoz, 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.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of June 1, 2016 was made by Hernandez and seconded by Munoz. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aleman presented the financial statements for the month of May, 2016. The treasurer also presented a package of various financial planning ideas in place and for future use, including safety incentives. Also included in the package was a report on the Granby Project expenses, very near completion. The treasurer stated the village has met the expenses without having to borrow from the Bank of Edwardsville.

The treasurer also reported he will be doing a 40 hour online training program regarding prevailing wage labor law changes.

Clerk's Report - No Report

Report of Police Chief

Chief Penny requested an Executive Session to review the draft copy of the police contract with Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) Lodge 106.

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief - No Report

Report of the Public Works Director

Public Works Director Juenger report the final pay requests have been received for the Granby Project. There is a punch list he has yet to go through before the requests are paid.

Director Juenger asked the board to approve the status change for Ramiro Munoz from probationary to full time. The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by David Suarez to approve the status change for Ramiro Munoz from probationary to full time. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Mr. Juenger report a section of the sanitary sewer has collapsed on Cookson Road. The director is researching contractors for the repair. The county has been contacted regarding possible emergency funding.

There was further discussion regarding possible contractors. The motion was made by Fiudo and seconded by Arriola to approve the expense of an emergency repair of the collapsing sewer line on Cookson Road, up to \$100,000.00, on terms to be acted on by the discretion of Public Works Director Juenger. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

President Bregen reported he has been in contact with the Illinois Department of Revenue regarding the grant monies. He has established a contact, Kathy Baker, who has replaced a retiree who handled the grant in the beginning. She said all the paper work was in good order and approval will be forthcoming. She also explained no payment will be made until a state budget is approved.

At this time Chief Penny updated the board regarding the Kinder Division Park Project sponsored by the Gateway Race Track. The Gateway group and their sponsors would like to have a groundbreaking ceremony on June 24, 2016. It will probably be during the day, the time has not been set, but the chief asked those present to be available if possible.

Chief Penny will be applying to the county Parks and Recreation's Grant Department for additional funding of the project.

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

Mr. Suarez had some questions regarding the 38th Street Storm Sewer Project. Mr. Juenger explained infrastructures issues have delayed finishing the street.

Michael Suarez also wanted to complement the new summer hires. The grass is looking very nice on city properties.

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Munoz – No Report

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Arriola – No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez

David Suarez suggested the village look into getting the buses off Cookson Road which might be affecting the storm and sewer systems on Cookson Road.

President's Report

President Bregen reported the Holy Rosary Picnic went without incident. He wanted to thank the Police Department and auxiliary volunteers for their participation.

The president re-emphasized the importance of the State of Illinois to pass a budget.

Public Comment

A group of local residents were in attendance with complaints regarding Wisper, the only available internet carrier in the village. The residents had a number of complaints and Wisper owner, Nathan Stooke was in attendance to address them. Mr. Stooke explained a number of setbacks he has experienced in trying to upgrade his equipment. A resident thought the library had AT&T for an internet carrier. Mr. Stooke explained the line is what is referred to as a T-1 and is actually a type of phone line that cost around \$500 per month. The state oversees the lines through the Illinois Century Network at discounted pricing for libraries, and schools.

President Bregen thanked Mr. Stooke for coming and spoke openly to the group about his trust in Mr. Stooke's commitment to our community. Mr. Stooke admitted he would rather have competition in the area and that he himself has tried to get an agreement with AT&T to purchase some equipment. They wouldn't do it. Stooke asked for customer patience in what he hopes to have a solution in 3 to 6 weeks after repair to some equipment he has been struggling with.

Another resident present had a complaint regarding the grass at the apartments located at Maple and 41st Street. Chief Penny said he will get a policeman over there to check it out.

One resident wanted to complain about the Gateway Race Track noise and how it keeps him up when they race late at night.

Another resident had a complaint about speeding on 44th Street around the library. Chief Penny committed to getting police over there the next day. He explained that speeding around town is always a problem in the summer. The department had been doing an extra patrol on 61st Street last week for the same reason.

One of the residents present praised the police department response to a complaint she had concerning rambunctious behavior of a neighbor. After police responding, a number of times, the bad behavior stopped.

At this time the president asked Michael Suarez to give the residents present an update on the programs he, the Police Athletic League and Trustee Munoz have been working on with village children. He gave an update on the Carlos Martinez golf clinic. He also gave an update on plans for a community garden.

The president invited those present to volunteer and participate in the activities available. President Bregen thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Municipal Bills

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

Executive Session

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Hernandez to enter into executive session to review the F.O.P. Lodge 106 contract agreement. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed) 8:08pm

The motion was made by Hernandez and seconded by Michael Suarez to return to the regular order of business from executive session. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed) 8:25pm.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Arriola to accept the contract agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 106, as presented. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
June 15, 2016