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Meeting Agenda- June 21, 2017

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Building Permit Application, 3619 Collinsville Road, Cell Tower Upgrade, Crown Castle, Owner.

Ordinance No. 721, An Ordinance Providing the Annual Appropriation for the Village of Fairmont City, St. Clair County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2017 and Ending April 30, 2018.

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Sale of Excess Property

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 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 Ramirez's absence. The following were in attendance: Trustees: David Suarez, Guadalupe Hernandez, Raul Munoz, 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 June 7, 2017 was made by Charlie Arriola and seconded by Raul Munoz. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mena presented the financial statements for the month of May, 2017. The treasurer explained there were some large items paid last month including \$75,000.00 for the second half of the village insurance payment, the TIF 1 agreement with the library and TIF 2 paid for a police car. The village also received a check from the grants department for the Kinder Park Project in the amount of \$30,000.00.

The president wanted to compliment the treasurer on his presentation of the appropriation ordinance on this meeting's agenda.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Ramirez presented a Building Permit Application for 3619 Collinsville Road, a Cell Tower Upgrade, Crown Castle Owner. The permit was presented at the last meeting and a prior dispute regarding the fee has been resolved.

The motion was made Michael Suarez and seconded by Guadalupe Hernandez to approve the Building Permit Application for 3619 Collinsville Road, a Cell Tower Upgrade, Crown Castle Owner. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Ordinance No. 721, An Ordinance Providing the Annual Appropriation for the Village of Fairmont City, St. Clair County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 207 and Ending April 30, 2018 was presented to the board.

The motion was made by Charles Arriola and seconded by Michael Fiudo to approve the Annual Appropriation for the Village of Fairmont City, St. Clair County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 207 and Ending April 30, 2018 as presented. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Report of Police Chief

Chief Penny reported he has been approached regarding the sale of city property. The property in question is located on 42nd Street at the alley behind 4202 Cookson Road. A building was once there, a union local. The local was built largely underground with a tar roof and concrete walls. The demolition of the building did not include removal of the concrete. The concrete walls filled the hole. The person making the inquiry would like to put a modular home on the 195ft x 120ft property. The home would not include a basement.

There was discussion regarding the process. The village is obligated by law to sell property by a bid process. The property parcels and address must be published in advance of a village board meeting. Sealed bids must be turned into the clerk's office. The bids are opened at the designated board meeting. There are publication and legal fees associated with the final sale.

Mr. Penny will be contacting village attorney Brian Flynn regarding the flexibility in which the village has regarding recuperating the various fees. Treasurer Mena suggested including the fees with the minimum bid.

There was a general consensus to include the other village properties available along with the property in question to proceed.

Chief Penny asked the board to consider the purchasing of "used", updated radios for sale by St. Clair County. He intends one of the radios be used by the fire department and the other three to police department supervisors. The department would be retaining the replaced radios as back up.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Raul Munoz to approve the purchase of four updated radios from St. Clair County not to exceed \$2,200.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen reported the ISO shirts have been ordered. President Bregen gave a brief history of the shirts. He also stated the rating should affect residential home owner insurance.

The chief also reported the Vendor Showcase is scheduled for July 27, 2017 at the community center. He has mailed invitations to 27 veteran vendors. He is in the process of trying to attain the State Fire Marshal as the guest speaker for the dinner that follows. There was a brief discussion regarding the inter-networking of the vendor's event with other area fire departments.

Report of the Public Works Director

Public Works Director Juenger asked the board to consider three summer hires for the season. He would like the hires to be 18 or over like last year. These hires do not need supervision like high school age helpers.

The motion was made Michael Suarez and seconded by Munoz to hire three summer seasonal employees to the street department 18 years of age or older. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

The director reported he will be meeting with the engineers tomorrow (June 22, 2017) at 2pm regarding the grant for the Cookson Road Sewer Repair.

Mr. Juenger also reported the Collinsville Road Sewer Repair is still in negotiation with CSX Railroad, their engineers and our engineers. The village attorney John Baricevic is also involved.

Committee Reports

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Charles Arriola

Mr. Arriola opened a discussion regarding the status of drug testing. The subject was brought up at a previous meeting. The comparison was made with St. Clair County and their drug testing practices. Chief Penny reported the previous discussing included an update to the employee manual and was seemingly dropped.

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

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

Trustee Michael Suarez asked the board to consider giving Public Works Director Roger Juenger (or his workers) authority to write code enforcement ticket for junk and grass, etc., violations. There were no objections and Chief Penny will check with the lawyer if a resolution or anything else necessary to get a program is motion.

Trustee Michael Suarez reported he received a complement regarding the color of the Rose Lake Park flower boxes. He was asked if the gazebo is going to be painted. The gazebo has been primed and will be painted.

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Raul Munoz - No Report

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

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez – No Report

President's Report

President Bregen reported he and Scott Penny met with a representative from the EPA on Monday, June 19, 2017. The meeting was productive. The president gave a brief overview of the process.

Previously, President Bregen would not allow the EPA on the city alleyways. After conversation with their representative, he is more confident that the EPA is here to help. He discussed the fact that early alley ways were first rocked with slag (rock) provided by the plant. He is confident the EPA will find what they are looking for. The EPA will, more than likely, be digging up many of the village alleyways and replacing the dirt and rock with clean rock at their cost.

There was further discussion concerning the site itself. The site is 200 acres. The EPA plans to use 20-25 of those acres as the waste site. The site will be treated similar to a landfill with layers of clean dirt covering the contaminated material. The waste part of the project area will not be usable for construction. The president and administrator were assured the village would be able to pick the part of the site area used for the waste. It will be clean enough for sports but not the weight of a structure. President Bregen and Mr. Penny discussed keeping it away from the rail area of the property. Any future industrial growth to the area would require the rail system.

The president also requested use by the EPA of local business whenever possible. The board was asked to give the project support and spread the word to area residents that the village stands behind the project. Trustee Michael Fiudo suggested the village property, being considered for sale, be tested prior to the sale.

Public Comment

A local bar owner had questions regarding the status of a new bar business the village recently approved. The structure is very old. An inspection has been done. Chief Penny reported some contractual details regarding the previous owner and an illness delayed progress. The second inspection has not been preformed to date. The previous owner still has property located in the basement. Chief Allen reported a fire inspection has been completed and the compliances requested are due to be review on June 22, 2017. The fire chief reported no cooking was approved at the time of inspection. A question of ADA compliance was raised.

A resident wanted to thank the street department for their role in the American Legion Veteran's Day Memorial. This resident also reported the Holy Rosary Picnic was well attend and successful.

This resident also had a suggestion that forms be available on the website to file complaints, tall grass, junk, etc., on line.

Another resident present thanked the police department for helping him with his complaint that his neighbor's grass was out of control. The grass has been cut.

Lastly, a resident of the Kinder Park area reported the project is coming along nicely.

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills be accepted as presented, in the amount of \$29,332.57 and authorized for payment was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by David Suarez. . Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Adjournment

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

Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
June 21, 2017