

Meeting Agenda- May 21, 2014

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Ms. Melinda Kershaw with Day & Night Solar, 1605 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, Illinois, investigating PV Solar Arrays for local governments in the state of Illinois.

Ordinance #698 An Ordinance Regulating Debris in the Village of Fairmont City, Illinois.

Police Chief Report

Resignation Letter from Lieutenant Mark Cronovich.

Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Report of Street Superintendent

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, MAY 21, 2014
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.

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

Trustees: David Suarez, Hernandez, Michael Suarez, Fiudo, Arriola,. Trustee Romo was absent. Also in attendance were Treasurer Abe Aleman, Police Chief and Administrator, Scott Penny, Fire Chief, Robert Allen and Street Superintendent, Joe "Pepe" Manso.

President Bregen corrected the minutes of these previous meeting which included Fiudo in voting to approve the bills and the adjournment and he was absent. A motion to approve the amended Minutes of the previous Meeting of May 7, 2014 was made by Arriola and seconded by Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, pass and Arriola, yes. Trustee Romo was absent.

(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the April 30, 2014 financial statements, which is the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Aleman is anticipating the new fiscal year and the adjusted landfill contribution.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Ramirez introduced Ms. Melinda Kershaw with Day & Night Solar, 1605 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, Illinois, investigating PV Solar Arrays for local governments in the state of Illinois. Ms. Kershaw provided an outlay of municipal buildings and possible solar

applications to the roofs. The analysis she provided reflected a savings of over \$10,000.00 a year in utility costs which would pay for the cost of such a project in 13 years.

Ms. Kershaw informed those present that grant funding is available to government and non-profit organizations to upgrade their facilities to include solar energy.

President Bregen expressed interest in such a project stating he recognizes it as the future but the village would have to investigate the available grants. Ms. Kershaw stated she would be happy to provide more information on the grants available and added that her company provides the grant writing at no charge.

The clerk presented Ordinance #698 An Ordinance Regulating Debris in the Village of Fairmont City. With no further discussion the motion was made by Fiudo and seconded by David Suarez to approve Ordinance #698 An Ordinance Regulating Debris in the Village of Fairmont City. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes and Arriola, yes. Trustee Romo was absent.
(Motion Passed)

Report of Police Chief

With regret, Chief Penny presented a resignation letter from Lieutenant Mark Cronovich. President Bregen expressed his sadness and also his congratulations on a well deserved retirement. The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Michael Suarez to accept the resignation letter from Lieutenant Mark Cronovich as of June 30, 2014. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes and Arriola, yes. Trustee Romo was absent.
(Motion Passed)

Chief Penny reported to the board that he had been contacted by the DEA and the police department will be receiving \$51,429.00 from a drug bust which occurred out of Chicago. The bust was a result of a local drug conspiracy. The money will be wired into the Village Drug Fine Account.

The police chief informed the board he has been getting complaints regarding speeding on Maple Avenue. In an effort to collect more data the department has developed a Traffic Survey. Each shift has been instructed to clock every car and document it. The survey will continue for a few weeks and the data will be analyzed.

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Fire Chief Allen reported the control burn training held at the old golf course was very successful. He has discussed it with Chief Penny and they have agreed to make it an annual event.

Chief Allen reported to the board that Dan Rafalowski and Roger Juenger are enrolled in Firefighter II class at S.W.I.C. Their instructors have informed the fire chief that Rafalowski and Juenger are at the top of the class. The fire chief is proud of his men. He informed the board that the Firefighter II training is very rigorous and last for year.

President Bregen commended the men.

Report of Street Superintendent

The superintendent will be hiring summer youth help in June. The treasurer informed the board the city can afford the same number of hires as last year.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Arriola

Mr. Arriola reported the police department is running smoothly.

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

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez – No Report

Public Health & Housing – Chair – Romo – Absent

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Hernandez – No Report

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

President's Report

President Bregen reported the hearing on the Caseyville Transfer Station is Thursday, May 29, 2014. The president asked for those interested to join him in representing the city's disapproval of the Transfer Station by attending the hearing.

President Bregen discussed the latest contract negotiations with the landfill. He is still waiting on an accurate tipping fee cost.

The president asked Mr. Penny to contact area politicians to see what the city's chances might be on getting one of the competitive grants for solar energy might be.

Public Comment - No Report

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills be accepted as presented and authorized for payment was made by Hernandez and seconded by Fiudo. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes and Arriola, yes. Trustee Romo was absent.

(Motion Passed)

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Arriola. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes and Arriola, yes. Trustee Romo was absent.

(Motion Passed)

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
May 21, 2014