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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 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.

Clerk Richard Ramirez recorded attendance. The following were in attendance: Trustees: David Suarez, Guadalupe Hernandez, Raul Munoz, Michael Suarez, and Charles Arriola. Trustee Michael Fiudo was absent. Also, in attendance were; Treasurer, Juan Mena, Police Chief/ Administrator, Scott Penny, Fire Chief Robert Allen and Public Works Director Roger Juenger.

The motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of July 19, 2017 was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Raul Munoz. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Fiudo was absent.

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report - No Report

Clerk's Report

Clerk Ramirez presented Resolution 2017-07, A Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer to Establish an Employee Advance and Payroll Repayment Plan.

Treasurer Mena gave a brief overview of the purpose of the resolution. With that the motion was made by Charles Arriola and seconded by David Suarez to approve Resolution 2017-07, A Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer to Establish an Employee Advance and Payroll Repayment Plan. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Fiudo was absent.

Motion Passed

Report of Police Chief/ Administrator

Chief Penny reported there will be a number of annexations on the agenda for the next meeting. A pre-annexation hearing will be held at 6:30pm before the meeting on August 16, 2017. The paper works is being processed.

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen reported a battery backup system has defaulted in the Fire Bay used to plug the trucks in. Banner Fire Equipment wants \$2,066.30 to replace the battery. The chief would like to replace it as soon as possible.

The motion was made by Guadalupe Hernandez and seconded by Raul Munoz to approve the expense of replacing a battery for the fire bay, not to exceed \$2,100.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Fiudo was absent.

Motion Passed

Chief Allen reported back in January he informed the board had 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 board approved sending the firefighters at that time. Chief All explained there would be some additional expenses the railroad would not be covering like baggage. The group will also be taking gear and renting a car also. He would like the village to cover the additional costs.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve \$500.00 per Tristan Ramirez, Jason Foster and Kevin Duckworth for personal expenses to attend classes in Pueblo Colorado. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Fiudo was absent.

Motion Passed

Trustee David Suarez suggested looking into having the gear shipped in advance.

The chief reported his Vendor Showcase was another success. He had a really good turnout. He also reported he got a number of compliments on the new ISO shirts worn by village firefighters in attendance. He thanked the board for their support.

Report of the Public Works Director

Public Works Director Juenger reported the sewer repair between 43rd and 45th Streets on Cookson Road is scheduled for another attempt at correcting next week. The first company the director had look at backed out. The village engineers found another company. The hope is to repair a compromise in the sewer line and be able to re-line the entire length.

The director excitedly reported an agreement has finally been made with CSX Railroad regarding the main sewer line repair on Collinsville Road. The paperwork is expected on Friday. The engineers will be publishing a mandatory pre-bid hearing for the project on August 16, 2017 to be held at the village annex conference room. The actual publication for bid will follow.

Mr. Juenger reported he has some one interested in buying an out of service John Deer tractor that has been in storage in the department's yard. He talked to the village lawyer who said there would be no need to put it out for bid if it is sold for "junk" price.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Raul Munoz to move an out of service Street Department tractor to "junk" status to be sold without ordinance. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Fiudo was absent.

Motion Passed

The director discussed the possibility of purchasing a trailer to haul equipment to the National City area of the village. Scott Penny and Juan Mena agree the trailer is necessary and Mr. Juenger has priced a 24 foot trailer at \$5,600.00. It was also discussed with the village's TIF coordinator. The property being mowed is in the TIF2 area and the trailer would be a legitimate expense from TIF2 funds.

The motion to purchase a 24 foot trailer to haul equipment to the TIF2 district of the Village of Fairmont City, not to exceed \$6,000.00, was made by David Suarez and seconded by Michael Suarez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Fiudo was absent.

Motion Passed

Trustee David Suarez reported a residence in the Kinder Division is an absolute mess of abandon equipment, tall grass and a pontoon boat. As discussed in a previous meeting Director Juenger would be authorized to write tickets to such home owners. Chief Penny reported he has talked with the village lawyer and there is no problem with the director writing tickets for nuisance. A review of the guidelines of fines and incident needs to be made before starting the program.

Committee Reports

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Charles Arriola

Trustee Arriola reported he had been watching the news before the meeting and there was an article about Ford police cars having a problem with carbon monoxide. He suggested getting portable monoxide detectors for the Ford cars in the village fleet.

Economic/Finance, Development, Planning, and Tourism – Chair – Michael Fiudo – Absent

Streets, Sewers, Grounds, Building & Parks – Chair Michael Suarez – No Report

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

The president asked for an update on the sale of other city property including the truck Derik Parker used. Chief Penny suggested rounding up all the village properties from each department that could be for sale and hiring an auction company to get rid of them at one time.

President Bregen reviewed a letter received from the resident who had the complaint about the growth on the fence that he claimed belong to the neighbor. The resident has agreed to let the Street Department tear the fence down. A signature was missing on the letter and the president will be insisting it be signed.

President Bregen reported the EPA project is in clear view. He asked if anyone present has heard any complaints. No one was aware of any.

Mr. Bregen asked the administrator to give an update on the post office project. Mr. Penny reported the post office, "property purchase unit", has requested some changes to the current description and division of the property lines as recorded with St. Clair County. The village engineers are working on the changes and the chief hopes to have it back to the post office by Friday. The post office will be called National Stockyards Illinois Post Office.

President Bregen reported he met with the Environmental Operations Company who will be annexing into the village with their business. The meeting took place at the village annex and included John Baricevic and Representative Jay Hoffman. The company will be making village residents the priority in hiring. The business is new technology metal recycling. The president is looking forward to the partnership and making TIF and Enterprise Zone resources available.

Public Comment

A local resident wanted clarification on cutting the grass in the National City Area. Public Works Director Juenger explained there is a right of way from the roads that is village property. Unfortunately there has been some miscommunication and the grass there had not been cut.

Another resident and a member of the library board announced the library is giving away sunglasses (one per individual) designed to view the upcoming solar eclipse.

The same resident introduced a new neighbor. The new resident is in the construction business as a sub contractor. He made himself available to those present and also shared his fondness of the community so far. He has been here for a little over a year now. The president asked if he was in the sewer repair business. He is not and was invited to observe the re-lining process when it gets started.

There was a brief discussion regarding the cost of the sewer repairs, which are unknown at this time, and revenues. The president and the treasurer will be monitoring the financials closely.

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills be accepted as presented, in the amount of \$173,557.30 and authorized for payment was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Raul Munoz. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Fiudo was absent.

Motion Passed

Adjournment

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

Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
August 2, 2017