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Meeting Agenda- June 7, 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.

Business License Application, Best Roasted Corn in Town, Mobil Roasted Corn Sales, 5404 Collinsville Road, Beharic Meho, 4960 Magnolia, St. Louis, Missouri, Owner.

Report of Police Chief

Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Report of Public Works Director

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President's Report

Public Comment

Closed Executive Session

Request for Closed Executive Session Personnel

Bills

Adjournment

Richard D. Ramirez, Clerk

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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 7, 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 the attendance. The following were in attendance: Trustees: David Suarez, Guadalupe Hernandez, Raul Munoz, Michael Fiudo and Charles Arriola. Trustee Michael Suarez was absent. 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 May 17, 2017 was made by Charlie Arriola and seconded by Michael Fiudo. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Suarez was absent.

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mena presented a draft appropriation ordinance, numbered 721. The appropriation ordinance will appear on the June 21, 2017 meeting agenda. A public hearing will be held at 6:30pm, June 21, 2017 in regard to said appropriation.

The treasurer requested a Closed Session regarding personnel.

Mr. Mena reported that Ms. Rodriguez has uncovered yet another flaw in AT&T billing. She has discovered the village Centrex account, in place for many years, has been charged for another account belonging to another system (Cahokia Library). The village should be seeing a refund of approximately \$4,200.00. Other errors have been found by Ms. Rodriguez as she continues negotiation with the company.

Treasurer Mena reported he received communications from Joseph Rodriguez regarding the animal control position he was offered in May. Mr. Rodriguez has declined the position. President Bregen asked for those present to advertise the position.

The treasurer asked the board to considered approval of sending Sally Rodriguez to a QuickBooks Training Seminar. The class is July 12 & 13, 2017 and the fee is \$550.00. The treasurer would like another person familiar with the program in the absence of Ms. Manso.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Raul Munoz to approve the expense of a Seminar to be held on July 12 & 13, 2017 regarding QuickBooks Training for Sally Rodriguez, not to exceed \$800.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Suarez was absent.

Motion Passed

Mr. Mena will be asking for approval for a second training seminar in August regarding the use of Excel Spreadsheets.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Ramirez presented a Building Permit Application for 3619 Collinsville Road, a Cell Tower Upgrade, Crown Castle Owner. Administrator Penny informed those present that a dispute regarding the fee for the permit is unresolved. The permit was tabled for the next meeting.

Clerk Ramirez presented a Business License Application, Best Roasted Corn in Town, Mobil Roasted Corn Sales, 5404 Collinsville Road, Beharic Meho, 4960 Magnolia, St. Louis, Missouri, Owner.

There was a discussion regarding land ownership of the property in question to park the equipment. The question was, does that land belong to the Exxon Station who is giving permission for the sale of the corn. Also, the owners have yet to get their certification from the Eastside Health District.

Approval of the Business License Application, Best Roasted Corn in Town, Mobil Roasted Corn Sales, 5404 Collinsville Road, Beharic Meho, 4960 Magnolia, St. Louis, Missouri, Owner, pending documentation of land ownership / permission with a certification from the Eastside Health District was made in a motion by Guadalupe Hernandez and seconded by David Suarez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Suarez was absent.

Motion Passed

Report of Police Chief

Chief Penny also had a matter of personnel for Executive Session.

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief - No Report

Report of the Public Works Director

Public Works Director Juenger reported the Cookson Road Sewer repair has been completed and the road is open again. The bill is forthcoming. The company has not received its outsourcing cost.

The director reported the Collinsville Road Sewer Repair is in motion. The plans have been switched out to reflect the CSX request and adjusted. The adjustment is expected to save some money regarding the required electric construction. The engineers are working on the various permits required. Director Juenger is hoping to be breaking ground on the project in 1 to 2 months.

Committee Reports

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Charles Arriola – No Report

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

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

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Raul Munoz

Trustee Munoz wanted to thank those present who participated in the Cinco De Mayo Golf Tournament Fund Raiser.

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

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez

Trustee David Suarez expressed some concern about the Bi-State Buses running Cookson Road with all of the village sewer problems there.

President's Report

President Bregen reminded those present they are invited to the LibraryAware Community Award Presentation, tomorrow, Thursday June 8 at 10am at the Fairmont City Library Center. The library will be receiving a \$10,000.00 check for winning 1st place in the 2017 LibraryAware Community Award presented by NoveList and Library Journal. Unfortunately he himself will be unable to attend.

President Bregen also reminded those present the EPA will be in the Community Center next Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 4pm-7pm. The open house will have U.S. EPA

representatives available for questions. The US EPA is planning further remediation both residential and industrial on the Old American Zinc project. The site has been under investigation by the EPA as early as 1994. In April of 2016 the site was added to the National Priorities List (NPL) due to high levels of lead on the plant, surrounding residential yards and in Rose Creek. A newsletter was mailed to each residence in town with the background information. A date to begin the work has yet to be set. At this time the EPA is gathering the required permissions from local residents.

President Bregen asked the Police Chief if his department is security ready for the Holy Rosary Picnic, Friday and Saturday, June 9 & 10, 2017. Chief Penny reported everything in place. There will be no parade this year due to the problems on Cookson Road.

Public Comment

A local resident reported residents in his neighborhood were concerned the Kinder Park project seems to be at a standstill. He explained all the sewer projects that have come up recently have taken priority.

This resident also reported people in his neighborhood have expressed concern about the EPA work on the Old American Zinc. Some residents seem to think a public housing project would follow. Chief Penny and President Bregen had no idea where the rumor may have come from. The last thing the EPA would do in a project like this one is allow any housing on the property. They will be removing a minimal amount of the contaminated soil for new dirt. The site is expected to be used as another industrial area upon completion.

Another resident had questions about what measures the village was taking regarding the mosquito problem. Public Works Director Juenger reported he and his crew are in the process of being educated on larva site treatments. The president reported the village has been battling the mosquito problem for years. All the standing water in our area makes it close to impossible to keep up with. Chief Penny said the department will be investigating yards with small and large water containment. Tires and other yard containers are potential mosquito breeding grounds.

A local resident complained about his neighbor's weeds and trees growing in, around and through a fence on his property. This situation has been going on for 2 years now. There was a discussing regarding legal responsibilities. Chief Penny has intervened numerous times and the owners of the trees have received notice. The village has limited legal options. President Bregen suggested the resident find a lawyer.

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills be accepted as presented, in the amount of \$51,332.32 and authorized for payment was made by Michael Fiudo and seconded by Guadalupe Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Suarez was absent.

Motion Passed

Executive Session

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Raul Munoz to enter into executive session regarding matters of personnel. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Suarez was absent.

Motion Passed 7:34pm

Executive Session

The motion was made by Charlie Arriola and seconded by Michael Fiudo to return to the regular order of business. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Michael Suarez was absent.

Motion Passed 7:48pm

Adjournment

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

Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
June 7, 2017