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Meeting Agenda- April 15, 2015

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Liquor License Application, La Tiendita Mexican Grocery Store, 5100 Collinsville Road, Building A, Fairmont City, Illinois, Juan and Josie Del Rio owners.

Police Chief Report

Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Report of Street Superintendent

Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Bills

Closed Session

Review Closed Session Minutes

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, April 15, 2015
4001 COOKSON ROAD
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Clerk Ramirez introduced Trustee Charles Arriola as President Pro Tem in President Bregen's absence. President Pro Tem Charles Arriola 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 Scott Penny, Fire Chief Robert Allen and Street Superintendant Joe, "Pepe", Manso.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting of April 1, 2015, was made by David Suarez and seconded by Michael Suarez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, pass. (Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aleman presented the financials for March, 2015.

The treasurer reported to those present that the governor's cuts in spending (grants) may also include cuts to Motor Fuel Tax disbursements.

Mr. Aleman also reported a meeting had been held with the Illinois Municipal League's field representative. There were a number of topics discussed including workman's comp, lawsuits, trenches, and certifications. This group will be meeting quarterly; the next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2015. Treasurer Aleman is the Risk Management Coordinator and will be forwarding various articles to the board members. The treasurer also informed the board that a variety of classes are available on line for anyone that might be interested in learning more.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the board that he had three items for review only one of them on the agenda.

Clerk Ramirez presented a Liquor License Application from La Tiendita Mexican Grocery Store 5100 Collinsville Road Building A, Fairmont City, Illinois, Juan and Josie Del Rio owners.

There was discussion regarding the excellent job the couple has done in maintaining the order of their grocery business during the past year. Chief Penny reported there have been no incidents reported to the police department and feels the store is providing a much appreciated service to some of the residents of the trailer courts.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Hernandez to approve the Liquor License Application from La Tiendita Mexican Grocery Store 5100 Collinsville Road Building A, Fairmont City, Illinois, Juan and Josie Del Rio owners. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

The clerk presented and read aloud a letter of resignation from Trustee Charles Arriola. Having expressed thanks to all present, Mr. Arriola asked the board to accept his resignation as Trustee.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Munoz to accept the resignation of Village Board of Trustee, Charles Arriola. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

The clerk presented a Business License/Liquor Application from Variedades El Ranchito, L.L.C., DBA, GMO's Pizzeria and Bakery, Gabe Morales owner. Chief Penny explained the license application was not received in time for the agenda.

There was some discussion regarding the building permit issued at this location at a previous meeting. The intent for the changes at the location was revealed at that time. No objections were made. The license application will be on the agenda at the next meeting for formal action.

Report of Police Chief - No Report

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen reported the siren has finally been repaired. The 9 o'clock siren is back in service.

Report of Street Superintendent

The superintendent reported the backstop is in transition. The ironworkers are in training next week and the schedule has to be set. Supplies have been ordered and positioning needs to be confirmed. Superintendent Manso informed the board that he is short handed as 2 of the street department workers are out sick.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Arriola – No Report

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

Trustee Fiudo congratulated his fellow trustees on winning the recent election. He also wished Treasurer Aleman a happy birthday.

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

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Munoz

Mr. Munoz reported last that Thursday, April 9, 2015 there was a sign up held for the children's dance class to be held in the P.A.L. Gym. There were 30 enrollees. They will be offering a second enrollment opportunity, tomorrow, April 16, 2016. Classes will begin the following week, April 23, 2015.

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Hernandez – No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez – No Report

President's Report

At this time the village clerk reminded those present that The Statement of Economic Interest they are required to submit is due May 1, 2015.

President Pro Tem Arriola congratulated the trustees who were elected in the recent election (Michael Suarez, Guadalupe Hernandez and Raul Munoz).

Public Comment

A representative of a local business was addressed by the board regarding a fence requirement issued a number of months ago. There was some discussion regarding the delinquency of the project.

There was a motion made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Hernandez to allow Tek Recycling, Inc., 2975 Kingshighway, Fairmont City, Illinois until April 30, 2015 to complete the slated fencing project agreement made with the village on November 13, 2013, or take legal actions including fines and revocation of the business license. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, pass; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

A local resident who claim to be an advocate for other members of the community not in attendance, presented a number of complaints to the board regarding the street department.

The first complaint was regarding the unsightly trash on the street department grounds at 45th street.

The second complaint was in regard to allowing old furniture and other large items to be lying in the alleyways piling up. There was discussion about the possibility of a once a month pick up.

The third complaint was in regard to the pot holes all over town.

A representative previously employed by St. Louis Cardinals public relations addressed the board regarding the possibility of hosting an event surrounding cardinal players Carlos Martinez and Yadier Molina. This representative, Ms. Marissa Diaz, is working with the agents of the 2 players regarding public relations and community involvement on an individual (non team) basis. Ms. Diaz is currently working with Carlos Martinez's agent to organize a possible sports event in a small community. She would like to keep it contained to Fairmont City. Social media would be involved and she asked for the board's approval.

All in attendance were very receptive and agreed to full cooperation to make such an event happen. Contact information will be shared and a follow up meeting will be scheduled.

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills are accepted as presented and authorized for payment was made by Hernandez seconded by Munoz. 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 David Suarez and seconded by Hernandez. 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
April 15, 2015