

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 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, 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 correction was noted from the minutes of June 3, 2017 page 1 last paragraph mention is made of Clerk Ramirez. Clerk Ramirez was not in attendance and Deputy Clerk Karen Manso presented the said building permit application (3619 Collinsville Road, Cell Tower). With that correction made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of June 23, 2017 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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mena made a favorable preliminary financial report on the general fund for the month of June. All the bank statements are not available and the financial report for June, 2017 will be available at the next meeting.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Ramirez presented Resolution 2017-06 a Resolution Authorizing Public Works Director Roger Juenger to Execute Documents on Behalf of the Village of Fairmont City. The resolution gives permission to Roger Juenger to sign necessary documentations on behalf of the village in regards to the Intergovernmental Grants Department projects.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Guadalupe Hernandez to approve Resolution 2017-06 a Resolution Authorizing Public Works Director Roger Juenger to Execute Documents on Behalf of the Village of Fairmont City. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Mr. Ramirez presented Building Permit Application, 5427 Kinder Avenue, Room Addition, Charles Brown, 5431 Thomas Avenue, Owner.

With everything in order the motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Michael Fiudo to approve the Building Permit Application, 5427 Kinder Avenue, Room Addition, Charles Brown, 5431 Thomas Avenue, 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

Clerk Ramirez presented a second Building Permit Application for 5431 Thomas Avenue, New Garage, Charles Brown, Owner.

The motion was made by Raul Munoz and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve the Building Permit Application. 5431 Thomas Avenue, New Garage, Charles Brown, 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

The clerk presented a Building Permit Application for 2701 N 40th Street, Interior/ Exterior Alterations to Existing Structure Josephine Manley, Owner, Johnson's Roofing, 5 Pioneer Trail, Glen Carbon Illinois, 62034, Contractor.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve the Building Permit Application for 2701 N 40th Street, Interior/ Exterior Alterations to Existing Structure Josephine Manley, Owner, Johnson's Roofing, 5 Pioneer Trail, Glen Carbon Illinois, 62034, Contractor. 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/ Administrator

Chief Penny presented a resignation letter from Detective Derek Parker. The chief stated Mr. Parker has been offered a position with the FBI. Mr. Parker was in attendance to address the administration personally.

Mr. Parker made a very moving offer of thankfulness. He was very thankful for the opportunity to learn with the village police department. He stressed how he learned so much more than police work. He experienced family through community. He considers the Village of Fairmont City home. He shared some memories, both on the job and off. He will be working hard to be assigned to the St. Louis area in his new capacity. He will miss his role here and appreciates the support he has received in reaching this opportunity. His achievement would not have been possible without this administration.

President Bregen returned the thank you for Mr. Parker's work and what it has meant to the village. The president congratulated Chief Penny for his role in shaping Mr. Parker's career.

With great sadness, the motion was made by Charles Arriola and seconded by Michael Fiudo to accept the resignation of Derek Parker. 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 Belleville News Democrat has reported a 47 year old with 17 years of experience with the Fairmont City Police Department, was involved in an incident resulting in a fatal

shooting. The officer is a member of the Special Response Team. The incident occurred in Belleville, Illinois and has since been circulating St. Louis media. Protocol will not allow any release of information for a 72 hour period and none has been released. The officer is on leave (not a reflection on the officer) and the chief will have a report as soon as it is possible.

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen reported the Fireman's Association has purchased \$2,000.00 worth of equipment for the department. He is very grateful and appreciates the support.

The ISO shirts for the kids have arrived. He and Trustee Charles Arriola will be disbursing the shirts for a photo shoot on Monday, July 10, 2017 at the soccer field on Maryland Avenue. The department shirt should be in next week.

President Bregen mentioned he saw some firemen over the weekend doing the MDA Boot Drive. Fire Chief Allen said the department decided to start a little early this year. The plan is to do more short drives rather than all day drives, during the summer. President Bregen would like the board to consider refreshments for the devoted Boot Drivers.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Raul Munoz to approve expense for refreshments during this year's annual MDA Boot Drive, at Fire Chief Allen's discretion. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Fire Chief Allen reported the Vender Showcase Event is going well. He is still waiting to hear from the State Fire Marshal as a speaker.

Report of the Public Works Director

Public Works Director Juenger reported he received an email today regarding the cost of the Cookson Road sewer repair. A detailed invoice will be forthcoming and the total is \$127,790.00.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by David Suarez to approve the payment of \$127,790.00 to Baxmeyer Construction, Inc. for the sewer repair on Cookson Road. 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, the engineers and the treasurer have reviewed the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grant Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the 2016 grant issued for sewer repair. The grant has already been rearranged due to the emergency on Cookson Road. Director Juenger would like to make some additional adjustments. These adjustments would include re-lining (Instituform) the sewer between 43rd Street and 45th Street

on Cookson Road. Unfortunately, the grant amount is not quite enough and the village would have to pay another \$13,000.00 to complete the adjustment. The director asked for approval of the additional funding.

The motion was made by Guadalupe Hernandez and seconded by Raul Munoz to approve the \$13,000.00 (an additional 600 feet) expenditure for additional length of sewer re-lining to Cookson Road in unison with the CDBG PY2016 grant funding. 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 is still frustrated with the railroad's response to the sewer situation on Collinsville Road. He has contacted John Baricevic, one of the village attorneys, to intervene once again.

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 – No Report

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

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

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez

Trustee David Suarez wanted to know the status of Roger Juenger being allowed to write nuisance tickets. The matter will be addressed at the next meeting

President's Report

President Bregen reported the Mexican Consulate is scheduled to be in the Community Center, Saturday and Sunday, July 8 & 9, 2017

Public Comment

A local business owner was present to clarify a letter in which she was addressed as complaining. The business owner reported she was asking a question not complaining.

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills be accepted as presented, in the amount of \$42,061.56 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 Suarez, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Executive Session

The motion was made by Charles Arriola and seconded by David Suarez to enter into Executive Session regarding pending litigation. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed 7:24pm

Executive Session

The motion to return to the regular order of business was made by Raul Munoz 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 7:53pm

President Bregen reported there has been a correction made regarding a previous understanding of ADA compliance and the Iron Rail Pub. He apologized for any inconvenience caused and the business is legally opened.

Adjournment

With that, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Arriola and seconded by Michael 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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
July 5, 2017