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Meeting Agenda-Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Request from the Mississippi Valley Library District for additional T.I.F. funds for the Fairmont City Library (2870 N 44th Street).

Building Permit Sprint (Pete Alcers) 5525 Congress Place remove and replace existing antennas and accessory equipment.

Building Permit (Ricardo Valdez) 2507 N 32nd Street , Car Port Enclosure.

Police Chief Report

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

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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 17, 2013
4001 COOKSON ROAD
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Alex J. Bregen called the Meeting to order followed by the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance.

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

Trustees: Suarez, Romo, Maliszewski, Fiudo and Arriola. Also in attendance were Abraham Aleman, Treasurer; Trustee Hernandez was absent. Also in attendance were Police Chief Scott Penny, Robert Allen, and Fire Chief.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting of April 17, 2013 was made by Romo and seconded by Maliszewski. The Roll Call Vote was unanimous.
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aleman presented the city financial report for March 2013 and reported the city in a sound financial position at this time. He is still anticipating the downsizing of the landfill and the need to prepare.

Mr. Aleman requested a meeting for the finance committee to discuss a rate for the sewer billing. The previous \$4.50 rate will not accommodate utilization of the Region's Bank Lock Box.

The Treasurer reminded the board of the circumstance regarding the sewer bill. The city acquired a debt of over a million dollars in construction a sewer system on the east side of town in the late eighties. In the process the Federal Land Bank provided a grant that reduced the village debt to \$140,000.00. To allow for receipt of the funding

the village had to agree to establish a sewer billing program to allow for maintenance of the new sewers and the eventual replacement of the older sewer system on the west side of town.

There is some money in the sewer fund but there has not been a collection since the water company discontinued collection of the bill. Further funding is necessary to address additional repairs to the west side sewer system.

The Treasurer's office met with Joe Lofink and his associates (Northwest Mutual) in health insurance. With changing laws the village may incur additional mandatory coverage for part-time employees. Currently the medical bill is \$32,000 a month. Northwest Mutual will be collecting data and providing some pricing and options, to include but not limited to a Medical Savings Account. A Medical Savings Account is a means to allow greater self management of medical expenses and encourages wiser financial choices. Mr. Aleman will report further as the information becomes available.

Treasurer Aleman reported police contract needs to be printed and signed as an agreement has been reached.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk presented a request from the Mississippi Valley Library District for additional T.I.F. fund for the Fairmont City Library (2870 N 44th Street).

As the Library had no representation at the meeting, the request was tabled and is under advisement of the finance committee.

Clerk Ramirez presented a request for a Building Permit from Sprint (Pete Alcers) 5525 Congress Place to remove and replace existing antennas and accessory equipment.

Everything was in order and the fees have been paid. There were no objections to said Building Permit. The motion was made by Romo and seconded by Suarez to approve a Building Permit for Sprint represented by Pete Alcers at 5525 Congress Place. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes, Hernandez; absent.

(Motion Passed)

Clerk Ramirez then presented a Building Permit for 2507 N 32nd Street, Ricardo Valdez for a Car Port Enclosure.

As Mr. Valdez has agreed to co-operate with all construction guidelines there was no objection by the board. A motion was made to issue a Building Permit to Ricardo Valdez at 2507 N 32nd Street for a Car Port Enclosure by Fiudo and seconded by Suarez. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes, Hernandez; absent.

(Motion Passed)

Report of Police Chief

Chief Penny reported the new police car is in and undergoing painting and equipment modifications. He thanked the board for approval of the purchase.

Report of Zoning Administrator

Mr. Penny reported the Zoning Board will be meeting Monday, April 22, 2013, 7pm for the quarterly meeting. There is nothing on the agenda.

Report of Fire Chief

Report pending due to an emergency page.

Report of Street Superintendent

Absent no report.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Arriola

Mr. Arriola reported the police department is running smoothly. President Bregen then reported negotiation has concluded with the F.O.P. and an agreement has been reached and upon acceptance shall be signed tomorrow by the responsible parties.

A motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Fiudo to accept the three year contract between the F.O.P. Lodge 106 and The Village of Fairmont City as written. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes, Hernandez; absent.

(Motion Passed)

Public Health & Housing – Chair – Romo

Trustee Romo reported that he and Superintendant Manso had met to discuss the athletic park on 45th Street (otherwise known as Grambi Park). Mr. Romo has agreed to keep an eye on the park. He reported that high school and middle school children had a first practice there last week. Mr. Romo attended. He reported the children to be elated and wanted Mr. Romo to extend their thanks to the board for providing this opportunity.

The city engineers are working on the details and costs involved in replace the poles and lights at the Grambi Park.

President Bregen thanked Mr. Romo for taking on this responsibility

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Hernandez - No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – Maliszewski – No Report

Economic/Finance Development & Planning – Chair – Fiudo

Mr. Fiudo reported the need to schedule a Finance Committee Meeting in regards to the Library and Sewer Billing. Those attending who are on the committee agreed to meet on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 6pm in the city annex.

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

Mr. Suarez reported that Superintendant Manso is interested in taken on all the summer help he had last year. They are already trained.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that city lawyer; Mike Flynn announced his retirement as of April 30, 2013. Mr. Flynn's son, Brian Flynn, has been handled some of the city's cases for the past few years working closely with his father. Chief Penny reported Brian Flynn has been handling approximately 30% of the village's cases in the past few years. President Bregen would like to name Brian Flynn as city attorney on a temporary basis.

The motion was made by Suarez and seconded by Arriola to accept the resignation of village attorney Mike Flynn and replace his position on a temporary basis to his son, Brian Flynn. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes, Hernandez; absent.
(Motion Passed)

Public Comment

Mrs. Mary Ann Aleman attended the meeting to request the board to consider upgrades to city streets. She is especially concerned with 45th Street. Mayor Bregen reported to Mrs. Aleman the issue has been discussed with I.D.O.T. and city engineers. The conclusion was the street would have to be dug out and replaced with concrete by the city. Scheduling has yet to be made due to the weather.

Mrs. Aleman was also concerned with the effectiveness of oil and chipping. President Bregen agreed that investigating alternatives is an issue as it is part of the problem. The Mayor thanked Mrs. Aleman for her concerns.

Also in attendance was Mr. Juanita Buffa. Mrs. Buffa complained that her back yard is flooding out every time it rains. She was requesting the storm drain near her house be addressed as it appears to be almost inoperable. President Bregen assured Mrs. Buffa that the matter will be further investigated.

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills be accepted as presented and authorized for payment was made by Romo and seconded by Maliszewski. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes, Hernandez; absent.
(Motion Passed)

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Fiudo and seconded by Suarez. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes, Hernandez; absent.
(Motion Passed)

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
April 17, 2013