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Meeting Agenda- November 16, 2016

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Building Permit Application, 3808 Cookson Road, New Building, Ceres Properties, LLC, Owners

Building Permit Application. 5506 Collinsville Road, Concrete Driveway, Alicia Castellanos, Owner.

Report of Police Chief

Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Report of Public Works Director

Committee Reports

Mayor'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, NOVEMBER 16, 2016
4001 COOKSON ROAD
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

President Bregen 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/ Administrator, Scott Penny, Fire Chief Robert Allen and Public Works Director Roger Juenger.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of November 2, 2016 was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Fiudo. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aleman presented the financial statement for the month of October, 2016. The treasurer paid half of the insurance and the fire department payroll leaving a slight deficit.

The audit is in progress and should be done shortly. The new firm is being quite thorough as they acclimate themselves to village procedure.

The treasurer presented a pamphlet with some information regarding the TULIP (Tenant User Liability Insurance Program) program. The Illinois Municipal League has suggested the village start practicing the program for persons or groups using village property.

Mr. Aleman reported he met with a representative from Charter Cable regarding a fiber optic system the library reported on last meeting. Charter could take on our phone service and provide fiber optic internet to the village for a savings of approximately \$500. The treasurer recommended the package.

The question was raised regarding service being offered to the whole town. Those present thought it would be disruptive if the administration has access to something residents do not. The president suggested writing a letter to find out if the service would be available to residential use. If not, city hall should remain as it is.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Ramirez presented a Building Permit Application from Ceres Properties LLC, for a New Building at 3808 Cookson Road.

Chief Penny reported the company was planning on buying a building, previously occupied by Rent-A-Center, but ran into some problems with sale. The company has now decided to go back to its original plan to build a new building at 3808 Cookson.

The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by David Suarez to approve the Building Permit Application from Ceres Properties LLC, for a New Building at 3808 Cookson Road. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Clerk Ramirez presented a Building Permit Application from Alicia Castellanos at 5506 Collinsville Road for a concrete driveway.

With no objections the motion was made by Hernandez and seconded by Munoz to approve the Building Permit Application from Alicia Castellanos at 5506 Collinsville Road for a concrete driveway. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

The clerk was given a last minute resolution by Administrator Penny and Roger Juenger that is necessary to put in place in order to proceed with the sewer repair on Collinsville Road. They asked the board to consider a first passage of the resolution and a seconded passage at the next meeting when will be on the agenda.

The Resolution, No. 2016-09 is a resolution authorizing and committing Village funds to pay for a Terminal Lift Station Project Number E18160746.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Fiudo to approve Resolution, No. 2016-09 is a resolution authorizing and committing Village funds to pay for a Terminal Lift Station Project Number E18160746. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Report of Police Chief

Mr. Penny had a similar last minute situation as Resolution 2016-08. His emergency was in regard to the National Stockyards Main Post Office. Apparently the post office had been notified by the Nation Stockyards (owner of the building) a year ago they had to move. The letter went unnoticed, and the post office has to be moved before December 1, 2016. As administrator, Mr. Penny was approached by the realtor handling the move, for space in Fairmont City. He was looking for a piece of land to lease for 10 years to move a modular building, of which would become a post office. The post office would lease the land for \$3000.00 per year. The post office will retain the name National Stockyard Main Post Office. There is future hope that it might be renamed to Fairmont City Post Office. Fairmont City, unfortunately, does not get to change zip codes. Complex government issues reported many years ago by Congressman Costello keeps the village from assuming its own zip code. Regardless, it could become a convenience for village business using P.O. Boxes.

The chief proposed the property the village owns at 39th Street and Collinsville Road. There was some discussion regarding property but do to time constraint it was agreed to leave it as such, which is how the resolution reads.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Arriola to approve Resolution No. 2016-08 Regarding National Stockyards, Illinois, Main Post Office. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

The resolution will be but on the next agenda for a second passage and the project can commence today.

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen presented a generator maintenance program proposal from Gateway Industrial Power, Inc. The proposal is in the amount of \$672.49 and is for 2 years.

With no objection the motion was made by Munoz and seconded by Hernandez to approve the generator maintenance program proposal from Gateway Industrial Power, Inc. in the amount of \$672.49. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

The chief reported the ISO audit is moving along with a lot of paperwork involved. He is currently working on the fire hydrant part of the audit and is waiting for paper work from Illinois American Water. Doug Gonzales has been working with him and the next step is getting the required paper work from CenCom (Belleville Dispatch).

President Bregen reported Mr. Allen has indicated the monies for the drive are coming is a little slower than expected. The president asked the board to consider advancing the drive, if necessary, to buy the toys. When collections are received the drive would pay the village back.

The motion was made to advance the toy drive efforts to purchase toys, if necessary; on the condition of reimbursement when collections are complete was made by Munoz and seconded by Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

President Bregen also suggested a refreshment allotment for Toy Drive volunteers.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Hernandez to approve the expense of refreshment for Toy Drive volunteers not to exceed \$1,500.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Report of the Public Works Director

Director Juenger reported on an email invitation the administration received to attend the Risk MAP Resilience Meeting for St. Clair County. The meeting is to discuss food-related issues and includes the input of several state and federal agencies including FEMA. Mr. Juenger and the village engineer will be attending the meeting held on December 6, 2016.

Director Juenger reported Clean Uniform has been to the street department to collect their rental equipment after being notified of possible litigation regarding the existing contract. The company wants uniform items from past employees as well as current. The director has contacted employees that Clean still has on their roster as having clothing that belongs to them.

Director Juenger asked for input regarding what to do next. There was some discussion regarding what is known to be done in other communities. The director will be doing further research.

Scott Penny reported he and Roger Juenger did a follow up regarding an email from Nathan Stooke, the owner of the Wisper Internet Service. Mr. Stooke would like to replace the two existing poles the city originally installed. They want to replace them with their own poles, that can be climbed, at the company's expense. Mr. Stooke would like to install 2 additional poles at other locations. Mr. Stooke believes the process would greatly improved service. He would like the city to pay for the electricity. President Bregen suggested some further negotiation and Chief Penny will do the follow up.

Committee Reports

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

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

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

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Munoz

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Arriola – No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez – No Report

President's Report

President Bregen asked Mr. Aleman for an update on the Granby Project. Mr. Aleman reported he has given the report to the new auditors.

The president reported he spoke to the village attorney regarding the outcome of the election. The president is concerned that local residents could be affected and would like to establish the village as a Sanctuary City Status. He gave a brief outline of how it works, and how little is known what it may mean to the future. He will be gathering more information in the coming months.

Public Comment

A local resident had a question about what kind of building the Ceres Company will be building on Cookson Road. Mr. Juenger and Chief Penny reported it will look more like a house than an office building. The same resident was confused about where the Skinner property is that had been termed instead of 39th and Collinsville Road.

Another member of the community wanted to report on the progress of the Kinder Park project.

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills are accepted as presented and authorized for payment was made by Fiudo and seconded by Arriola. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.

(Motion Passed)

Executive Session

The motion was made by Munoz and seconded by David Suarez to enter into executive session regarding personnel. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed) 7:39pm

The motion was made by Fiudo and seconded by Arriola to return to the regular order of business. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed) 7:59

President Bregen announced he will be working on setting up meetings and interviews for possible replacements for Treasurer Aleman's retirement.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Arriola to approve Christmas Bonus for civilian employees as presented. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

A question of the newsletter date was asked, it was agreed to wait until after the first of the year. Another question on the status of the county helping with demolitions arouse and that project is waiting on paperwork.

President Bregen thanked everyone for their hard work and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Adjournment

With that, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Munoz and seconded by Munoz. 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
November 16, 2016