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Meeting Agenda- September 7, 2016

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Touchette Regional Hospital, Nereyda Vargas-Titus, request use of Community Center for Charity Event.

Solid Rock Community Church, Requesting use of Village Parks for Outdoor Services.

Building Permit Application, 2924 N 61st Street, Roof addition to patio, Michael Kokotovitch, owner.

Building Permit Application, 2925 N 61st Street, New Porch, Alonso Gonzalez, owner.

Request to Approve Engagement Letter with Scheffel Boyle, Certified Public Accountants.

Resolution 2016-07, A Resolution Authorizing use of Village of Fairmont City, Illinois Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) Funds to Repair Infrastructure in the Zone.

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, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 August 17, 2016 was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by David Suarez. 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 report for the month of August, 2016. The treasurer also gave a brief overview of the condition of the General Fund for the month of September, 2016.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Ramirez introduced Nereyda Vargas-Titus. Ms. Titus is requesting use of the Community Center for a Zumbathon to raise money for the Touchette Regional Hospital Cancer Awareness Program. Her group would like to use the center on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

With no objection, the motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Fiudo to approve use of the Community Center on October 22, 2016 by Touchette Regional Hospital Cancer Awareness Program for a Zumbathon fund raiser. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

The clerk then introduced Pastor Michael Aden of the Solid Rock Community Church. Pastor Aden in turn introduced another pastor, Javier Quintana. The pastors were requesting use of park facilities for outdoor services.

A discussion took place regarding existing services and possible conflict. Tuesdays and Thursdays evening were believed to be better days for evening hours. The services would be held under the park pavilion where electricity is available. The president made the marquee available for getting the word out.

The motion was made by Hernandez and seconded by Munoz to approve use of the park pavilion by the Solid Rock Community Church, Pastors Michael Aden and Javier Quintana, on Tuesday or Thursday for outdoor services. 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 for 2924 N 61st Street for a roof addition to a patio from Michael Kokotovich, the owner.

With everything in order the motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Arriola to approve the Building Permit Application for 2924 N 61st Street for a roof addition to a patio from Michael Kokotovich, the owner. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Mr. Ramirez presented another Building Permit Application for 2925 N 61st Street for a new porch from Alonso Gonzalez, the owner.

The motion was made by Munoz and seconded by Arriola to approve the Building Permit Application for 2925 N 61st Street for a new porch from Alonso Gonzalez, the owner. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Clerk Ramirez presented a request to approve and Engagement Letter with Scheffel Boyle, Certified Public Accountants. President Bregen gave a brief background on Treasurer Aleman's search for another accounting firm to meet with new accounting procedures required by state law.

The motion was made by Hernandez and seconded by David Suarez to approve the Engagement Letter with Scheffel Boyle, Certified Public Accountants as presented. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Lastly, the clerk presented Resolution 2016-07, A Resolution Authorizing use of Village of Fairmont City, Illinois, Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) Funds to Repair Infrastructure in the Zone. Administrator Penny explained the resolution was necessary to make the funds available for the emergency sewer repairs to the main sewer lines on Collinsville Road, part of the T.I.F. zone.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Munoz to approve Resolution 2016-07, A Resolution Authorizing use of Village of Fairmont City, Illinois, Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) Funds to Repair Infrastructure in the Zone. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Report of Police Chief

Chief Penny reported on the status of the Kinder Park Project which is part of a \$30,000.00 St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grant. As in the past, grant funds are reimbursed after spending. Mr. Penny has talked with the treasurer and the funds are available. The funds will be used for black topping a basket ball court.

The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Fiudo to approve spending \$30,000.00 on the Kinder Park Project to be reimbursed by the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Administrator Penny sent a memo out last week regarding Noe Marquez attending the Illinois Municipal League Conference on September 22-24, 2016.

With no objection the motion was made by Hernandez and seconded by Arriola to approve the expense of Noe Marquez attending the Illinois Municipal League conference in Chicago, Illinois, October 22-24, 2016, not to exceed \$2,000.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen reported the village fire department will be participating in an official dedication of the 911 Memorial of the city of Belleville honoring the firefighters who lost their lives that day. The Memorial is located at the main engine house in Belleville, Route 15 and Highway 159. A parade will start at the Belleville Fair Grounds and end at the memorial. Fairmont City will be represented by 5 firefighters and a fire truck. The chief reported the department is honored to participate.

Chief Allen reported the fire department collected \$5,000.00 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (M.D.A.) this year with the help of another kick ball tournament.

Mr. Allen has been working on the final details with the Chemtrade Corporation who is donating new fire hose to the village fire department. He has invited the company to the village board meeting to be held on September 21, 2016. The fire department will attend the meeting in uniform and Chief Allen will present a plaque of gratitude to the company representative.

The chief reported the open house this year will be held during Fire Prevention Week, Wednesday, October 12, 2016. He has contacted the Ameren Corporation who will be there to share their electric and gas safety programs.

Fire Chief Allen also reported calls have been tremendously busy this year from major interstate accidents, to storms and structure fires. It has been very busy and he looks forward to a possible slow down.

Report of the Public Works Director

Public Works Director Juenger reported he checked with Lisa Bowman, the village T.I.F. coordinator and 45th Street is in the T.I.F. #1 District. Funds to demolition a property discussed at a previous meeting could come of the district.

Chief Penny reported Lieutenant Marquez approached the owner offering to demolish the building if she would quit claim the property to the village for \$1.00. The owner was not receptive. President Bregen suggested having the village lawyer send a letter offering a last chance to change her mind.

Director Juenger continued his report with information concerning the sewer main collapses on Collinsville Road. The engineers are working on some options and Mr. Juenger has been negotiating with Hanks Construction Company regarding the work.

There was a great deal of discussion concerning the advantage and disadvantage of replacing the existing pipe or using a force main system that would lift the sewerage to the outgoing Metro East Sanitary District (M.E.S.D.) Sewer System. The latter being the least

expensive at approximately, \$600,000.00. That amount would include some in house work, like clearing trees that Mr. Juenger has already factored in.

The village is dependent on the engineers for much of the remaining detail. Chief Penny agreed to take care of correspondence with possible funding sources including the county and state. The Illinois Department of Transportation (I.D.O.T.) and CSX Railroad will also be notified of the village plan of action due to the easement used by the sewer line being on or near their respective properties.

A motion to move forward with the use of available funding, including Tax Increment Finance Funds, with the sewer correction project was made by Fiudo and seconded by David Suarez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Hernandez - No Report

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

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

Trustee Michael Suarez informed those present that he and Public Works Director Juenger have agreed to a Street Department Public Hearing before the next meeting, 6:30pm, September 21, 2016. The agenda will be forth coming.

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Munoz

Trustee Munoz requested use of the Community Center for another Seniors Free Hair Cut event.

The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Hernandez to approve use of the Community Center on September 25, 2016 for free Senior Hair Cuts. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Arriola

Trustee Arriola wanted to know the status of the Gateway Race Track group and the Kinder Park Project. Administrator Penny reported that funding will be utilized for additional equipment to the park after the grant monies cover some of the fundamental ground work.

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez – No Report

President's Report

President Bregen asked if there had been any progress concerning the entrance to the Forum Trailer Park at the 5300 block of Collinsville Road the manager had approached the city about. Administrator Penny said an ordinance created in 1954 was located naming the drive in question as village property. Mr. Juenger will be collecting data to make the repair to the entry.

President Bregen asked if an inspection had been set up for the Granby Project. Director Juenger report the inspection is set up for Friday, September 9, 2016. A representative of the state, the engineer and Mr. Juenger will be participating.

Public Comment

Two teachers representing the Caseyville Elementary School asked the board to contribute to their "Spirit Days" program. Once a week the students wear Caseyville t-shirts celebrating community spirit. The teachers informed the board that 70% of their schools students are from Fairmont City. Some of the students can't afford the shirts so it is their mission to try and raise the money to provide the shirts.

President Bregen explained to the women the city cannot make donations under law. The village can, however, suggest to the Police Athletic League (P.A.L.), Fairmont Fireman's Association and the local American Legion chapter to make a donation to their worthy cause. Chief Penny will take the cause to the P.A.L., Chief Allen will ask the Fireman's Association and Clerk Ramirez will take it up with the American Legion Post 961.

A local resident employed with the state of Illinois Assistance Program reported to those present he has been transferred from the East St. Louis office to the Granite City office. The East St. Louis office only had a Spanish speaking interpreter one day a week. The Granite City office has bi-lingual employees every day. The resident asked the boards help in spreading this information to village residents who may be in need of help with food stamps or Obama Care. The Granite City office is located at 1925 Madison Avenue.

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills are accepted as presented and authorized for payment was made by Fiudo and seconded by Hernandez. 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 Michael Suarez and seconded by David Suarez. 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
September 7, 2016