

Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Police Chief Report

Report of Zoning Administrator

**Administrator Report Re Gabriel Morales Rezoning – Approved
Recommendation – To be presented at the Village Board Meeting of February
20th, 2013.**

**Aspen/Stockyards Request for Rezoning is Scheduled for a Special Zoning
Board of Appeals Meeting on Monday, February 18th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

Report of Fire Chief

Street Superintendent Report

Committee Reports

Report of Finance Committee

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Bills

Adjournment

Richard D. Ramirez, Clerk

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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, Hernandez, Romo, Fiudo and Arriola. Trustee Maliszewski was absent. Also in attendance were Abraham Aleman, Treasurer; Scott E. Penny, Chief of Police; Robert Allen, Fire Chief; and, Joe "Pepe" Manso, Street Superintendent.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting of January 16, 2013 was made by Fiudo and seconded by Arriola. The Roll Call Vote was unanimous. (Motion Passed.)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aleman stated he has no reports as the bank statements are not in.

Clerk's Report – No Reports.

Report of Police Chief – No Reports.

Report of Zoning Administrator

Gabriel Morales Rezoning Application - Administrator Penny reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended that the Village Board approve the Rezoning Application of Mr. Gabriel Morales. The Zoning findings and recommendations will be written up and presented at the next Village Board Meeting.

Aspen/Stockyards Request for Rezoning – Aspen Sanitation Service has made an application to rezone parcels across from the Stockyards. There will be a Public Hearing on this application on Monday, February 18th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center to address this application.

Report of Fire Chief

Probationary Firefighters - Fire Chief Allen reported that Firefighter Trainees Mike Suarez, Nick Morales and Hector Gutierrez have successfully completed the Department's Firefighter One Training. Chief Allen recommended that the Board approve probationary status for these firefighters for a period of six months at which time they will attain full time active firefighter status.

A motion to approve the position of Probationary Firefighter for a six-month period to Mike Suarez, Nick Morales and Hector Gutierrez was made by Arriola and seconded by Romo. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Fiudo, yes; and, Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed.)

Smoke Detectors – Mobile Home Parks at 5200 & 5300 Collinsville Road
Fire Chief Allen reported that Police Officers Rose and Lofink volunteered their time to install smoke detectors in these mobile home parks. Lt. Marquez printed up a handout informing the residents of the Officers intent to install these safety features.

Fire Chief Allen stated that over half of the mobile homes did not have a smoke detector or a working smoke detector.

In order to complete the project, a motion was made by Suarez and seconded by Arriola to purchase 50 smoke detectors for an amount not to exceed \$800. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed.)

Mayor Bregen recommended a letter of appreciation be sent from the Administration to all those who participated in the smoke detector project. Also Chief Penny can order two jackets for the volunteers to wear to identify them as Village employees for the future installations.

Trustee Suarez questioned if the Fire Department still had the program of checking whether the senior citizens had working smoke detectors. Fire Chief Allen responded that program was through a grant when Bob Belba was Fire Chief.

The Fairmont City Fire Department will host the St. Clair County & Monroe County Fire Chiefs Association bimonthly meeting in September. The Department will be able to showcase our new fire truck as it should be delivered about this time.

Firefighter Training – Fire Chief Allen has scheduled firefighter training in May, June, October and November by Instructors from the University of Illinois. The training will be conducted here in Fairmont City.

Report of Street Superintendent

Superintendent Manso reported that they are still working on two trucks. They are not completely finished.

Mr. Manso stated the Department is ready for any inclement weather. We have been lucky with the weather with no major snowfall accumulation.

Report of Street Superintendent

Mr. Manso thanked the Administration and Departments for their condolences with the passing of his wife. He stated it was greatly appreciated.

Sewers in the St. Louis National Stockyards – There are a combination of stormwater and sewage drains in the Stockyards area. There are five such systems that still exist in this area. A portion has been addressed with the construction of the New Mississippi River Bridge with an existing business in this vicinity.

Chief Penny explained this has come to the forefront because a trucking company has applied to locate in this area for truck maintenance and storage.

Chief Penny explained the history of the sewers and the combination of the run-off stormwater with sewage wastes. He has met with the Metro East Sanitary District and their engineers and also conferred with our engineers.

Chief Penny stated it is a monumental project with estimated costs exceeding the quarter million dollar range. We will have to address this situation at some point in time if we are looking for development in this area.

Mayor Bregen appreciated the report on this project and stated he has the Village Attorney researching the Stockyards Agreement at this time.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety – Chair – Arriola – Police Commissioner Arriola stated that in conversations with Lt. Cronovich, the Department has no complaints. Mr. Arriola also invited everyone to attend the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Fish Fry on Wednesday, February 13th.

Economic/Finance Development & Planning – Chair – Fiudo – Finance Chair Fiudo reported on the Finance Committee Meeting. He reported that the Mississippi Valley Library District (MVLD) Fairmont City Center had applied for Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Funds to upgrade their electrical system and also to install a lift station. The Finance Committee recommended that the Village pay for the two items from the TIF Funds.

Mayor Bregen stated that he had asked the Finance Board to consider that the MVLD is a taxing entity and also a tax-exempt property when discussing the application. Monies appropriated will never be recovered, which is the opposite of the TIF Funding.

Mayor Bregen stated that recognizing the Library commitment and work within the Community and involvement with children in the Community, he has no problem with this application.

Economic/Finance Development & Planning – Chair – Fiudo (Continued)

A motion to approve \$30,155. from TIF Funds to the MVL D for the upgraded electrical system and lift station was made by Fiudo and seconded by Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed.)

Mayor Bregen thanked the Finance Committee for their work on the Library TIF Application.

Public Health & Housing – Chair – Romo – No Reports.

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Hernandez – No Reports.

Fire Protection – Chair – Maliszewski – Absent.

Streets, Sewers, Grounds, Buildings & Parks – Chair – Suarez – No Reports.

Village Clerk Report – No Reports.

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

A person in the audience inquired why our Village Attorney was not in attendance. Mayor Bregen responded that he doesn't normally attend and is in attendance when necessary.

Municipal Bills

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

Adjournment

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

The Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard D. Ramirez, Clerk
February 6, 2013