

ALEX J. BREGEN
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

RICHARD D. RAMIREZ
VILLAGE CLERK

Meeting Agenda-Wednesday, August, 21, 2013 AMENDED

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

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Clerk's Reports

Application for Building Permit at 2552 N 43rd Street, Storage Shed proposed by Glenn Felty.

Application for Building Permit at 2929 N 61st Street, Illinois Approved Modular Home proposed by Martin Avila.

RESOLUTION 2013-05 - STATE OF ILLINOIS/DNR/OSLAD/LWCF PROJECT
RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION.

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2013
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 D. Ramirez recorded the attendance. The following were in attendance:

Trustees: Suarez, Hernandez, Romo, Maliszewski, Fiudo and Arriola. Also in attendance were Abraham Aleman, Treasurer, Police Chief Scott Penny, Robert Allen, Fire Chief and Street Superintendant, Joe "Pepe" Manso.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting of August 7, 2013 was made by Fiudo and seconded by Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, pass; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aleman presented the financial statements as of July 31, 2013. The city received the landfill check late. The tax deposits were received at the same time making for a very healthy balance, for now.

Clerk's Report

The clerk presented to the board an **Application for Building Permit at 2552 N 43rd Street, Storage Shed proposed by Glenn Felty.**

With all the documents in order a motion was made by Suarez and seconded by Romo to approve the Application for Building Permit at 2552 N 43rd Street, Storage Shed proposed by Glenn Felty. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, pass; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

A second Application for Building Permit at 2929 N 61st Street, Illinois Approved Modular Home proposed by Martin Avila was presented by Clerk Ramirez.

Again the documents were in order and the motion was made by Maliszewski and seconded by Hernandez to approve Application for Building Permit at 2929 N 61st Street, Illinois Approved Modular Home proposed by Martin Avila. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, pass; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Clerk Ramirez presented Resolution 2013-05 A Resolution with the State of Illinois/DNR/OSLAD/LWCF Project Resolution of Authorization.

The Resolution is a requirement for the Grambi Park Lighting Grant. Without objection and the motion was made to approve Resolution 2013-05 A Resolution with the State of Illinois/DNR/OSLAD/LWCF Project Resolution of Authorization by Fiudo and seconded by Arriola. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, pass; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Report of Police Chief

Chief Penny referenced a correspondence shared with the board regarding the former Canteen Baptist Church 61st Street Playground, at 3050 North 61st Street. He had been contacted by Pastor Alberto Diaz, of the church (Canteen Baptist) now known as The Iglesia De Cristo Palabra Miel Getsemani. The Pastor informed the chief the congregation at the church is rapidly growing and he wants to construct a recreational center for the youth to enjoy and play in a safe environment.

The city owns playground equipment that was installed on the property with permission of previous church officials back in the 1990's. Having no knowledge of the previous agreement, Pastor Diaz assumed the equipment belongs to the church.

Locating documentation on the agreement has been a problem. Mr. Penny advised the city give the property (if we own it) and the equipment to the church.

Street Superintendent Manso advised the board that the equipment has been vandalized, is 20 years old and in generally poor condition.

President Bregen agreed the church should be allowed to proceed and be given what it needs by the city. He suggested that prior to giving the property to the church, it would be in both party's best interest to identify the vandals. Chief Penny did not have any hesitation that an agreement could be worked out with Pastor Diaz and would proceed.

The chief requested an executive session regarding police personnel.

Report of Zoning Administrator

Under old business Mr. Penny addressed the board regarding Zoning Case No. 2013-03, David Hauling Co., Inc. The matter had been table on the meeting of August 7, 2013. Mr. Dale David representing the company wants his property on the west side of Highway 111 re-zoned from Highway Business to Heavy Industrial with its proximity to General Chemical. Having clarified some of the question from the last meeting it was agreed the city would still be in control as the zoning board to make choices regarding the use of the land and the change should be allowed. Mr. Penny will be presenting a zoning ordinance at the next meeting.

Report of Fire Chief

The Fire Chief reported the MDA drive finished second for a second week and has collected \$1,415.68. The Boot Drive will continue for one more weekend to try to reach a goal of \$2,200.

The New Fire Engine is scheduled for final inspection on September 9th & 10th, 2013. Fire Chief Allen is hoping to be in service with the new truck by the end of September.

The Fire Chief reported the Ford Expedition is the process of being equipped and is expected in a couple weeks.

Fire Chief Allen has scheduled The Village of Fairmont to be the officially be hosting the St. Clair County Fire Chiefs Showcase on September 26, 2013. The event brings vendors (50 to 60 vendors) together to showcase their products. Each vendor pays a fee of \$50 to offset food costs. The Fire Chief has a budget of \$1,500.00. The Fire Chief asks that the village might provide water and soda for the event.

President Bregen, foreseeing a ceremony regarding the new fire truck suggested the Fire Chiefs save the money for that event and the village incur the showcase event. A motion to provide refreshment for the Fire Chief's Association Showcase event on September 26, 2013 at the Community Center, not to exceed \$2,000.00 was made by Suarez and seconded by Maliszewski. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, pass; and Arriola, yes.

(Motion Passed)

The Fire Chief asked the board to purchase t-shirts for the fire department to commemorate the new fire truck. He would also like the board to buy new dress shirts for the department. Chief Allen displayed samples of each shirt. Upon review the motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Suarez to purchase 2 new shirts for the Fire Department and retirees not to exceed \$1,500.00. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, pass; and Arriola, yes.

(Motion Passed)

The General Manager, Gary Byrd, of Darling International in communication with the Fire Department wants to grant a piece of equipment to the village. It was agreed by both parties a portable water tank/pumper would be practical. The portable pump would fit in the Police Vehicle Polaris G2. This vehicle is capable of getting to areas that larger pieces of equipment cannot, for example, some railroad tracks. Becker Farm Supply has submitted a design that was also agreed on. The cost of the tank/pumper will be approximately \$2,100.00. The Fire Chief has also contacted Illinois American Water who has available grant funding. Darling International has written a check for \$1,000 and Illinois American has granted an additional \$1,000.00. Chief Allen does not have the water company's check but would like to proceed with the order and asked the board to front the cost and allow for the difference. The motion was made by Romo and seconded by Hernandez to forward funding for the purchase of a Portable Water Tank/Pumper in the stead of grant funding by Illinois American Water and to allow the difference to be paid by the Village of Fairmont City. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, pass; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Chief Allen reflected the Fire Departments upcoming events. September has the Fire Chiefs Showcase, a new fire truck and the completion of the kitchen remodel. Fire Prevention week and the Open House is on October 9, 2103. November the University of Illinois is here for training the weekend of the 2nd & 3rd and the following weekend, the 9th & 10th. The toy drive starts in November also and the distribution date is set for December 7, 2013.

Report of Street Superintendent

Superintendent Manso reported the sewer pump at 62nd and Drummond is failing and needs to be replaced. A rebuilt pump is \$2,500.00 and he priced a new pump at \$5,500.00. The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Suarez to approve a new sewer pump at 62nd and Drummond not to exceed \$6,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, pass; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Mr. Manso reported that the main pump station at 4700 Collinsville Road is also in need of attention. He asked the board to approve the cost of immediate repairs needed and to allow for an annual maintenance contract with the Hydro-Kinetic Corporation. The expected cost of the initial repair he expects to be \$2,500.00 and the annual maintenance fee is \$1,000.00. The motion was made by Suarez and seconded by Maliszewski to approve expenditure of initial of \$2,500.00 in repairs to the main pump station located at 4700 Collinsville Road and allow \$1,000.00 for annual maintenance fees with the Hydro-Kinetic Corporation. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, pass; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Arriola

Mr. Arriola reported the police department is running smoothly.

Public Health & Housing – Chair – Romo – No Report

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Hernandez - No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – Maliszewski – No Report

Economic/Finance, Development, Planning, and Tourism – Chair – Fiudo

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

Mayor's Report

President Bregen, (absent last meeting), having missed the discussion of last meeting, addressed the board regarding horseback riding on village streets. The president had some questions. Reflecting a different perspective, the issue was tabled.

President Bregen questioned an issue regarding kids playing soccer under the street lights of the Rose lake Park. Scott Penny reported there have been younger teenagers (13, 14) playing soccer in the park under the street lights. He is familiar with the group and they are not trouble makers. The gaming area conflicts with the younger child playground. Superintendent Manso reported he is also aware of the group. Mr. Manso has asked the kids to move their game to Gramby Park. The kids play so frequently the grass in the area is dying. Having some discussion it was agreed that everyone join in encouraging the young teens to take the game to Grambi Park.

Mr. Bregen attended a Mayor's meeting sponsored by Senator Clayborn. Various state agencies were represented at the meeting. The Mayor shared some information with Mr. Penny including a grant possibility for Gramby Park. Mr. Penny reported tying up some loose ends with the paperwork and the deadline being August 30, 2013. The grant is not guaranteed and a number of phases will have to be advanced before it is awarded.

President Bregen that the Bungee Co. located on the riverfront within village boundaries has only one entrance through First Street. The road is in dire need of repair and is subject to flooding. The majority of the road belongs to East St. Louis. Mayor Parks (East St. Louis) has finally agreed to meet to address the issue. Some state funding maybe available for 50% percent of the cost, possibly even a new road. Hopefully cooperation is forthcoming and the project can begin soon.

Mr. Bregen was contacted by the EPA regarding the American Zinc Project. The project has surpassed the Illinois EPA and they are trying to find out the status of the project with the Federal EPA.

Public Comment

A resident present was please to hear about the progress with the Gramby Park Grant. He shared that he has knowledge that the IBEW309 (Electricians Union) is interesting getting their apprentice program involved, should the village get the grant.

Municipal Bills

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

A motion was made by Romo and seconded by Maliszewski to leave the regular order of business to go into Closed Executive Session per the request of Clerk Ramirez to Review Closed Session Meeting Minutes at 7:35pm.

A motion was made to return to the regular order of business by Hernandez, seconded by Fiudo. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes,.
(Motion Passed) 7:43pm

The motion was made by Fiudo and seconded by Arriola to hire James Kupinski, Robert Lee Sutton and Robert Ward as probationary, part-time police officers. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, pass; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
August 21, 2013