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Meeting Agenda- May 17, 2017

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

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Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Report of Public Works Director

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Request for Closed Executive Session Personnel

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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, MAY 17, 2017
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 Ramirez recorded the attendance. The following were in attendance: Trustees: David Suarez, Guadalupe Hernandez, Raul Munoz, Michael Suarez, Michael Fiudo and Charles Arriola. Also, in attendance were; Treasurer, Juan Mena, 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 May 3, 2017 was made by David Suarez and seconded by Guadalupe Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mena presented the financials for the month of April, 2017. The village exceeded income by expense by \$29,000.00. The treasurer warned this will not be the case for May due to the insurance payment made to the Illinois Municipal League.

Mr. Mena reported Sally Rodriguez has been working diligently to clean up the village telephone bills. Ms. Rodriguez discovered lines that were not used and lines with no contracts. So far Ms. Rodriguez has saved the village \$471.43 per month. She has also negotiated a refund of \$1,992.94. Ms. Rodriguez has a conference call scheduled on Friday, May 19, 2017 with AT&T representatives to further savings by switching to a government account. Currently the village is set up as business.

President Bregen furthered on Ms. Rodriguez's diligence in finding savings. She researched paper product supplies, the landscaping, Christmas Decoration and office supplies. She has saved the village a substantial amount of money. The president is very impressed with Ms. Rodriguez's work and looks forward to her future endeavors.

The president also expressed past concerns of misuse of the village tax exemption and credit cards. He feels confident in Ms. Rodriguez ability to monitor misuse and overspending.

The treasurer reported some concern about future expectations regarding receipts being turned in for reimbursements and/or credit card usage. The village auditors monitor credit card usage and the treasurer does not want any negative reflections in their reports. Everyone will be held responsible for their receipts, including himself.

Clerk's Report - No Report

Report of Police Chief

Administrator and Police Chief Scott Penny reported the Mississippi Valley Library District appointed Killian Weir to the library board at their last meeting. Mr. Penny announced the Village of Fairmont City now has 4 representatives on the library board. The appointment left the city of Collinsville the minority on the board with 3 representatives.

Chief Penny reported he had left messages for the St. Louis Auto Shredder representative regarding annexation discussed months ago and his calls had not been returned. He asked Attorney John Baricevic to get involved. The business has since become proactive and the annexation process is in motion. The business is located in the T.I.F. (Tax Increment Financing) and Enterprise Zone Areas and will require additional negotiations.

Mr. Penny reported the Post Office project is also back in motion after many months. An agreement of a 10 year lease at 3900 Collinsville Road to house a 500 square foot modular office has been presented (passed at a previous meeting). The post office will remain The National Stockyard Post Office and retain the zip code. It is hoped once it gets here the village maybe able to negotiate a name change and possible zip code change.

At this time Chief Penny requested a Closed Executive Session regarding personnel.

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen reported he has done some pricing for commemorative shirts in recognition of the new ISO rating. The shirts will be \$35-\$40 per shirt, depending on the stitching. The chief estimates 40 shirts to include the village board and retired fire chiefs.

President Bregen asked Chief Allen to include souvenir t-shirts for the local children to participate in the Holy Rosary Picnic parade. There was some discussion of the possible costs.

A motion was made by Guadalupe Hernandez and seconded by David Suarez to approve the expense of purchasing commemorative shirts and souvenir t-shirts for the new ISO rating not to exceed \$3,200.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.
Motion Passed

Fire Chief Allen reported the painting in the fire station is complete. He is very happy with the job Ms. Cox has done. He looks forward to showing it off during the Vendor Show Case to be held in July.

President Bregen reported Ms. Cox has started staining at the gazebo park. She is doing a wonderful job. Since the president picked this particular job, he invited those present to pick the next project.

Report of the Public Works Director

Public Works Director Juenger reported the trees in the Gazebo Park approved for removal at the last meeting are cut down. Fifteen stumps were successfully removed today.

There has been another collapse on Cookson Road. Last year around this time there was a collapse on Cookson Road just west of the current hole. At this time the director is still trying to find out exactly what happened under the street. The cameras will be in tomorrow. There is a possibility the sewer line is collapsed.

Director Juenger is concerned about the Holy Rosary Parade. The collapse is in the parade route. There was a discussion concerning alternative routes. No one present wanted to cancel the parade.

Public Works Director Juenger, happily reported, communication is now flowing with the CSX Railroad regarding the sewer main project. The village engineer, Director Juenger and Administrator Penny met today. It was agreed to make the changes to the original plan requested by the CSX Railroad and move the wet well to 31st Street and Railroad Alley. The agreement has yet to be presented.

The Public Works Director tabled any further discussion regarding the in house landscaping projects due to the emergency situation on Cookson Road.

Committee Reports

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Charles Arriola

Trustee Arriola asked the Fire Chief if notice of the new ISO score has been sent to local businesses. Chief Allen reported the new score will not be in effect until July. He will take care of the notifications as suggested.

Mr. Arriola reported he has been in touch with his employer, Glaxo Smith Kline Pharmaceutical Company. They would like to return to Fairmont City with their Community

Outreach Volunteer Program. The date has not been set, he will keep everyone posted. He invited suggestions for projects for the volunteers.

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

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

Michael Suarez reported during the public hearing meeting, held before tonight's meeting, it was agreed speed bumps should be installed in the Granby Park Area.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Michael Fiudo to approve the expense of installing speed bumps in the Granby Park Area not to exceed \$2,500.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Michael Suarez also reported discussion at the public hearing meeting reflected agreement to hiring seasonal workers for summer 18 years of age or older. The public works director reported this worked out well last year. Younger students require supervision and are not a lot to use some of the equipment.

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Raul Munoz to hire, no more than, 3 seasonal workers for the street department to help with summer lawn care. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

The president asked Michael Suarez if he had heard anything for SIU-Edwardsville regarding a community garden that was on the table a few months back. Mr. Suarez reported the university is partnering with the library, currently under a University of Illinois Extension Grant for Community Gardens.

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Raul Munoz – No Report

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

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez - No Report

President's Report - No Report

Public Comment - No Public Comment