

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019
4001 COOKSON ROAD
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

President Michael Suarez called the meeting to order followed by the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Clerk Richard Ramirez recorded attendance. The following were in attendance:
Trustees: David Suarez, Guadalupe Hernandez, Raul Munoz, Robert Belba, Michael Fiudo and Charles Arriola. Also, in attendance were; Treasurer Juan Mena, Police Chief/ Administrator Scott Penny, and Public Works Director Roger Juenger.

The motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of March 20, 2019 was made by Raul Munoz and seconded by Charles Arriola. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report - No Report

Clerk's Report

Clerk Ramirez presented a Business License Application, Central States Liquidation, 5401 Collinsville Road, Flea Market, Frank Marsala, Owner.

Mr. Marsala presented a rough drawing of a plan he has to line up 10'x 15' open air flea market stalls on the parking lot at 5401 Collinsville Road for up to 102 vendors. Mr. Marsala also gave a rough outline of the licensing process and assured those present that only legitimate vendors would be allowed.

There was also a discussion regarding the safety of the set up to allow for the fire department should there be a fire. Mr. Marsala agreed to meet with the fire chief over the matter upon his return from his vacation.

Mayor Suarez tabled a decision pending the meeting with the fire chief. He also wanted a letter from the owner of the building and the other store owners from Foodland Grocery on the west side of Mr. Marsala's business and in & Out Fashion on the east side of the building. The mayor would also like some additional time to consider the licensing process.

Clerk Ramirez presented a Business License Application, Big Sal's Transportation & Logistics, LLC, 6191 Maryland Avenue, Trucking Company, Shawn Lucia, 6191 Maryland Avenue, Owner. Mr. Lucia sent his wife and business partner, Samantha Lucia to represent the business. Mr. Lucia is a long-distance truck driver.

Mrs. Lucia reported there are no other trucks involved at the location. They are in the process of applying to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for a number. The couple contracts 17 other drivers in locations all over the country to do their paperwork. There are no signs, advertisements (other than on the truck and a vehicle) or traffic issues in relation to the business. They operate by telephone and computer.

Chief Penny reported the operation is covered legally as a "Home Based Occupation". Chief Penny is familiar with the couple and vouched for their conscientiousness concerning their property. He is confident the business will live up to expectation.

That said the motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve the Business License Application, Big Sal's Transportation & Logistics, LLC, 6191 Maryland Avenue, Trucking Company, Shawn Lucia, 6191 Maryland Avenue, Owner. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Report of Police Chief/ Administrator - No Report

Report of Zoning Administrator – No Report

Report of Fire Chief - Absent No Report

Report of the Public Works Director

Public Works Director Juenger reported with the Fire Chief the Mass Warning Notification System is finally repaired. The director conducted a test and both the east and west sirens are in working order.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair- Charles Arriola – No Report

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

Fire Protection – Chair – Robert Belba, Sr. – No Report

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Raul Munoz – No Report

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Guadalupe Hernandez – No Report

Streets, Sewers, Grounds, Building & Parks – David Suarez – No Report

President's Report

Mayor Suarez reported the Game Time Company, who installed the Rose Lake Park Playground Equipment, responded to the village lawyers last correspondence with a proposal to reinstall the equipment. They asked the village remove the concrete and mulch and they will come back to finish.

Mayor Suarez reported Public Works Director Juenger and the street department removed the concrete and mulch with a little assistance from some county trucks in a day. Mayor Suarez, Trustees Charles Arriola and Raul Munoz witnessed the work in elation. The company agreed to Memorial Day Weekend as a deadline.

Mr. Suarez also reported a meeting was held that morning with the Enterprise Zone members. Both the Mayor of Caseyville and Brooklyn were unable to attend. Caseyville sent their TIF Coordinator, Keith Moran as representation. Rick Stubblefield represented the County Board Chair.

The mayor reported the meeting began with introductions as this was his first Enterprise Zone Meeting. The meeting was very productive and a new procedure was agreed to regarding the filing of extensions. An approved Enterprise Zone application will have a standard one-year expiration date. Should the project not be finished at the time of expiration, a new application must be made to continue to receive the tax exemption on materials.

Mr. Suarez also reported he was glad Mr. Moran was able to make the meeting. He also had some useful information regarding legislation and some other Tax Increment issues.

Public Comment

A local resident had some concerns regarding the proposed flea market. The mayor pointed out it was understood and that is the reason the issue was tabled.

Another resident thanks everybody for their support of yesterday's election.

This resident also reported the Fireman's Association is currently having a raffle on a barrel of booze. Track down a fireman for a ticket.

The library will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Granby. The EPA cleanup is in progress on the library property and not usable. The parade and hunt are Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Municipal Bills

The motion to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$67,269.91 was made by Robert Belba and seconded by Raul Munoz. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Adjournment

With that, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Guadalupe Hernandez and seconded by Charles Arriola. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
April 3, 2019