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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019
4001 COOKSON ROAD
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting began with an opening prayer and pledge of allegiance.

President Pro Tem David Suarez called the meeting to order in Mayor Michael Suarez's absence.

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

The motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of May 1, 2019 was made by Robert Belba and seconded by Charles Arriola. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Raul Munoz was absent.

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report

In the Treasurer Mena's absence, Clerk Ramirez presented the financial report and read the treasurer's summary for the month of April, 2019.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Ramirez presented Building Permit Application from 2716 N 43rd Street for a Garage Addition, Miguel Rodriguez and Maria Garcia, Owner.

With everything in order, the motion was made by Guadalupe Hernandez and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve the Building Permit Application from 2716 N 43rd Street for a Garage Addition, Miguel Rodriguez and Maria Garcia, Owner. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Raul Munoz was absent.

Motion Passed

The clerk presented Building Permit Application from 2989 N 62nd Street, for a Room Addition, Gabriela Figueroa, Owner. Chief Penny has reviewed the application and reported it to be in order.

The motion was made by Michael Fiudo and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve the Building Permit Application from 2989 N 62nd Street, for a Room Addition, Gabriela Figueroa, Owner. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Raul Munoz was absent.

Motion Passed

Lastly the clerk presented a Building Permit Application from 6016 Collinsville Road, Building Addition to Royal Budget Motel, Jai Jalaram 1 Corporation, owner. Mr. Ronak Jariwala was in attendance to address the board. Mr. Jariwala gave an overview of the current building permit which will be extending the office area of the motel to accommodate a breakfast bar and additional lobby space. There will also be a new exterior and roof line.

The motel owner reported this is the beginning of the motel's plan to renovate all the rooms. The hope is to increase revenues and attract more tourists in the area. Chief Allen requested a copy of the plan for review by the fire department.

There were no objections and the motion was made by Guadalupe Hernandez and seconded by Robert Belba to approve the Building Permit Application from 6016 Collinsville Road, Building Addition to Royal Budget Motel, Jai Jalaram 1 Corporation, owner. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Raul Munoz was absent.

Motion Passed

Report of Police Chief/ Administrator

Chief Penny reported the contractor for the Rose Lake playground is scheduled to start tomorrow with the drainage. David Suarez had some reservations regarding how long it is taking the company to get started. Chief Penny reported the weather has been the biggest reason for the delay.

Report of Zoning Administrator – No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen asked the board to consider training 4 new recruits for the fire department. Herb Simmons Jr., Miguel Romo, Jose Romo and Stephanie Allen would all like to be members of the fire department. The group is probationary while training for six months. With the addition of this group there will be twenty-five firefighters in the department.

There were no objections and the motion was made by Robert Belba and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve the firefighter training of Herb Simmons Jr., Miguel Romo, Jose Romo and Stephanie Allen. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Raul Munoz was absent.
Motion Passed

Fire chief Allen asked the board to consider the purchase of AEDs (automated external defibrillator) for the annex building and the street department. The cost would be \$3,419.00.

The motion was made by Robert Belba and seconded by Guadalupe Hernandez to approve the purchase of AEDs (automated external defibrillator) for the annex building and the street department in the amount of \$3,419.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Raul Munoz was absent.

Motion Passed

The fire chief informed those present that an incident that resulted in the evacuation of CSX Rail Yard raised concerns regarding security there. As a result, the railroad will be closing the entrance at the southern end of 38th Street. Gates will be installed and the public will no longer be able to enter there. The fire chief, police chief and public works director will be meeting with the CSX supervisor to map out emergency strategies.

Chief Allen reported the tornado siren has been tested and passed. Pyramid Electric is doing research on alternative communications to eliminate the AT&T phone line in which it is currently dependent on. The monthly bill for the siren is approximately \$500.00. The search is for a more economic alternative.

Report of the Public Works Director

The public works director reported the State of Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has been repairing storm drain culverts at 32nd and Collinsville Road.

Public Works Director Juenger reported the invitation to bid will be published in two weeks for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) PY18 awarded for the relining of the sewer at 45th Street and Cookson Road.

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 – Absent No Report

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

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

President's Report - No Report

Public Comment

A local resident asked if the Environmental Protection Agency will be returning any time soon. David Suarez reported the Army Corp of Engineers is taking over where the EPA has left off.

Municipal Bills

The motion to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$28,702.82 was made by Charles Arriola and seconded by Guadalupe Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes. Trustee Raul Munoz was absent.

Motion Passed

Adjournment

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

Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
May 15, 2019