

VILLAGE OF  
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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019  
4001 COOKSON ROAD  
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

President Michael Suarez called the meeting to order.

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, Fire Chief Robert Allen, Public Works Director Roger Juenger and Deputy Treasurer Sally Rodriguez.

The motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of January 15, 2019 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

Treasurer's Report - No Report

Clerk's Report

Under Old Business, Clerk Ramirez presented a Liquor License Application, Royal Budget Motel, 6061 Collinsville Road, (To Sell Packaged Liquor to Motel Guests), Jai Jalam 1 Corporation, Owner.

Mayor Suarez reported the application was on last meeting's agenda. At that time the mayor had wanted to meet with Ronak Jariwala who represents the Jai Jalam 1 Corporation. Since then a meeting was held with the Mayor, Chief Penny and Ronak Jariwala.

The mayor had some reservations going into the meeting that were resolved. In his role as Liquor Commissioner Mayor Suarez approved the Liquor License Application from, Royal Budget Motel, 6061 Collinsville Road, (To Sell Packaged Liquor to Motel Guests), Jai Jalam 1 Corporation, Owner.

Under New Business Clerk Ramirez presented Business/Liquor License Application, 5401 Collinsville Road, Retail and Amusement, Lockner Properties LLC owner, David Benson Jr. Manager.

Mayor Suarez was confused with the application and Benson's description of what his intentions are. To clarify Mr. Benson would like the liquor license in order to apply for a gaming license. The business owner will be selling liquor, have video gaming and selling tobacco products to start the business.

Mayor Suarez has some reservations about possible conflicts with existing business of the same nature being in such close proximity. The mayor asked to table this application for further contemplation.

The clerk proceeded and presented a Building Permit Application, 2732 N 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Prefabricated Garage, J.R. Kinnard, Owner, #B2020-004.

With no objects the motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve the Building Permit Application, 2732 N 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Prefabricated Garage, J.R. Kinnard, Owner, #B2020-004. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Mr. Ramirez presented a second application from J.R. Kinnard, a Building Permit Application, 2502 N 45th Street, Alterations to Existing Structure (Iron Rail) J.R. Kinnard, Owner, #B2020-005.

The motion was made by Raul Munoz and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve the Building Permit Application, 2502 N 45th Street, Alterations to Existing Structure (Iron Rail) J.R. Kinnard, Owner, #B2020-005. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Clerk Ramirez presented a Building Permit Application, 2521 N 36<sup>th</sup> Street, New Home Construction, Miguel & Estefany Munoz, Owners, #B20-006.

The motion was made by Guadalupe Hernandez and seconded by David Suarez to approve the Building Permit Application, 2521 N 36<sup>th</sup> Street, New Home Construction, Miguel &

Estefany Munoz, Owners, #B20-006. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Lastly the clerk presented Resolution No. 2020-02 A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with La Tiendita Mexican Grocery for Improvement of Certain Property Utilizing Tax Increment Financing.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Guadalupe Hernandez to approve Resolution No. 2020-02 A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with La Tiendita Mexican Grocery for Improvement of Certain Property Utilizing Tax Increment Financing. 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

Chief Penny reported part time officer Lucas Ward met with him today to let him know he has accepted a full-time position with the Caseyville Police Department. Officer Ward would like to stay on part time with the village's department. The chief wants him to stay. He also reported that Lucas has been filling 7 shifts in a pay period but will be unable to keep all of them when he starts with the new job. The department has 2 weeks to work it out.

#### Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

#### Report of Fire Chief

Fire Chief Allen reported his Battery-Operated Tool has arrived and is being installed as he speaks. The equipment cost \$14,000.00. The funding came from the Fire Tax Fund, grants and private donations. The fire chief would like to invite Gary Bird with the Darpro Company to a meeting to publicly thank them for their generosity.

#### Report of the Public Works Director -No Report

## Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair- Charles Arriola

Trustee Charles Arriola and Sally Rodriguez have been working with Ameren to replace lighting in all village buildings with LED. The program incentive comes from Ameren. Charles Arriola and Sally Rodriguez guided the contractor, Jarvis Electric, through village buildings for an accurate assessment.

In summary, the village copay would be \$4,245.00, Ameren's incentive amount would be \$9,588.38. The chart estimates an annual savings of \$4,423.60. Those present approved and the item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The trustee reported he, the mayor and Trustee Raul Munoz went to a soccer coach class. In the course of the teaching they realized there is no defibrillator located at the Granby soccer field. Mayor Suarez asked for a motion to have Sally Rodriguez buy one from the previous supplier. There was some discussion regarding the details in using one.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Raul Munoz to approve the purchase of a defibrillator for the Granby Park. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; Charles Arriola, yes.  
Motion Passed

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

Trustee Raul Munoz noticed the gutter on the gym is in need of repair.

The trustee also has been noticing abandoned and derelict mobile homes, there is one on 61<sup>st</sup> Street that is actually village property now and demolition needs to be scheduled. As far as two of the others the trustee mentioned, Chief Penny will be sending the code enforcement officer to start processing.

Trustee Munoz also asked for an update on the new fire hydrants on the east side of town. The fire chief reported they are installed and waiting for warmer weather to finish the street repair with asphalt.

Trustee Raul Munoz had one last request. He would like to see a new sidewalk at Rose Lake Park on the Virginia Avenue side. There was a discussion concerning funding but all present agreed it should be done.

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

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

Trustee Suarez asked for an update on park cameras. Chief Penny reported he has contacted Bar Com and has not been answered. He will follow up.

The trustee also wanted to point out upon taking a walk around town he noticed sidewalks that are neglected. One in particular had so much rock, it could hardly be walked on. The trustee would like to make a point of resident cooperation in maintaining sidewalks during the next cleanup campaign.

#### President's Report

Mayor Suarez reported he has been contacted by the American Red Cross regarding a new campaign, "Sound the Alarm". The group is reaching out to the village and State Park to provide smoke detectors to the Hispanic population. The mayor is forwarding the information to Fire Chief Allen for follow up and asked the chief to find a contact in State Park. The Red Cross is having difficulty making a connection there.

#### Public Comment

A resident in attendance wanted to know what was going on behind the credit union on 45<sup>th</sup> Street where foliage was being cleared. Roger Juenger replied the area is the next EPA remediation site. The trees are being cleared and the EPA will be digging the site when they return in spring.

This resident also reported older kids are playing on the toddler park behind the Community Center. The mayor suggested calling police when they are seen out there. Mayor Suarez also reported he will be getting a sign made so there can be no excuses made by the older children.

A local business owner present reported he has updated the lighting at the business and it has made a great improvement. He also reported street lights, he had not noticed because they are not working, around his property in need of repair. Roger Juenger said he would look into it. The public works director informed those present there is a small silver tag with a number on it on every street light. That is the number required to report the outage to Ameren.

A regular attendee at the meeting reminded those present that the Fireman's Association is hosting a Trivia Night Fund Raiser at the Community Center on March 7, 2020.

This resident also reported Andy Knopik and John Pedo, members of the American Legion and the last members who fought in World War II, have passed away.

#### Municipal Bills

The motion to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$63,653.49 was made by Raul Munoz and seconded by David Suarez. 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 Charles Arriola 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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Richard D. Ramirez  
Village Clerk  
February 5, 2019