

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020
4001 COOKSON ROAD
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

President / Mayor Michael Suarez called the meeting to order.

Clerk Richard Ramirez took attendance. The following were in attendance: Trustees: David Suarez, Robert Belba, Michael Fiudo and Charles Arriola. Trusteed Guadalupe Hernandez and Raul Munoz were absent. Also, in attendance were Treasurer Juan Mena, Fire Chief Robert Allen, Public Works Director Roger Juenger and Deputy Treasurer Sally Rodriguez.

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, was made by Charles Arriola and seconded by Robert Belba. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustees Guadalupe Hernandez and Raul Munoz were absent.

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report - No Report

Clerk's Report

Under old business Mr. Ramirez presented a Building Permit Application, 2524 N 32nd Street, Room Addition, Zenaida Huerta Gomez, Owner (BP 20-016). Mayor Suarez tabled the application at the last meeting for further clarification of the project. Building Inspector Jim Sehr has since met with the owner and approved the project.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve the Building Permit Application, 2524 N 32nd Street, Room Addition, Zenaida Huerta Gomez, Owner (BP 20-016). Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustees Guadalupe Hernandez and Raul Munoz were absent.

Motion Passed

As new business the clerk presented a Business License Application, 5703 Collinsville Road, Mi Rodeo, Inc., A Food Truck, Jaime Onate, Owner. There were a few questions regarding business hours and outdoor seating. The mayor asked for a diagram should outdoor seating be provided to satisfy the village COVID-19 criteria being followed. The health department certification from Madison County is dependent on the village's license approval and has not been attained. Mr. Onate has another food business in Granite City and is familiar with the Madison County Health Department's regulations.

With that said, the motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve the Business License Application, 5703 Collinsville Road, Mi Rodeo, Inc., A Food Truck, Jaime Onate, Owner, pending Madison County Health Department Inspection. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustees Guadalupe Hernandez and Raul Munoz were absent.

Motion Passed

Report of Police Chief/ Administrator – Absent No Report

Report of Zoning Administrator – Absent No Report

Report of Fire Chief - No Report

Report of the Public Works Director - No Report

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair- Charles Arriola

Trustee Arriola reported Lieutenant Marquez has contacted him as Police Commissioner to request digital cameras to be assigned to each police car. Currently the officers are using their personnel cell phones to take on scene photos.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Robert Belba to approve the purchase of eight digital cameras to equip each Police Department squad car, not to exceed \$1,500.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustees Guadalupe Hernandez and Raul Munoz were absent.

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 – Absent No Report

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

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

President's Report

Mayor Suarez reported there has been a problem with getting the results for persons that had the COVID-19 test done on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Results are still pending and it appears the lab work has been the problem. Southern Illinois Health is in process of switching lab companies. The mayor reported 119 persons tested on Wednesday and 151 persons on Thursday. He hopes to have another testing to include evening hours for persons that work days.

The mayor reported the COVID-19 Pandemic has forced the cancelation of the Mexican Consulate annual visit. This year's visit was scheduled at the library.

Mayor Suarez continues to encourage social distancing and the use of masks in public. He will continue to do so until there are no cases of COVID-19.

The mayor also asked for residential patience concerning firework usage. It is a hard thing to police since by the time it's reported and the police arrive the fireworks are gone.

Public Comment

A local resident asked about the number of COVID-19 cases reported in the village and who they are. Mayor Suarez reported he is unable to provide that detail due to HIPPA laws. He did report there are roughly 60 reported cases to his knowledge and 2 deaths.

Sally Rodriguez reported the new led lights have been installed at the Rose Lake Park Pavilion, posts have been painted and the fans should be installed by Monday.

Executive Session

At this time Mayor Suarez asked the public to exit for an Executive Session of the Board of Trustees regarding personnel.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Robert Belba to enter into Executive Session regarding personnel. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Robert Belba, yes;

Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustees Guadalupe Hernandez and Raul Munoz were absent.

Motion Passed 7:13pm

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Charles Arriola to return to the regular order of business from Executive Session. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustees Guadalupe Hernandez and Raul Munoz were absent.

Motion Passed 7:25pm

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve the appointment of Stephanie Pacheco as an Administrative Secretary at \$16.00 an hour through a probationary period of 90 days. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustees Guadalupe Hernandez and Raul Munoz were absent.

Motion Passed

Municipal Bills

The motion to approve payment of the bills as presented on this day July 1, 2020, in the amount of \$32,477.29 was made by Robert Belba and seconded by Charles Arriola. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes. Trustees Guadalupe Hernandez and Raul Munoz were absent.

Motion Passed

Adjournment

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

Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
July 1, 2020