



**MINUTES FOR VILLAGE OF PINGREE GROVE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Municipal Center, 555 Reinking Rd., Pingree Grove, IL 60140**

**Monday, June 7, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wiedmeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Gray called the roll. Answering present were President Wiedmeyer and Trustees: Hall, Pearson, Kubiak, Hirschbein, Dulkoski and Lemus. Also present were Village Manager Jeff Cook, Retiring Police Chief Shawn Beane and New Police Chief Jeffrey Parsons, Finance Director Karen Plaza, Public Works Director Pat Doherty, Village Attorney Brandy Quance, Village Engineer Seth Gronewold, Police Lt. Chris Harris, and Village Clerk Stephen Gray.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard Public Comments from:

Kathi Malone of 910 Fairmont Road spoke regarding her displeasure with the new DR Horton development plan.

John Carrol of 433 Westport Drive addressed the board, encouraging them to vote yes, on item 7b. He explained the curb in front of his house has been severely damaged for a long period of time and he is unable to refinish his driveway until repairs are made by the Village.

Manager Cook read a written comment received from Karen Ernst of 1095 Prescott Lane, regarding her and her husband Bob's opposition to the new DR Horton development plan.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS / ITEMS

- a. Swearing in Ceremony – Chief of Police Jeffrey Parsons
President Wiedmeyer swore in Chief Jeffrey Parsons.
- b. Recognition of Chief Beane’s Public Service and Retirement
President Wiedmeyer presented Shawn Beane a commemorative item in recognition of leadership and public service. Chief Beane offered a farewell address.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Kubiak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Approval of Minutes from Village Board Meeting of May 17, 2021.
- b. Approval of Warrant List, June 7, 2021 in the Amount of \$408,736.58.

A Roll Call vote determined by Trustees: Hirschbein, Dulkoski, Lemus, Hall, Pearson, and Kubiak, answered aye. The Roll Call vote passed 6-0.

7. ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION

- a. Approval of a Fireworks Agreement with Mad Bombers for the Independence Day Celebration in an Amount Not to Exceed \$15,000.00.

The board discussed possibility of events committee extending the celebration beyond just the fireworks display, like in previous years. Manager Cook indicated the events committee previously considered options involving food trucks. Director Doherty mentioned the dry conditions could give reason for the Fire Department to not allow a display and noted the Public Works Department is using the irrigation system (non-potable water) to water the grass and wetlands in the vicinity of the display location. It was noted the dollars used to fund the fireworks display are sourced from fundraising activities of the events committee and not tax money.

Trustee Kubiak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Lemus to approve the agreement with Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions for a firework display on July 10, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00.

A Roll Call vote determined by Trustees: Hirschbein, Dulkoski, Lemus, Hall, Pearson, and Kubiak, answered aye. The Roll Call vote passed 6-0.

b. Approval of Contract for FY22 Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Program.

Manager Cook discussed the request to approve the FY22 curb and sidewalk replacement program. Director Doherty discussed challenges faced in obtaining written bids for the work, addressed the request to fund additional areas, and confirmed FMC Construction is experienced performing municipal work. Board members asked if the public comment concerning 433 Westport Drive would be cared for by the proposed program, to which Director Doherty confirmed.

Trustee Kubiak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hall to accept the bid from FMC Construction and authorize the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$67,557 for curb and sidewalk replacement.

A Roll Call vote determined by Trustees: Hall, Pearson, Kubiak, Hirschbein, Dulkoski and Lemus, answered aye. The Roll Call vote passed 6-0.

c. Approval of Contract for FY22 MFT Patching Program.

Manager Cook discussed the request to fund this year's street patching and repair program. Director Doherty offered additional input on the request to authorize the program at the full budgeted amount, along with additional funds for work in SSA #4 using unit pricing from the bids. Discussion ensued regarding the timing of improvements and the Village Engineer discussed certain time constraints present because the project was bid under the IDOT MFT parameters.

Trustee Hirschbein made a motion seconded by Trustee Dulkoski to accept the bid from J.A. Johnson Paving Co. and authorize the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$46,000 for street patching and repair.

A Roll Call vote determined by Trustees: Lemus, Hall, Pearson, Kubiak, Hirschbein, and Dulkoski, answered aye. The Roll Call vote Passed 6-0.

d. Approval of Contract to upgrade to LED lighting at the Police Department as part of the ComEd Public Sector Energy Efficiency Program.

Manager Cook discussed the request to upgrade existing lighting units at the Police Station. He noted this project was not included in the FY22 capital budget, however recalled the transfer of certain funds to capital, which were previously provided by the CARES act. Finance Director Plaza clarified receipt of the CARES act funding was previously qualified under the act and the dollars transferred to capital are not restricted in their use going forward. Manager Cook stated if the Board wishes to proceed with this project, a future budget amendment will be needed to adjust this year's capital budget.

Trustee Lemus made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hirschbein to waive the bidding process and award the bid to Thayer Lighting for services related to the upgrade of lighting at the Police Department to Energy efficient LED Lighting in an amount not to exceed \$21,269.46.

A Roll Call vote determined by Trustees: Dulkoski, Lemus, Hall, Pearson, Kubiak and Hirschbein, answered aye. The Roll Call vote passed 6-0.

8. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Wiedmeyer advised the Board that he spoke to Congresswoman Underwood and she gave an update on the Reinking Road project explaining it has been chosen to be included in her bill which will be brought before the House and Senate later this year. This moves the project one step closer to being realized with certain funding being provided by the Federal Government.

9. **STAFF REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

a. **Manager**

Manager Cook congratulated Chief Beane on his retirement and welcomed Chief Parsons to the Village. He noted the Community Garage Sale is June 17 – 19 and offered a reminder that Flood Brothers traditionally begins garbage pick-up at 6:30 a.m. to help reduce conflict with the event. Mr. Cook discussed the recent Planning & Zoning Commission workshop meeting and said the video is available on the Village's YouTube channel. He also noted the final FY22 budget for the state no longer includes new cuts to the local government distributive fund. Manager Cook concluded noting that Illinois is expected to move to Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois plan this Friday, June 11, 2021.

b. **Police**

Chief Parsons expressed thanks Chief Bean and Police Staff.

After the Police report, President Wiedmeyer recognized a special visitor in the audience and suggested the Board adjust the agenda at this time to convene executive session, after which the Board would resume staff reports.

At 7:34 pm Trustee Hirschbein made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kubiak to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending or imminent litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). A Roll Call vote determined Trustees: Hall, Pearson, Kubiak, Hirschbein, Dulkoski, and Lemus answered aye. The Roll Call vote Passed 6-0.

At 8:21 pm Trustee Dulkoski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hirschbein to reconvene regular session. A Roll Call vote determined Trustees: Hall, Pearson, Kubiak, Hirschbein, Dulkoski, and Lemus answered aye. The Roll Call vote Passed 6-0.

- c. Finance
Director Plaza advised Finance Department is preparing for upcoming audit. New finance director will begin soon.
- d. Public Works
Engine breaking signs were ordered and are on the list to be installed soon. Design and content for Catch and Release fishing signs remains a work item to complete. Director Doherty noted department efforts are focused on completing mulching and clean up prior to the July 4 holiday.
- e. Engineering
No Report.
- f. Legal
No Report.
- g. Planning
No Report.
- h. Clerk
No Report.

10. OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed provisions of the annexation agreement between Goebbert’s Farm and the Village of Pingree Grove. Manager Cook summarized an excerpt of the annexation agreement pertaining to Reinking Road. The Board discussed general costs and issues associated with improvements to Reinking Road, along with the various studies, differing jurisdictions, signalization and construction timelines.

Discussion ensued regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission workshop meeting. Manager Cook explained the process and purpose of the workshop.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no further executive session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:57 pm Trustee Lemus made a motion seconded by Trustee Kubiak to adjourn.

A Roll Call vote determined by Trustees: Hall, Pearson, Kubiak, Hirschbein, Dulkoski, and Lemus, answered aye. The Roll Call vote passed 6-0.