

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2007**

Village President Joe Cook called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Lilly Nash was asked to lead the Village Board and public with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with Trustees Davidson, Nash, McMillin, Slocum, Militello and Greco were present.

Also present were Village Administrator Jamie Bowden, Village Attorney David Silverman, Finance Director Robert Guess, Police Chief William Doster, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development Mike McMahon and Acting Village Clerk Leti Anselme.

CITIZENS/ SPECIAL REQUESTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing – Tax Levy

Trustee Militello made the motion to open the Public Hearing for the 2007 Proposed Tax Levy. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

ROLL CALL AYES: Nash, McMillin, Slocum, Militello, Greco and Davidson
NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Finance Director stated that the Village of Channahon is proposing a proposing a Tax Levy in \$1,955,700 that is +22.0518% which is above the levy extension for 2006. The amount of money equates to a proposed rate of 0.5761 for 2007. The Ordinance will be adopted at the next Board Meeting on December 17, 2007 based on the Board's direction.

President Cook asked if anyone would like to speak in regards to the proposed 2007 Tax Levy. Let the record show that no one spoke.

Trustee Greco made the motion to close the Public Hearing for the 2007 Proposed Tax Levy. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

ROLL CALL AYES: McMillin, Slocum, Militello, Greco, Davidson and Nash
NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Militello made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Nash.

ROLL CALL AYES: Slocum, Militello, Greco, Davidson, Nash and McMillin
NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Items approved at this time are as follows:

- A. Minutes.....Committee Meeting.....November 19, 2007
- B. Minutes.....Board Meeting.....November 19, 2007
- C. Minutes.....Executive Session.....November 19, 2007
- D. Minutes.....Executive Session.....November 5, 2007
- E. Bills List.....December 3, 2007

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

A. VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Appointment of the Channahon Chief of Police and An Ordinance Authorizing an Employment Agreement for the Channahon Chief of Police

President Cook stated that after a dedicated search for the Chief of Police position, we were fortunate to have Chief Bill Doster come in and serve an interim and serve our community well. The IACP advertised for the Chief of Police position and there were about 70 applications that came through. There were some well qualified candidates.

He stated that a few things he looked at were the skills, professionalism, personality and compassion. Compassion meant a lot because that leads to respect. Respect with people that they will work with as well as with the community. Ignacio "Joe" Pena was the one who stood out.

He was born and raised in the City of Chicago. He is a former United States Marine and served in Vietnam. He has 32 years of law enforcement experience, 25 as the City of East Dundee Chief of Police. He is the past President of IACP and an Executive Board member of the International Chiefs of Police. He is a graduate of Northwestern Staff and Command School. He is Statewide Director of Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics of Illinois.

He has been married for 35 years to his wife, Leona, and is the father of three children. He is also the proud grandfather of four grandchildren. It has been a learning experience to everyone involved. President Cook met with all the officers today and informed them of which candidate he was going to bring to the Board. The officers were very heartfelt that he was chosen for the position.

President Cook asked the Village Board for the appointment of the Channahon Police Chief to Ignacio "Joe" Pena and the Authorization of his Employment Agreement as the Channahon Police Chief and waive of second read.

Trustee Slocum made the motion to appoint Ignacio "Joe" Pena as the Channahon Police Chief and the Authorization of his Employment Agreement as the Channahon Police Chief and waive of second read. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Davidson, Nash, McMillin, Slocum and Militello
NAYS: NONE **MOTION CARRIED**

Chief Pena thanked the Village Board for the confidence they are showing him. IACP doing the study showed him what a fantastic community Channahon is. He looks forward to working with the police officers in Channahon

President Cook stated that normally this would be followed with the swearing in of the Police Chief, but Chief Pena will take the Office of Chief during a press conference on Monday, December 10 at 10:30 a.m. here at the Municipal Building. President Cook thanked the Board for moving this process forward.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No Formal Items for Discussion.

C. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

An Ordinance Approving a Tax Levy

Guess stated that this is only a first read and next Board Meeting bring this back with the abatement.

Renewal of PACE Paratransit Local Share Agreement

Guess stated that the contract would run from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 in the amount of \$1,982 with the Township.

Trustee Militello to approve the PACE Paratransit Local Share Agreement in the amount of \$1,982 with the Township. Seconded by Trustee Nash.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Nash, Davidson, McMillin, Slocum and Militello
NAYS: NONE **MOTION CARRIED**

Guess also presented his 6 month report of the Financial Statement from May through October.

D. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Doster stated that this was his last meeting and wanted to thank the Mayor and Board for the privilege and honor for to serve these last three months. He has been in Law Enforcement for 41 years and there is an excellent police department here in Channahon. They want to work with the community.

E. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Generator Inspection and Maintenance

Dolezal stated that staff recommends a motion to approve a contract with Illinois Power of Carol Stream to provide maintenance and emergency services to the Village's backup generators in the amount of \$5,227.

Dolezal is also recommending a motion to allow staff to increase the contract for the addition of the Ridge Road Lift Station when needed.

Trustee McMillin made a motion to approve the contract with Illinois Power of Carol Stream to provide maintenance and emergency services to the Village's backup generators in the amount of \$5,227 and the increase the contract for the addition of the Ridge Road Lift Station when needed.

Seconded by Trustee Slocum

ROLL CALL AYES: Nash, McMillin, Slocum, Militello, Greco and Davidson
NAYS: NONE **MOTION CARRIED**

North Hansel Estates – Improvement Completion Guarantee Reduction for Step 2

Dolezal stated that staff recommends a motion to reduce North Hansel Estates Improvement Guarantee for Step 2 from \$122,358 to \$24,471.

Trustee McMillin made a motion to reduce North Hansel Estates Improvement Guarantee for Step 2 from \$122,358 to \$24,471. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

ROLL CALL AYES: Slocum, Militello, Greco, Davidson, Nash and McMillin

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

F. VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Village Attorney Dave Silverman stated no report.

G. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Request to Amend the Ordinance to Increase the Number of Class “B” Liquor Licenses in the Village of Channahon

Bowden stated that the Board amend the ordinance to increase the number of Class “B” Liquor Licenses and waive second read.

Trustee Militello made the motion to amend the ordinance to increase the number of Class “B” Liquor Licenses and waive second read. Seconded by Trustee Slocum.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Nash, Davidson, McMillin, Slocum and Militello

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Bowden stated that he spoke with Chief Doster and Police Officer Bischoff in regards to purchasing a portable truck scale, it will be brought the Board at the next meeting. It is approximately \$13,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Sam Greco – Community and Legislative Affairs and Public Health & Emergency Support – No report.

Trustee Scott McMillin – Public Works – He wanted to thank Bruce Vaickus and the Public Works Department for getting the tree up for the Holiday Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 2, 2007.

Trustee Debbie Militello – Human Resources – No report.

Trustee Judie Nash – Code Enforcement – No report.

Trustee Gary Davidson – Finance – He informed the Board that there is a new business in town Enjoi Bake Shop and Café. He stated that they are nice people.

Trustee Scott Slocum – Public Safety – He stated that he has met with the new Chief Doster, Dolezal and Bowden in regards to a Neighborhood Safety Program, which will be brought up at our next Board meeting. It involves the speeding through the neighborhoods.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

President Cook stated that he would like to bring up Strategic Planning session. He would like to see where the Village is at now and the direction we want to go. Hopefully the Board could meet for a workshop sometime in January.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Slocum made the motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Trustee McMillin.

VERBAL VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by
Leticia Anselme
Deputy Village Clerk