

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 5, 2008**

Village President Joe Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Trustees Davidson, Nash, McMillin, Slocum, Militello and Greco present.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No Formal Items for Discussion.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

No Formal Items for Discussion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hiring of a Police Officer

Chief Joe Pena stated that the hiring of police officers has been budgeted for this year's budget. This is one of three that will be coming forward this year. The candidate is Ricky Scallate is the candidate who has passed the police testing. We would like to bring his hiring before the Village Board this evening.

President Cook stated that he has had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Scallate. He seems like a genuine person and look forward to getting to know him.

Authorization to Purchase a Chevrolet Tahoe Vehicle

Chief Pena stated that the police department is looking to purchase a couple of vehicles. This model is a 2007, if we were to purchase a 2008 we would need to wait until October or November of this year. It is a new vehicle and its cost is \$32,388.

Authorization to Purchase a Ford Ranger Truck

Chief Pena stated that this is through the Landmark Ford, Inc. of Springfield has been awarded the Illinois State Contract and the cost of this vehicle cost is \$12,361. This vehicle would be for the CSO, which will be a permanent position, so he could haul the truck scales and animal control.

Authorization to Purchase 3 Dodge Charger Vehicles

Chief Pena stated that the Board directed the police department to look into purchasing other vehicles than Ford for squad cars. The research that the police department did, feel that the Dodge Chargers are comparable in price. The cost for each vehicle is \$21,797 for a total of \$65,391.

Trustee Davidson had a concern with the purchase of so many cars. President Cook stated that the replacement schedule takes time, which is why at the beginning of a fiscal year, there is more authorization for purchasing of vehicles.

Chief Pena stated that a squad car is being added, since officers are being hired. The officers will be paired up two to a car.

Chief Pena also wanted to remind the Board that the police department has started the traffic initiatives this month. They have the "Drive 25" campaign and the "Click It or Ticket It" program. There will be periodic checks throughout the community to make sure everyone is in compliance.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Southern Crossings, Unit 2 Route 6 Improvements Improvement Completion Guarantee Reduction

Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal stated this is for Southern Crossing. The developer is looking for a reduction of \$626,806, which will bring \$957,699 down to \$330,893. Staff has inspected the improvements and confirms the developers stated level of completion.

Woods of Aux Sable, Unit 2 Improvements Improvement Completion Guarantee Reduction

Dolezal stated that this is for Woods of Aux Sable. The developer has requested a reduction of \$240,196, which will bring his Letter of Credit from \$947,513 down to \$707,317. Staff has met with the developer and he feels that for every dollar this is reduced, a dollar will be freed up on his construction loan. Unfortunately the subdivision has been at a stand still.

It would allow him to bring his accounts with the Village current, his account with the Ridge Road consortium current and start doing more paving. Dolezal would like to add a contingency to the motion that the Board approves. The reduction would be contingent upon, funding available for Village fees, the Ridge Road consortium and subdivision improvement.

ADMINISTRATION

Paul Craig – Strategic Planning Update

Paul Craig was present and discussed the Strategic Planning Session that took on March 8, 2008. He stated that this group was so pleasant to work with and he had enjoyed the session.

He looked at items that the Board felt would be their worst nightmare. He read the scenarios that the group wrote and two really stood out to him, which were Attorney Silverman and Director of Public Works Dolezal. The Mayor's was very concise and the Trustees are set in on issues of what they would like to see Channahon become.

An important goal he sees for Channahon is to position the Village today for the future. Everyone at the retreat knew that this is important.

Mr. Craig stated that obtaining an image of Channahon and where Channahon wants to go in the future. The Village needs to align themselves with an architect or an architectural firm, to help

the Village understand the feasibility as the plan emerges. Communicate the Channahon future vision to the residents. Also get groups and organizations involved with the vision.

This question is where do you go from here, what is the next step. Create a unified vision for future of this Village. Resolve the limitations, inadequacies and ineffectiveness of past and current efforts to communicate.

President Cook thanked Mr. Craig for his time and expertise that he showed the Board and himself. The session was enlightening and showed how several minds have similar goals for the community. There are some differences, but the message is primarily unified. The Board wants a community that is unified, cultured, diversity and dynamic. It was shared by everyone. He then asked what the key element of focus is, what is the core structure of organization.

Mr. Craig stated that the Village needs a center core, which is a business area of a downtown Channahon to make it look like a city, it would be a high priority. The most important goal is how to create this goal of a downtown area.

Approval that the Village Join the National League of Cities

President Cook stated that the Board was forwarded the information for the National League of Cities. The organization has workshops, study sessions and educational opportunities for the public sector. He stated that Trustee Militello was interested in attending these workshops through this organization.

Trustee McMillin asked what the cost would be joining the organization. Bowden stated that the fee is based on the town's population, which would be about \$1,400.

Trustee Militello stated that she became interested in the organization because it is the only one that offers seminars for woman in municipal government. It varies from small to larger towns.

Minutes Submitted by
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Acting Village Clerk