

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2009**

Village President Joe Cook called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

Trustee Davidson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present were Village Administrator Jamie Bowden, Village Attorney Sheri Freeman, Finance Director Robert Guess, Police Chief Joe Pena, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development Mike McMahon, and Village Clerk Missey Schumacher.

**CITIZENS/SPECIAL REQUESTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Boundary Agreement Extension with the City of Joliet**

Trustee Slocum made a motion to open the public hearing on the extension of the boundary agreement with the City of Joliet. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

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

President Cook repeatedly asked for any comment or question regarding this issue. None was forthcoming.

Trustee Davidson made a motion to close the public hearing on the extension of the boundary agreement with the City of Joliet. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Nash made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda on the condition that her statements in the March 2, 2009, meeting minutes be amended to read that Trustee Nash asked if the complaining neighbor was present at the Board Meeting. It is our understanding that damage was done to property. She understands as a mom and teacher how you can see the goat as a pet. It is an agricultural animal. The real issue is whether the goat should be permitted in R-1 zoning. She stated that if an exception is needed it tells her that the ordinance is faulty and the ordinance should be changed if that is the case. She doesn't know how she feels about it, and would like to ask if the Board is open to changing the ordinance. Seconded by Trustee Slocum.

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

Items approved at this time are as follows:

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| A. | Minutes    | Committee | March 2, 2009  |
| B. | Minutes    | Board     | March 2, 2009  |
| C. | Bills List |           | March 16, 2009 |

## **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

### **A. VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

#### **St. Baldrick's**

President Cook stated that the St. Baldrick's fundraiser was well attended. This cancer fundraiser raised \$31,000+. Officer Lazzari planned the event and over 300 people attended. President Cook suggested that people should E-mail Officer Lazzari with congratulations. Chief Pena emceed the event. Thanks to all those who came out and donated. 1,300 St. Baldrick's events were held in Illinois. This event raises \$2.2 million in Illinois.

#### **Recognition of Wrestling Team**

President Cook congratulated the high school wrestling team for outstanding performance. This year they are 3A State Runners Up, and Sectional, Regional, and Conference Champions. President Cook congratulated the coaches and participants. Coach Bernie Ruettiger was asked to present certificates of recognition to coaches and member of the wrestling team.

Dave DiLorenzo of Minooka High School thanked the Village for recognizing student athletes. He stated that it means a lot to have the support of the community.

#### **Earth Hour Proclamation**

President Cook stated that on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 -9:30 p.m. the nation would be proclaiming Earth Hour. President Cook read a proclamation in support of Earth Hour.

### **B. ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Extension of Boundary Agreement with City of Joliet**

Bowden presented the extension of the Boundary Agreement with the City of Joliet as a 1<sup>st</sup> read.

Bowden presented his monthly report for March, 2009.

### **C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

#### **Southern Crossings Outlot 10/ Merlin Site Plan**

McMahon stated that Staff recommends the approval of the Southern Crossings Outlot 10/ Merlin Site Plan conditional upon final engineering approval.

Trustee Militello made a motion to approve the Southern Crossings Outlot 10/ Merlin Site Plan conditional upon final engineering approval. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Monthly Report**

McMahon presented his monthly report for February, 2009. He stated that current foreclosures (70) are down from October 2008 (82). We currently have 51 in Will County and 19 in Grundy County. Several vacant lots (approximately 200) are in foreclosure. American Charter Bank took possession of Keating Point in February. River's Plaza will be up for auction April 1<sup>st</sup>. Keating has not filed for bankruptcy as far as we know. We have put them on notice for improvement guarantees.

McMahon also stated that bonds have been called for Henneberry Units 2-9, and Hunters Crossing 13 & 14 are on notice.

Bowden has set up meetings with current developments to see how they are doing and what the Village can do to facilitate the completion of these developments.

### **Uziel House**

Citizens expressed concern regarding the abandoned Uziel house located at 25218 S. Canal St. Attorney, Sheri Freeman stated that she filed motion to declare the property abandoned. This process started in January 2008. There was a pending tax purchase at that time. They were informed that the structure would have to be demolished. The Village has filed a petition, and the tax purchasers have stated that they will not intervene. The fastest possible resolution of this would be 5 weeks to get a Judicial deed. Unusual complications have occurred concerning the deed to this property. When title to this property is secured, the Village will likely demolish the building and sell the property for cost.

Residents Rosemary Breen and Vineyards (neighbors to the South) stated that they are concerned about fire, and that the building is not secure. They believe animals are living in the house.

McMahon stated that the lot is too small to build on after the current structure is demolished. He stated that in the meantime, the Village will get it boarded up.

### **PZC meeting – bike paths**

Trustee McMillin asked in regards to the PZC meeting minutes of February 9, 2009, whether the PZC has issues bike paths.

McMahon stated that PZC was presented with a priority list of bike paths. There was some philosophical discussion on the merits of bike paths. Other stated that we had not done full engineers estimates before they got list, and they would like to consider the projects by cost rather than most needed connections.

## **D. FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

### **Ordinance for the Morris Hospital Series 2009 Bonds – 1<sup>st</sup> Read**

Guess presented an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Issuance of not to exceed \$18,000,000 Aggregate Principal amount Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, Series 2009A and Series 2009B (Morris Hospital) of the Village of Channahon, Illinois; Authorizing the Execution and delivery of an Indenture of Trust, a Loan Agreement, and Purchase Contract and other documents related thereto; Authorizing the Sale of said Bonds; and related matters – for a 1<sup>st</sup> read.

### **Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 08-09 – 1<sup>st</sup> Read**

Guess presented for a 1<sup>st</sup> read, an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 08-09 Budget

### **Ordinance Adopting the Village of Channahon Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 – 1<sup>st</sup> Read**

Guess presented for a 1<sup>st</sup> read, and ordinance adopting the annual budget for Fiscal Year 09-10.

## **E. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Minooka Fire Range Agreement**

Pena asked that the Board approve and authorize an agreement allowing Minooka Police to utilize our outdoor range.

Trustee Davidson made a motion to approve and authorize an agreement allowing Minooka Police to utilize our outdoor range. Seconded by Trustee McMillin.

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

### **RedSpeed**

Pena stated that he would like to make a trip to the RedSpeed facility on April 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. Whoever is available, welcome to attend.

Pena presented his monthly report for February, 2009.

## **F. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **Purchase of Service Pedestals**

Dolezal asked that the Board approve the purchase of 100 service pedestals at a cost of \$6,700.00 from Electrical Materials Company of Genoa City, WI.

Trustee Slocum made a motion to approve the purchase of 100 service pedestals at a cost of \$6,700.00 from Electrical Materials Company of Genoa City, WI. Seconded by Trustee McMillin.

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

### **Waive Certain Bidding Requirements and Award Storm Sewer Pipe and Catch Basin Cleaning Contract**

Dolezal requested that the Board waive certain bidding requirements and award the sewer cleaning project to Visu-Sewer of Bridgeview, Illinois in the amount of \$10,000.

Trustee McMillin made a motion to waive certain bidding requirements and award the sewer cleaning project to Visu-Sewer of Bridgeview, Illinois in the amount of \$10,000. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Nash, McMillin, Slocum, Militello, and Greco**  
**NAYS: Davidson** **MOTION CARRIED**

Dolezal presented his monthly report for February, 2009.

## **F. VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

No report

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Sam Greco** – Public Health: no report

**Trustee Scott McMillin** – Public Works: no report

**Trustee Debbie Militello** – Human Resources: no report

**Trustee Judie Nash** – Code Enforcement: no report

**Trustee Gary Davidson** – Finance: no report

**Trustee Scott Slocum** – Public Safety: Trustee Slocum stated that he came to advisory committee meeting and met with 3 or 4 people. He stated that he would like the purchase of two new speed signs included in the budget

Trustee Militello disagreed that these signs are effective. People get used to it and speed through it. We have one that we can move anywhere we want.

Pena stated there has been a reduction in complaints.

Trustee Davidson asked whether we need additional signs or could move the one we have.

Trustee McMillin asked if there has been a reduction in violations on that street.

Pena stated that PD could look at traffic counts and will put the speed trailer up to track numbers.

President Cook suggested that the Board will get data from signal and pricing for cost of new signs at the next meeting and could then make a decision.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Greco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. for Probable or Imminent Litigation, Pending Litigation, and Acquisition of Property. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Slocum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

**VERBAL ROLL CALL: ALL AYES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Submitted by  
Janet Schumacher  
Village Clerk