

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2013**

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

Also present were Village Administrator Joe Pena, Finance Director Robert Guess, Village Attorney Jim Murphy, Police Chief Jeff Wold, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development Mike McMahan and Village Clerk Patricia Perinar.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

An Ordinance Adopting the updated Employee Handbook – 1st Read

Village Administrator, Joe Pena, spoke to the Board regarding the Employee Handbook update. Each member was given a copy of the updated version of the Employee Manual, including the legislative changes for medical marijuana, conceal carry, as well as correcting languages that needed some updating. He requested the Board to review the manual. If there is anything that the Board feels should be added or has questions on, please contact Pena by Monday, December 9. Pena would like to have everything finalized and for Board's approval for the next meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Joliet Arsenal Enterprise Zone

- **An Ordinance Authorizing a Joint Application for Boundary Amendments to the Joliet Arsenal Enterprise Zone and to Expand Incentives offered within a portion of the Enterprise Zone – 1st Read**
- **A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Will County to provide for the Expansion of the Joliet Arsenal Enterprise Zone and setting forth the Rights and Responsibilities of the Parties – 1st Read**
- **An Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Village of Channahon and the County of Will – 1st Read**

McMahan stated that Rock Island Clean Line LLC (Clean Line) is developing a 500-mile high voltage direct current electric transmission line designed to connect wind generation resources in northwest Iowa and bordering states with energy demand centers in Illinois. As part of this effort, Clean Line is considering constructing a converter station in Channahon along Bungalow Road at an estimated cost of \$250 million.

On November 19, 2012, the Village Board approved a term sheet agreeing to abate 85% of Clean Line's property taxes due to the Grundy County Machinery and Equipment Tax. The abatement would run for the life any applicable enterprise zone.

To further offset the cost of constructing the project, Clean Line is seeking to extend the Joliet Arsenal Enterprise Zone to the Clean Line site in Channahon. The major benefit of this Enterprise Zone is an exemption from the 6.25% State Sales and Use tax on qualified building materials. Clean Line has been working with Will County to amend the boundary of the zone by removing approximately 500 acres of land that is not, nor will be developed in the future. As an

added benefit, two other industrial sites in the Channahon area will be included in the zone. The first is Hoffman Transportation that was recently annexed to the Village and Styrolutions which is located in unincorporated Will County off of Durkee Road. All three additions to the zone are anticipated to provide thousands of construction and nearly 200 permanent jobs.

In addition to the State Sales and Use Tax benefits, the Enterprise Zone will provide each Grundy County parcel located within the zone upon which new nonresidential improvements are constructed or upon which existing non-residential improvements are renovated or rehabilitated, property tax abatements of up to 100% of the annual property taxes due and payable to the various applicable taxing districts in Grundy County for those taxing jurisdictions that choose to participate in the abatement program.

Each Board member was presented with a copy of the ordinance authorizing the Village to join the Joliet Arsenal Enterprise Zone and a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Will County. This Agreement outlines how the Enterprise Zone will be managed and the rights of both entities. This amendment to the existing Enterprise Zone Ordinance will not extend the sunset date of the zone which is scheduled to expire on September 19, 2033.

Village President questioned whether other bodies are taking action as well. McMahon stated that they all have to. They want to get everything going with the jurisdictions first then the county last. A public hearing was held a couple weeks back with no public attending.

Other questions were raised regarding the deadline, start of construction, and the Hoffman connection.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Renewal of PACE Paratransit Local Share Agreement

Finance Director, Robert Guess, gave the Board a summary of the service PACE provides to the residents. The proposed contract is effective January 1st, 2014 through December 31st, 2014. Our share of the costs for next year is estimated at \$1,641.00. We split that cost 50/50 with the Township. Our net cost would be \$820.50. The most recent count of ridership is at 48 people for the first nine months of this year, which is way down from last year. Trustee Greco asked if the price reflects an increase. Guess stated it is less money. Trustee Scaggs and Schumacher asked why the ridership is down. Guess believes other areas tend to monopolize the usage which cuts availability to our residents. Most of the users of this service are handicapped adults who are repeat riders.

An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Channahon, Will and Grundy County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2013 and Ending April 30, 2014 – 1st Read

Guess stated that at the last Board meeting the Board adopted the number of \$2,106,371.00 as our Tax Levy. There will be a Public Hearing later on this evening during the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

During the Board Meeting there is a number of Abatement Ordinances which are all first reads.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

No Formal Items for Discussion.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**Resolution Approving Renewal of Lease Agreement with
Illinois Emergency Management Agency**

Dolezal gave a summary of the Resolution, which is a renewal that recently expired.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**1. Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance
of an Employee of the Village of Channahon**

2. Probable or Imminent Litigation and Pending Litigation

Trustee Schumacher made the motion at 6:12 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the Village of Channahon and Probable or Imminent Litigation and Pending Litigation. Seconded by Trustee Scaggs.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Militello, McMillin, Schumacher, Scaggs, Slocum.

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Slocum made the motion at 6:47 p.m. to close the Executive Session for Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the Village of Channahon and Probable or Imminent Litigation and Pending Litigation. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Militello, McMillin, Schumacher, Scaggs, Slocum.

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**Submitted by
Patricia Perinar
Village Clerk**