

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
July 20, 2015**

Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Trustees Militello, Scaggs, Slocum, Greco and Host present. Trustee McMillin was absent.

Also present were Village Administrator Thomas Durkin, Finance Director Heather Wagonblott, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development and Information Systems Mike Petrick, Police Chief Jeff Wold, Village Attorney Dave Silverman and Village Clerk Patricia Perinar.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Abbas Hiptullah to discuss a Video Gaming Cafe

VP Moorman-Schumacher informed the Board that Mr. Hiptullah was not present to give tonight's presentation.

An Ordinance Amending the Village of Channahon Code of Ordinances with regard to Class E Liquor Licenses – 1st Read

VP Moorman-Schumacher discussed with the Board the ordinance to amend the current Village of Channahon Code of Ordinances with regard to the Class E Liquor License. When IVO's went out of business they turned in their Class E liquor license. A while back the Village decided to no longer issue Class E licenses and replace them with Class B's. Tonight would be a discussion to eliminate this Class E liquor license. Right now we have a Class B license available since Godmother's Pizza turned in their Class B license. The difference in the classes is the hours of operation with Class E being allowed later hours of operation. VP Moorman-Schumacher stated that there is also a Class J addition that would be added to a Class B license to extend the hours of operation by one hour, if necessary. There were no questions or comments from the Board regarding this matter.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Administrator Durkin provided the Board a memo in regards to the Hunters Crossing Sales Trailers that were donated to the Village. On or about November 13, 2014, Mr. Charles Sharp donated the trailers to the Village. It is believed the initial cost of the trailers to be around \$75,000.00. The current value, with depreciation, is approximately \$17,000.00. The intention was to relocate and utilize the trailers at the Channahon Police Training Rage where they were to be used as an on-site classroom facility for law enforcement training.

In the memo is a list of current costs that the Village has incurred regarding the trailers. As of this date, the Village has been unable to relocate the trailers due mostly to the excessive amount of rain we have received this year. The relocation of these trailers has taken much longer than originally expected and they are an eyesore to look at. On July 13, 2015, Trustee McMillin met with Village staff to request that we obtain a cost estimate to demolish and/or dispose of the trailers.

Village Staff is looking for direction from the Board as to what they would like done regarding the trailers in terms of demolishing them or utilizing them as originally intended.

Photos were shown of the current condition of the inside of the trailers. Board members were told they could also go to view the trailers if they would like.

VP Moorman-Schumacher stated that she spoke to Steve Kuczkowski regarding this matter. His opinion was that they are definitely worth keeping and being relocated for future use. Even though she knows they are not the most aesthetic to look at, they can still be utilized as needed. Trustee Slocum asked for the estimated cost to move them. Petrick stated the estimated cost would be less than \$5,000.00. Trustee Militello brought up the fact of the additional cost that would be incurred if the Village were to buy new trailers or build a facility instead of using the current trailers. All Board members present were in agreement to keep the trailers for use as originally intended. Police Chief Wold, on behalf of the Police Department, thanked the Board for their support in regards to this matter.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

DCCIS Mike Petrick gave the Board an update regarding Business Retention. He gave the Board some statistics as to what is currently going on. Village Staff along with volunteers from CEDC having been making their visits to businesses collecting surveys and information regarding their opinions of the community in regards to what we are doing, what we could do to make these stronger, what we are doing well, etc. There are 191 businesses registered to date. The goal is to visit 15% of the businesses this year which would be 28 of them. Four are done. Nine surveys have been collected and those businesses are scheduled to be visited. There are seventeen pending visits.

Steve Kuczkowski is working with Coal City on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons to assist them in their recovery process from the recent tornado damage there. The Village is trying to lend a helping hand to help out our neighbors.

The Town Center Senior Living Center has secured their funding. It has achieved a major hurdle securing funding but still has a long road ahead before a shovel hits the ground.

The electronic sign, on the corner, is under construction. This is a Channahon Park District project. VP Moorman-Schumacher stated that she met with the Channahon Park District last week and they wanted to thank the Board for partnering with them on this project.

VP Moorman-Schumacher stated that she sat in on a recent Business Retention meeting and was impressed on how thorough the meeting was. She stated that the business, McDonald's was very happy with our police department.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Director Heather Wagonblott had no formal items for discussion, but updated the Board that the audit began on the 13th and the intent is for them to be on sight through Friday the 24th.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Wold stated that next week both Village Administrator Durkin and he would be meeting with representatives from the Warrior Dash (WD). WD has been scheduled for August 15th which is also the Saturday of the Three Rivers Festival. In conversation with the WD, it is going to be a full scale event with entertainment, alcohol, refreshments, etc. There are a lot of details to work which includes parking and traffic. He hopes to have a formal agreement for the Board to consider at the August 3rd meeting.

Flyers were handed out to all Board Members in regards to National Night Out on July 29th. He stated that everything is shaping up well. There is going to be a great band, a car show, activities for the kids,

and refreshments, etc. It should be a great night of community involvement. Next Week Chief Wold will be attending a meeting for Risk Management on how to reduce accidents and save some costs.

Recognition of Officer Dustin Carlson

Chief Wold read a letter of recognition Officer Carlson received from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists. He was rewarded a certificate of recognition for his efforts. Officer Carlson has been with the Village for approximately 7 years. In that time he has 140 DUI Arrests. Last year he had 15 DUI arrests and led the department in DUI Enforcement. Chief Wold recognized all the members of the police department who work the night shift at the Channahon Police Department. He thanked all of them for their efforts.

Trustee Greco asked what strain the Police Department would be under with Warrior Dash and the Three Rivers Festival going on at the same time. Chief Wold stated that it is workable and if necessary they will hire Minooka or Grundy County Officers.

National Night Out

Chief Wold introduced Lisa Allen from Private Bank. Private Bank has been a partner of National Night Out for several years. They make financial donations and participate in the Event. Ms. Allen presented Chief Wold with a check for \$250.00 towards this year's National Night out stating that it is always very well run and great community event. VP Moorman-Schumacher thanked Private Bank thanked them for their participation in this great community event.

Chief Wold introduced the President of the Highland Homeowners Association, Dr. Kelly Manning-Smith. Dr. Manning-Smith thanked the Board for the invitation to come before the Board. She thanked the Village staff for helping out the Association as they transition into new Roles and seek information. VP Moorman-Schumacher thanked the Homeowners Association for attending tonight's meeting and their donation. The Homeowners Association presented Chief Wold with a check for \$250 towards this year's National Night Out.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Payment for Use of I.U.O.E. Local 150 Training Facility

Director of Public Works Dolezal stated that the Village has executed an agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 to send Public Works staff to their training facility in Wilmington. After utilizing the facility for a couple of years, it continues to be an effective means of providing training. There is still plenty of need for our staff to be rotated through various training programs and, therefore, I think we should continue to participate. This is a budgeted expense.

Director of Public Works Dolezal stated that July 31st is the deadline to apply for the labor position that is open. It will be around the end of August when we should have a candidate available to fill that position.

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

**Submitted by
Patricia Perinar
Village Clerk**