

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MAY 2, 2016**

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

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

Village Administrator Thomas Durkin was not present.

**VP Moorman Schumacher informed everyone present that anyone who speaks at the meeting shall be deemed to have given his/her consent to the recording of their likeness and speech. This meeting is being recorded.**

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

**Outdoor Beer Garden**

Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher informed the Board that the current ordinance does not allow for the sale of alcohol outside with exception to resort settings. Mr. Sarris from The Office Bar & Grill is requesting the Village look into permitting outside beer gardens for restaurants. Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher states she would like to have beer gardens along with outdoor dining in Channahon.

Director of Community Development and Information Systems Mike Petrick gave a summary of the requirements for beer gardens of other municipalities nearby. The Board members were in favor of the idea. The Village will look into the idea. The Village will need to check with the Village Attorney regarding restrictions regarding noise, smoking, etc.

The Board asked Mr. Sarris what his plans were regarding the location of a beer garden for his business. He states he would like to have tables outside for lunch and dinner. He would also like to have bags, host benefits and fundraising events in the summertime.

Mr. Petrick stated that the Village needs to define what the ordinance is going to say before decisions can be made as to what will be allowed.

**ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

No Formal Items for Discussion.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

No Formal Items for Discussion.

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

- **IDOT Obligation Retirement Resolution for 2006**
- **IDOT Obligation Retirement Resolution for 2016**

Director of Finance Heather Wagonblott stated the Village of Channahon was notified of a form that IDOT had indicated they have never received. A few months back she had brought to the Board the retirement resolution that they require which was needed for three years back. Those forms brought the Village up-to-date for 2012-2015. After they went through their paperwork they noticed they were missing a 2006 obligation retirement resolution form for the \$87,187.39 interest expense. This is the first item listed. In addition to that, she is providing the form for 2016 in order to be proactive in getting everything submitted to the State. This is the second item listed.

### **An Ordinance Establishing a Fee for the Preparation and Recording of Utility Liens – 1<sup>st</sup> Read**

Director of Finance Heather Wagonblott stated the Village is looking to increase the fee for the preparation and recording of utility liens to help cover the increase in cost that Grundy County has imposed. The Village Code provides that water and sewer charges are a lien on the property for which service is rendered and the Village incurs certain costs and expenses in preparing and recording liens and the costs and expenses associated with preparing and recording such liens should be paid by the customer or property owner. Whenever it is necessary to record a lien, in addition to all other fees and charges, the utility customer and the owner of the property shall be jointly and severally liable for payment of a lien fee in the amount of \$150.00.

Trustee Scaggs questioned the increase of Grundy and Will and the cost to the Village. Director of Finance Heather Wagonblott explained the increase would be the same for both counties. Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher and Trustee Host stated the increase will also help cover the administrative cost for all the preparation necessary to file the lien.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief of Police Jeff Wold wanted to discuss the increase in drug issues being seen in Channahon and county wide. The numbers in Channahon are increasing and it looks like the drug cases will double in 2016 if it continues at the same pace. The County is seeing an increase in heroin doses county wide. Chief Wold was speaking to Will County States Attorney Jim Glasgow about possible options the Village may have to help combat this problem. He offered to the Village of Channahon with the Boards Approval money to purchase a canine unit. He would pay for the dog, the training of the dog, the training of the officer, and the related equipment that would go along with it. Chief Wold stated that through previous contacts and discussions with the Feed Loft and the veterinarian in town, that they will provide food and veterinarian care at no charge as long as they can say they take care of the Channahon Police Dog.

Chief Wold said he wanted to make the Board aware of these discussions taking place to help keep the drugs from taking further root in Channahon. With drugs come many other issues we do not want here in our community. He cited incidents where a canine unit was brought in to help in previous cases here in Channahon. Mr. Glasgow is looking to move sooner than later on this. Chief Wold was willing to answer any questions anyone had regarding his matter. Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher gave a brief summary of the meeting that she had along

with Chief Wold, Trustee Host and Will County States Attorney Jim Glasgow. One major point was that it needed to remain cost neutral. At this point this is possible. A discussion took place regarding possible revenue that could come from drug seizures along with the message that we are taking a serious stance in the war against drugs.

The Board would like to see this item listed on the agenda for the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trustee Host shared her appreciation for all the effort Chief Wold did in researching this. His preparation a considerable difference in getting this to move forward in a cost neutral manner.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

#### **Resolution of Support for Submission of the Bridge Street Multi-Use Path Project to IDOT for consideration under the ITEP Program**

Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal informed the Board that the Village held a public meeting a few weeks ago regarding the Bike Path. All the data was compiled. Ninety-nine percent of the Village's work is done on Phase 1. The Village has a more detailed cost now which is more than the initial projected cost. The Village is still working on pursuing Grant Money. The deadline is approaching for the ITEP program. There is one chance every few years to apply for this funding.

Staff is still working on other options for funding and looking into other grants. Another option being looked into is the possible elimination of certain structures such as the retaining walls which are adding to the cost.

Trustee Scaggs wanted to confirm that by moving forward with this that the Village is not committed to anything. He was informed that at this point there is no commitment by moving forward with applying for this funding.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (Limit to 5 Minutes)**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Scaggs made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:29 p.m. to discuss Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the Village of Channahon. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Militello, Scaggs, Host, McMillin, Greco & Slocum**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee Scaggs made a motion at 6:41 p.m. to adjourn Executive Session to discuss Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the Village of Channahon. Seconded by Trustee Slocum.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Militello, Scaggs, Host, McMillin, Greco & Slocum**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

**Submitted by  
Patricia Perinar  
Village Clerk**