

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

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

Also present were Village Administrator Thomas Durkin, Director of Community Development and Information Systems Mike Petrick, Finance Director Heather Wagonblott, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Chief of Police Shane Casey, Village Attorney David Silverman and Village Clerk Kristin Hall.

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.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated the first thing she wants to start off with is unfortunate but she would ask that we keep the family and friends of several people in our thoughts and prayers and that we have a moment of silence for those recently deceased. She stated we have Gerald Rodeghero who passed away on January 22nd and is the father of Jodi Bette in our Public Works Department, we also have Jessica Klossing, a young woman and the niece of former Mayor Joe Cook who passed away this past week after suffering a severe asthma attack, Cecelia Dollinger who is the mother of John Dollinger passed away on January 28th. She was 96 years old so a life well lived. Finally, our own Jason "Moose" Malsky from our Public Works Department passed away last week at 38 years old after suffering a massive stroke. She stated this is truly a loss for our Village and our staff. She also stated that our Channahon flag is at half staff and we do have bunting on the building. She further stated that there is a memorial for him in the lobby, so if you have a chance to stop over take a look, there are some nice pictures along with a memorial she wrote. She thanked Trustee Slocum for taking the liberty of his job at WJOL to memorialize Moose on the radio Friday morning. She also stated that he read the memorial she wrote on the air and she's asking him to do it again tonight because she already knows that she can't do it.

Trustee Slocum stated this was beautifully written by VP Moorman Schumacher and she wanted this read into the record.

What makes Channahon special? Moose did. When you try and quantify the heart of a community, you begin to paint a picture of the people who define that community. The fabric of our community binds us all together; to live, to love, to celebrate and sometimes to grieve. This is the picture of Channahon. Jason "Moose" Malsky was born here on August 18, 1982. On July 7, 2008, Moose joined the Village of Channahon's Public Works Department. He was more than an employee, he was an ambassador with his good cheer and ready smile, Moose made a friend of everyone. Whether he was plowing snow or planting trees working for this town, his hometown, was a labor of love. Our hearts were broken January 27, 2021 with his passing. Moose was everything it means to be Channahon, a true favorite son of his community. Life for Moose was a celebration. We were fortunate to celebrate with him; a husband, a son, a brother

and a genuine friend. When he started his job with the Village, we celebrated. When he married Amanda, we celebrated. Now Channahon gathers together to grieve, to support his family and to comfort each other with fond memories of this man, that we called our own. We are Channahon and may our Jason "Moose" Malsky rest in peace and may his memory continue to live on in our hearts.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated she appreciates Trustee Slocum's help on reading that.

Trustee Slocum stated we borrowed the bunting from Wilmington Police. He stated that Police Chief Arnold was driving it up and he didn't know why he was bringing it up. He also stated that he was listening to the radio Friday morning, as he had it in his car. He further stated that he thought that was cool, that in a way Moose introduced himself to Police Chief Arnold from Wilmington.

VP Moorman Schumacher thanked the Wilmington Police Department and Channahon Fire Protection District for the use of the buntings. She asked that we have a moment of silence for all the recently departed.

VP Moorman Schumacher thanked everyone. She stated that Moose's wake is this Saturday from 12 - 4 p.m. She stated that we are going to try as a Village to meet at 12:30 p.m. to walk through together to represent the Village.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Durkin stated he had no formal items for discussion.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Petrick stated he had no formal items for discussion.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Wagonblott stated she had no formal items for discussion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Discussion – Participation in the Grundy County Pro-Active Unit

Casey stated in the mutual interest of our communities, and to combat the multi-jurisdictional criminal activity, several communities in Grundy County seek to pool and integrate law enforcement resources into the Grundy County Law Enforcement "Pro-Active Unit" ("Pro-Act"). He stated the purpose is to coordinate crime fighting and prevention efforts and enforce laws without regard to jurisdictional boundaries within Grundy County for the benefit of all involved communities. He also stated by entering into this agreement, the unit will also be able to operate within the corporate limits of Channahon, Will County, IL. He further stated if approved, we will assign a sworn officer to the unit full-time. He stated the assigned officer may be rotated, or pulled from the Unit at our discretion and/or as operational needs dictate. He also stated each entity entering into this agreement will be required to provide \$500 for operational costs. He further stated these costs are anticipated to be self-sustaining through asset forfeiture.

He stated by participation in the Pro-Act Unit, the Village will receive a share of all seized and forfeited assets after a predetermine reserve is met (currently \$5,000).

VP Moorman Schumacher stated that Casey summarized this well at a staff meeting this morning. She stated that the Will County agreement, while it's great, it is Joliet centric because Joliet is so much bigger. She stated getting into this agreement with Grundy County, it is a much different pond and we are a bigger fish in it. She stated that the resources can be directed more equally among the communities involved.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Discussion – Change Order 4 to Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 Expansion Contract
Dolezal stated the Village has previously entered into a contract with Whittaker Construction & Excavating to expand and improve its wastewater treatment plant. He stated this Change Order 4 is the last and Final Payment on the contract should be on this agenda's Bills List. He also stated the awarded contract value was \$7,958,650. He further stated Change Orders 1, 2, 3 and 4 together decrease the contract value by a total of \$1,197.14 for a final contract value of \$7,957,452.86.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police

VP Moorman Schumacher stated this is our use of force certification. She read the letter from the Illinois Associate of Chiefs of Police into the record. She congratulated the Chief and his department and their compliance with directives from the federal government.

Casey stated that it was a department wide collaboration to get this done, so thanks goes to everybody.

PUBLIC COMMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Submitted by
Kristin Hall
Village Clerk

