

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 2020**

Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with Trustees Greco, Host, Perinar, McMillin, Scaggs and Slocum present.

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

VP Moorman Schumacher stated that this Committee of the Whole and Village Board meeting are being held in accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, which was ordered by Governor Pritzker on March 16, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She stated this order addresses provisions of the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS-120 requiring or relating to independent members of a public body, specifically, 1) the requirement in 5 ILCS-120/2.01 that members of a public body must be present to be included and 2) the requirement in 5 ILCS/7 limiting when remote participation are suspended. She also stated that public bodies are encouraged to have phone consideration for public comment when possible. She further stated that when a meeting is necessary, public bodies are encouraged to supply video, audio and or telephone meetings to ensure members of the public may monitor the meeting and to update their website and video feeds to keep the public fully apprised of any changes to their meeting schedules or formats of their meetings due to COVID-19, as well as their activities relating to COVID-19. She stated that Executive Order 2020-10 ordered by Governor Pritzker also prohibits the gathering of more than 10 people. She stated that while the Village Hall is opened this evening we would adhere to that, if more than 10 people show up. She also stated that the format would be the same as other board meetings held by this body, if there are members of the public on the phone, please mute your phones if possible and refrain from any comments until the designated public comment and public hearing portion of the agenda. She stated that Board Members should mute their phones, last meeting we learned if the Board Room microphones are on, they create feedback with the call in system; so if you are not speaking please mute your phone if you can. She also stated she appreciates their understanding in this matter. She further stated that they have supplied the public with an opportunity to e-mail questions or comments relative to tonight's meeting, which will be read into the minutes and addressed as applicable. She stated that the e-mail is meetingcomments@channahon.org.

VP Moorman Schumacher informed everyone present that the meeting was being recorded and anyone speaking at the meeting deems his/her consent to the recording of their likeness and speech.

CITIZEN/SPECIAL REQUESTS/PUBLIC HEARING

Citizen's Request – Bill Hulbert, Amendment to the Golf Cart Ordinance

Bill Hulbert, resident of Channahon, thanked the Board for letting him speak. He stated that he would like to either request the board adopt or amend the Illinois Law regarding the operation of

non-highway vehicles on streets, roads and highways in the Village. He further stated that he has a Polaris Ranger which is similar to a John Deere Gator. The Village and the Police Department both have a vehicles which are similar. He stated he would like request the board amend the code to allow these types of vehicles for road use, which come under the No. 4 vehicle description in the Illinois Vehicle Code.

VP Moorman Schumacher requested Mr. Hulbert provide a description of a No. 4 vehicle.

Mr. Hulbert stated a No. 4 vehicle is an off-highway vehicle, as defined by Section 1-168.8. He stated that is a recreational off-highway vehicle which includes any motorized off-highway device designed to travel primarily off-highway. He also stated this vehicle is 64 inches or less in width and has a manufacturer's dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less, traveling on four or more non-highway tires. It is designed with a non-straddle seat and a steering wheel for steering control. This does not include equipment such as lawnmowers.

VP Moorman Schumacher asked how fast do they go.

Mr. Hulbert stated he didn't know the top speed.

Casey stated he did look over the current village codes which we refer to as the Golf Cart Ordinance. The off-road vehicles typically have more safety features than golf carts such as roll bars. He stated saying golf carts are not off-highway vehicles is very difficult and he also cautioned the board that including off-highway vehicles would also include off-highway cycles, which are also covered under the same statute in the Illinois Vehicle Code. Casey stated they would still be required to follow the Illinois Vehicle Code as far as traffic flow, safety and stop signs. He stated they do have to get it insured if it is on the roadway.

Mr. Hulbert stated he doesn't see any reason why they couldn't be registered with the Village and have some type of identification number.

VP Moorman Schumacher asked if there were some that went faster than others. She stated there is a possibility that we could create an ordinance for Gators and things like that, but ones that go 50-60 mph we may not necessarily want to have those on the streets. She also questioned whether infant car seats are required.

Casey stated that he would assume if an owner could get a car seat in there, that would be the smart thing to do. He stated he needed to research the applicable laws regarding this matter.

Board Direction was to take a look at a draft ordinance amending the code.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Consider Approval – Minutes – Committee – May 4, 2020
- B.** Consider Approval – Minutes – Board – May 4, 2020
- C.** Approve Payment of Bills List of May 18, 2020 for \$699,277.82
- D.** Approve Payment of Manual Checks of May 18, 2020 for \$12,275.03

E. Approve Payment of Net Payroll Expenses for the two week period ending May 3, 2020 for \$125,872.53

Trustee Scaggs made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, Perinar, McMillin, Scaggs and Slocum.
NAYS: NONE **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

A. VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Consider Approval – Reappointment, Police and Fire Commissioner Board

- **Larry Duffy**
- **Dan Hoppe**
- **Tina Lentz**

Trustee Slocum made a motion to approve the retroactive Reappointments of Larry Duffy, Dan Hoppe and Tina Lentz to the Police and Fire Commissioner Board. Seconded by Trustee Perinar.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, Perinar, McMillin, Scaggs and Slocum.
NAYS: NONE **MOTION CARRIED**

VP Moorman Schumacher stated she does have some other things to discuss, but she will save it for the end of the meeting. She stated it has to do with the Governor's Orders and reopening and there may be some discussion that goes along with that.

B. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Consider Approval – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Master Pole Attachment Agreement between the Village of Channahon and New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC (AT&T) – 1st Read

Trustee Greco made a motion to waive second read and approve An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Master Pole Attachment Agreement between the Village of Channahon and New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC (AT&T). Seconded by Trustee Scaggs.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, Perinar, McMillin, Scaggs and Slocum.
NAYS: NONE **MOTION CARRIED**

Durkin stated that he along with Brian Wellner are reviewing a similar agreement with Verizon that we just received. He stated that will be forthcoming very soon.

Trustee McMillin asked if there was any more information regarding the building permit and the provision of silt baskets. Durkin stated that he has not spoken to Petrick any further about that, but they can certainly address that and report back to the board.

C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION

Consider Approval – Final Plat of Subdivision for Peninsula at Ravine Woods PUD Phase 1
Consider Approval – Site Plan – Dollar General, Peninsula at Ravine Woods

Trustee Perinar made a motion to approve the Final Plat of Subdivision for Peninsula at Ravine Woods PUD Phase 1 and the Site Plan – Dollar General, Peninsula at Ravine Woods contingent on final engineering review and approval. Seconded by Trustee Scaggs.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, Perinar, McMillin, Scaggs and Slocum.
NAYS: NONE **MOTION CARRIED**

Consider Approval – Site Plan Amendment – Northern Illinois Steel/24005 S. Northern Illinois Drive

Trustee Perinar made a motion to approve the Site Plan Amendment – Northern Illinois Steel/24005 S. Northern Illinois Drive contingent on final engineering review and approval. Seconded by Trustee Slocum.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, Perinar, McMillin, Scaggs and Slocum.
NAYS: NONE **MOTION CARRIED**

Consider Approval – A Resolution Extending the Time to Implement a Special Use Permit for the Use of a Truck Terminal in an I-1 District for GSM Management, LLC

Trustee Perinar made a motion to approve a Retroactive Resolution Extending the Time to Implement a Special Use Permit for the Use of a Truck Terminal in an I-1 District for GSM Management, LLC. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Perinar, McMillin, Scaggs and Slocum.
NAYS: NONE **ABSTAIN: Host** **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion – Statistical Monthly Report – April 2020

Petrick stated since people are curious as to how things are going with the current pandemic situation, through April of this year there have been two less homes constructed than in the previous year. He stated statistically speaking that is pretty much equal. He also stated there are 10 less permits overall, but in the early spring months that doesn't really say anything because it's all weather dependent. He further stated that overall, as far as building and construction goes, things are very much moving along. He stated that value of permits has fallen off, very much from March to April and that's not necessarily a function of anything happening with COVID or because of the stay-at-homes orders. In all likelihood it is because there was such a huge value that came in March when the build out of the industrial building on Bluff Road. That permit came through at \$14 million on its own. He stated that one thing made it look statistically high, so then the next month would be statistically low. He also stated that 403 inspections were conducted in April and it's the most we've ever conducted in one month.

VP Moorman Schumacher states that in reference to the silt baskets, we need to decide some things. First, are we making them a requirement? If so, this would require an amendment to the code. Second, are we building them into the cost of the permit? Are we loaning them out? And if so are we getting them back and how are we keeping track of them? She requested that these things are addressed.

Trustee McMillin stated he just figured we'd find a spot in the closet and attach them to the building permit or allow the contractor to purchase his own and install it.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated if we are going to require it we have to make an ordinance.

D. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Discussion – Statistical Monthly Report – April 2020

Wagonblott stated that the monthly report was attached.

E. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Discussion – Statistical Monthly Report – April 2020

Casey stated that the monthly report was attached.

F. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Consider Approval – Purchase of Three Trucks from Currie Ford

Trustee Perinar made a motion to approve the Purchase of Three Trucks from Currie Ford.

Seconded by Trustee Greco.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, Perinar, McMillin, Scaggs and Slocum.

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Approval – Purchase of Front End Loader

Trustee Host made a motion to approve the Purchase of Front End Loader. Seconded by Trustee Perinar.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, Perinar, McMillin, Scaggs and Slocum.

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Approval – Award Maintenance Contract for Water Tower 2

Trustee Host made a motion to approve Award the Water Tower 2 Rehabilitation contract to Neumann Company Contractors, Inc., accept Bid Alternatives No. 1 and 2, and waive any technicalities in the bidding process for a total contract price of \$260,600. Seconded by Trustee Perinar.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, Perinar, McMillin, Scaggs and Slocum.

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Approval – 2020 Road Maintenance Project Stage 1 (Study) & Stage 2 (Design Drawings)

Trustee Perinar made a motion to approve the 2020 Road Maintenance Project Stage 1 (Study) & Stage 2 (Design Drawings) not to exceed \$87,000. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, Perinar, McMillin, Scaggs and Slocum.

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion – Statistical Monthly Report – April 2020

Dolezal stated that the monthly report was attached.

G. VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Attorney David Silverman stated he had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Sam Greco - Finance/Human Resources

Trustee Greco thanked the staff for doing such a great job. He stated these are hard and unusual times for everybody, but they've been great, professional and accommodating.

Trustee Patricia Perinar – Community & Legislative Affairs

Trustee Perinar stated she just wanted to comment that our population is off and hopes that Dollar General will do well. She stated she has waited in long lines to make purchases.

Trustee Chantal Host – Public Safety/Emergency Support – No Report.

Trustee Scott McMillin – Natural Resources and Open Spaces – No Report.

Trustee Mark Scaggs – Public Works and Facility – No Report.

Trustee Scott Slocum – Community Development – No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

VP Moorman Schumacher stated our staff and everybody else has been doing a lot of work from home and it has worked out way better than she had expected it would. She stated it was seamless. She also stated that we have the ability to also transfer phone calls, so people could answer them from home, if they were working remotely. She further stated that as this has dragged on, we have people who are getting restless, so there are a lot of things going on in terms of the Governor's Order.

She stated that the Governor wants the locals to enforce this without any support from the state regulatory departments. She also stated that from the beginning of this, they have been saying that local police departments should be enforcing this but then the local State's Attorneys Office won't prosecute anything. She further stated that the Illinois Department of Professional Regulations isn't going to do anything with the hairdressers and their licensing. She stated that she hasn't heard anything from the State as far as what they are doing but so far we have had no support.

She also stated that the weather is getting nicer and this has dragged on for a long time now and she is very concerned about the continued closure of small businesses. She doesn't know how we can go into a third month with your doors closed and stay in business. She has talked with Casey and Durkin on multiple occasions regarding this. She also had a conversation with the Illinois Municipal League and the Illinois State Police regarding enforcement. She also spoke to Brad Cole, Executive Director of the Illinois Municipal League who took it to the Governor's Office and the State Police. She forwarded the response the Village received from the Department of Professional Regulations indicating they would not be enforcing the Governor's order. She stated that we haven't heard anything from them.

As a municipality this puts us in a very difficult situation, since the Village did not close the businesses. This has hinged on voluntary compliance and she thinks that people are getting restless. Her concern is that people are beginning to defy whatever the public orders. She stated that in the reopen plan; we are grouped with Region 1, which includes Cook County and the City of Chicago and that is a doubled-edged sword because if all of Channahon contracted COVID-19, we would only make a ripple because our population is so small in the big picture. She also stated that we don't have anywhere near the population density of the City of Chicago or even Joliet for that matter. We are very much different and thinks we could probably open things up with precautions a lot more safely than could a densely populated area. She further stated that Will County Governmental League has put together a letter that was signed by numerous area Mayors and forwarded to the Governor to ask that we be considered independently of the City of

Chicago and Cook County. She stated that the Governor has said in his press conferences that the locals should lead, and she is more than happy to do that but that's not really what he wants me to do. He wants me to enforce his orders. She also stated that this letter is a start but she thinks that municipalities should be given some autonomy to decide what's best for them.

A lengthy discussion took place on the Governor's Order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Greco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Slocum.

VERBAL ROLL CALL: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

**Submitted by
Kristin Hall
Village Clerk**

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