

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Presentation – Recipient of the Business of the Year Award

VP Moorman Schumacher stated we have never had multiple nominations for the same business so this year was a slam dunk. She stated we always like to encourage creativity and uniqueness and choose our businesses for something unique that they bring to the community. This one is no exception and may be the epitome of that definition. The recipient of the Business of the Year Award is the Fine Tunes Center for the Arts owned by Steev Custer and his wife, Arielle. She further read the bio information Mr. Custer provided.

Steev Custer, owner of Fine Tunes Center for the Arts, stated they started in this town because his mother owned a previous business called Thumbelina. He stated he's grown up and lived in Channahon all his life. He also stated that everyone he's ever met in this town is so awesome. He further stated that they are blessed to be here and know people like the Powell's, the Pershsey's, the Liberty's and more names than he could ever remember. He stated that he is blessed with awesome staff here and he can't thank the Board enough. He also stated that they are truly honored.

VP Moorman Schumacher asked how long his mother owned Thumbelina.

Mr. Custer stated 33 years.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated it was in the same building they are located in now. She stated there is quite the family legacy there.

VP Moorman Schumacher presented them with the Business of the Year Award plaque.

A Presentation from City of Joliet on Progress to Lake Michigan Water Source

Allison Swisher, from the City of Joliet, presented the Joliet Alternative Water Source Program and Regional Water System Development Program to the Board.

Board discussion took place regarding the presentation.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Discussion – A Resolution Designating Meeting Dates and Times in 2021 for the Corporate Authorities and Commissions of the Village of Channahon

Discussion – 2021 Holiday Schedule

Durkin stated in accordance with State Statute, the Village is required by law to formally announce, post and advertise meeting dates and times for Village Board meetings, Committee meetings and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings, at the beginning of each calendar year. He noted that there are two Tuesday Village Board meetings in 2021, July 6th and September 7th.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Petrick stated he had no formal items.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Discussion – Redevelopment Agreement between the Village of Channahon and Thornton's Inc.

Wagonblott stated this is informational purposes. She stated on April 23rd, 2015 the Village Board approved a Redevelopment Agreement with Thornton's. She stated that the agreement indicated the Village would reimburse Thornton's a maximum of \$2.1 million over a specific amount of time, with various payback stipulations. She also stated that on August 19, 2020 the Village issued the final payment to Thornton's. She further stated that a total of eight payments were made to Thornton's based on the Redevelopment Agreement and they were made from the monthly receipts reported from Thornton's for Village for fuel and diesel taxes as well as Home Rule municipal sales taxes. She stated that the Redevelopment Agreement is now complete with one exception. The agreement did include an additional \$1 million dollars; up to \$750,000 related to the vacant land development and up to \$250,000 related if a hotel/motel was commenced before December 31st of this year. She also stated there is nothing in the plans at this time so this agreement has concluded.

Discussion – Bond Refinancing Ordinance for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013 and General Obligations Refunding Bonds, Series 2012

Wagonblott stated Bernardi Securities has worked with us in the past and had come across the fact that the WESCOM Bond, otherwise known as the 2013 GO Bonds, has the potential to be refinanced for a substantial savings. She also stated that Utility GO 2012 Bonds could also be refinanced and have an additional savings to the Village. She further stated that John Vezzetti from Bernardi Securities is here if you have any questions.

Attorney Silverman stated the bond ordinance does provide for an authorization of an amendment to the agreement with WESCOM. He stated it was provided in your packet and will be in some form similar to that. He also stated nothing changes with the amendment. The amendment states that the bonds will be refinanced.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Discussion – To Request Village Board Authorization to Place an Order for One (1) 2020 Ford Explorer Vehicle

Casey stated the police department is budgeted to replace three (3) squads under our FY21 Capital Projects. He stated he would like to move forward with the purchase of the third and

final budgeted squad. He also stated a review of the police department's budget and Village's revenues, combined with the delivery time and immediate availability of an equivalent squad from Currie Motors, affords an ideal situation to purchase now. He further stated a 2020 Ford Explorer is available for immediate purchase from Currie Motors in Frankfort, IL for \$32,707, plus applicable documentation and registration fees of \$203. He stated if purchased, this vehicle would replace a 2015 Ford Explorer with 110,000 miles. He also stated the replaced squad would be repurposed as a training/court car. He further stated that he is asking the Board's approval to purchase one (1) new 2020 Ford Explorer at a cost not to exceed \$33,000. He stated this request is part of the police squad replacement plan budgeted under FY21 Capital Projects and would be within budget.

Trustee Scaggs asked if there was a reason were going from Tahoes to Explorers.

Casey stated there is a cost-savings and the amount of equipment that we are required to carry. He stated we would prefer all Tahoes. He also stated there is a price difference between the two, they are thinking this is a nice balance. The department is moving away from the sedans.

Trustee Scaggs asked why shy away from the four doors?

Casey stated we are going with the SUVs, rather than the cars, due to the amount of equipment we have to carry.

Trustee Scaggs stated he didn't mention cars. These are all four door sedans. He stated we are not talking about four door cars. They are all sedans. He also stated that sedan means four door.

Casey stated yes, it saves us a little bit of money and serves our needs. He stated that we'd prefer all Tahoes, but we don't have the money in the budget nor did we anticipate purchasing three Tahoes.

Discussion – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 70, “Operation of Golf Carts,” of the Village Code of Ordinances

Casey stated back in the summer, we were approached by people that wanted to add the UTVs to the golf cart ordinance. He stated that communities our size don't typically have golf carts allowed on the roadways. He also stated this gave us an opportunity to look at the golf cart ordinance and he thinks that as proposed it strikes a nice balance between the public safety of those on the roadways and the people's desire to have these on the roadways. He further stated that it does define UTVS so it has to have a steering wheel, a non-straddle seat and seat belts. He stated that by law, owners are required to have mandatory vehicle liability insurance. This ordinance amendment proposes drivers must be 18 years of age. He also stated there would be a signed waiver for liability that the police department will have for people that register their UTVs. He further stated vehicles will need to have headlights and taillights illuminated at all times for visibility. He stated they could be operated on Village streets posted with a speed limit of 35 MPH or less, the speed of the vehicle could not exceed 25 MPH, and is proposed to be operated from sunrise to sunset. He also stated they identified roadway which would considered as unsafe to operate these vehicles upon. They include: All Frontage Roads, Thomas Dillon Drive, Bradley Street, Amoco Road, Exchange Boulevard, Hansel Road between Rachel Drive and McLindon Road, Ridge Road between US Route 6 and Hansel Road, and Bell Road north of Route 6. The police department are also recommending these vehicles not be allowed to cross

US Route 6 as is consistent with our existing golf cart ordinance. He further stated that they would also not be able to operate on any highway under the jurisdiction of the County, Township or IDOT. He stated that seat belts would be required in all the vehicles, including the golf carts. He also stated the police department would issue a permit to ensure they have all the proper equipment, insurance and waivers on file with the Village. He further stated that the fee proposed is \$100 a year and \$50 a year for people 65 years and older. He stated that there is some cost associated with permitting, including sending officers out to inspect the vehicles, the permit stickers and signage that has to be installed throughout the Village. He also stated since 1998, any UTV has to be titled with the Secretary of State and that is required too. He further stated there is a special events exemption and also an exemption for first responders. He stated the penalty for violating this proposed ordinance would be \$100 per occurrence.

VP Moorman Schumacher asked if child safety seats are required.

Casey stated yes, it would have to adhere to everything in the Child Protection Passenger Act.

Trustee Slocum asked if other towns charge a fee as high of \$100.

Casey stated a lot of the other towns that are 1,300, don't have the amount of signage that we are going to have to put up. He stated that the fee usually hovers around \$50. He also stated that this item is a first read, so there is time for discussion.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated that she's said from the beginning that she would defer to the police department because they would be the ones that have to enforce it and maintain everything.

Board Discussion took place regarding the topic.

Board Direction was to lower the annual fee license to \$75.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Discussion – A Resolution To Accept a Plat of Right-of-Way Dedication for proposed South Exchange Boulevard

Dolezal stated this for two plats of dedication for South Exchange Boulevard to north Amoco Road, per the development plan.

Discussion – A Resolution To Accept a Grant of Easement

Dolezal stated these are some utility easements associated with the plat for South Exchange Boulevard.

Discussion – A Resolution to Fund Dove Drive Reconstruction

Dolezal stated this is for additional funding for Phase 3 engineering. He stated the project ran a little longer than we expected. He also stated there were some issues involving non-special waste. The waste was removed by the contractor at our direction and expense. He further stated that IDOT decided we didn't do the appropriate testing to determine it was non-special waste and would not pay for it. The testing was not done because IDOT had proclaimed it to be non-special waste. He stated that Strand had put a fair amount of effort into getting us to the point of IDOT agreeing to pay their 80% share.

Discussion – An Ordinance Establishing a School Speed Zone on South Tryon Street

Dolezal stated this establishes a 20 MPH speed limit on South Tryon Street from US Route 6 to Bluff Street. He stated that when we took the jurisdictional transfer decades ago, we never completed establishing a school speed zone as required.

Discussion – Purchase of Fueling System Equipment

Dolezal stated the Village of Channahon’s fueling system was last updated in 2007 and again needs updating. He stated this will include new dispensing equipment, pump and interface at the fuel island and tracking software. He also stated three vendors were contacted with two supplying fuel system options. He further stated option one is the system we are requesting be installed by PemCo., the Gas Boy and Petro Vend 200. He stated the other option used the same operating system and interface with Bennett pumps and totaled \$6,213 more than option one. He also stated after speaking with industry professionals, it is his recommendation that Channahon except option one.

Discussion – Award 2020 MFT Road Maintenance Contract

Dolezal stated the Channahon Road Maintenance Project includes patching, resurfacing and reconstruction of road pavements along with repairs to all public improvements within the right-of-way. He stated the latter may include repairs to storm, sanitary and water main structures or piping, sidewalks and curb & gutter. He also stated full-depth reconstruction work is planned for McClintock Rd (Patricia Ln to Jonathan Dr), Deal Ave (McClintock Rd to Andrew Ave), Carrie Ave, Joseph Ave, Donna Ave (McClintock Rd to Andrew Ave), Andrew Ave, Kent Rd, Kurt Rd, Belle Ln, Bud Ct, and Roberts Rd. Other work includes a patch on Municipal Dr. He also stated this project is funded from a combination of State MFT funds and Local funds. He further stated this work was budgeted for \$1,089,895.00. Bids were opened this morning with the low responsible bidder being P.T. Ferro in the amount of \$905,370. Dolezal proposed adding Bluff Street and Sage Street as a change order into the contract as a result of the favorable bid response. The contract price with change order would remain within the budgeted amount.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

**Submitted by
Kristin Hall
Village Clerk**