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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
January 17, 2023
6:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** WIDENER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL-** WIDENER STATED THAT BRIAN METZGER FILED WITH THE CLERK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING ELECTRONIALLY-NO OBJECTIONS FROM THE BOARD. MOHR CALLED ROLL, COLRAVY, TOMPKINS, HARPST, PRESTON, OLIGER ALL PHYSICALLY PRESENT. METZGER PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE, CAROLE TEMPEL-FINANCE DIRECTOR, CHIEF METZLER, JOE CHAMLEY-ATTORNEY, PATRICK BROWN-VILLAGE ADMINSTRATOR, DAWN MOHR-VILLAGE CLERK, JOHN KOLLER-CORNBELT FIRE CHIEF, JEFF WOOTEN-METCAD AND RALPH WITH METCAD.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Board welcomes your input on any matter during the public forum portion of the meeting. If you would like to participate in the public comment portion of the meeting, please attend in person at Village Administration Building or email your comments or questions to us at dawnmohr@mahomet-il.gov, no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 17, 2023, any comments and questions received will be read during the public comment portion of the meeting. Public comment is accepted for a maximum of 30 minutes at each meeting. There is a five (5) minute time limit for your remarks. The Board reserves the right to shorten the five-minute time limit if there are many commenters. Please be aware that the Public Body is not required to respond to your remarks during their meeting. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT PERMITTED VIA VIDEO OR AUDIO.- NO PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON OR ELECTRONICALLY.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS: These items are informational and/or for discussion only.**

   A. **Discussion -** METCAD Tower placement on Village property-JOHN KOLLER WITH CORNBELT FIRE DEPARTMENT, JEFF WOOTEN AND RALPH WITH METCAD ARE PRESENT FOR THE DISCUSSION. BROWN INTRODUCED THE TOPIC AND WENT INTO DETAILS AS TO WHERE THE PROPOSED SITE IS LOCAED FOR THE METCAD TOWER. STATING THAT THE OPTIMAL SITE IS LOCATED ON THE PUBLIC WORKS PROPERTY, AND THAT EITHER CORNER WOULD WORK ACCORDING TO THE STUDIES. HE STATED THAT THE TOWER WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 200-220 FEET TALL. HE STATED THAT METCAD WOULD REQUIRE 24 HOURS A DAY ACCESS TO THE TOWER. HE TURNED THE

DISCUSSION OVER TO CHIEF METZLER WHERE HE TALKED ABOUT THE DESPERATE NEED FOR HIS OFFICERS, THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE THAT RADIO COVERAGE IS NON EXTISTANT. BOTH HIM AND JOHN KOLLER OF CORNBELT AGREED THAT PUBLIC SAFETY IS A HUGE CONCERN WITH THE DEADSPOTS. THE DISCUSSION WAS THEN TURNED OVER TO JEFF WOOTEN OF METCAD. WOOTEN STATED THAT THE NEED IS WELL OVERDUE AND THAT CURRENTLY THERE ARE SEVERAL "DEAD SPOTS" IN MAHOMET'S LOWER LYING PROPERTIES. THAT THE PLACEMET OF THE TOWER WOULD PROVIDE CRITICAL COVERAGE TO THE VILLAGE AND SURROUNDING AREAS. HE STATED THAT METCAD CURRENTLY HAS 5 TOWERS. BORWN ASKED WHAT THE LEASE TERM LOOKED LIKE. WOOTEN EXPLAINED THAT TYPICALLY THEY ARE 25 YEAR TERMS WITH RENEWING FOR 5 YEARS AFTER THE FIRST 25. WIDENER STATED THAT HIS ONLY CONCERN IS THE AESTHTICS OF THE LOCATION HOWEVER THAT HE SUPPORTS THE TOWER. PRESTON QUESTIONED HOW THEY COMMUNICATE IN THE DEAD SPOTS CURRENTLY. KOLLER RESPONDED THAT CELL PHONES ARE USED. METZLER ADDED THAT HIS OFFICERS FIND THEMSELVES IN AREAS WITHOUT RADIO COVERAGE AND THAT THE TOWER IS LONG TIME OVERDUE. HARPST QUESTIONED WHAT TYPE OF FREQUENCT IS TO BE USED. WOOTEN ANSWERED. PRESTON ALSO QUESTIONED WHAT SORT OF TIMEFRAME WE ARE UNDER. WOOTEN STATED THAT IT WOULD BE A YEAR DOWN THE ROAD BECASE OF BUDGETING AND THEN OBTAINING ALL THE MATERIALS. LATE SUMMER OF 2024 IS MOST LIKELY WHEN IT WOULD BE COMPLETE. TOMPKINS VOICED HIS OPINION THAT HE PREFERRED IT BE LOCATED ON THE PUBLIC WORKS PROPERTY BUT THE LOCATION CLOSER TO THE CELL TOWER AS TO NOT TIE UP THE OTHER LOCATION IN CASE PUBLIC WORKS NEEDED THAT LAND FOR SOMETHING ELSE DOWN THE ROAD.

6. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS:

A. **Finance:** TEMPEL WENT OVER THE TREASURER'S REPORT FROM BOTH NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022-HIGHLIGHTING WHERE THE VILLAGE STANDS IN THE ALLOTED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR. WIDENER ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS-NONE PRESENTED-WIDENER CALLED FOR A MOTION, TOMPKINS MOVED, PRESON SECONDED, MOHR CALLED THE ROLL ALL VOTES YES(6-0) TO MOVE THIS TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.

1. **Treasurer's Report**: November and December 2022

2. **Bill List:** TEMPEL SUMMARIZED THE BILL LIST STATING THAT THERE ARE STILL OUTSTANDING BILLS TO BE PAID AND THAT THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE LATER IN THE MONTH. SHE STATED THAT THERE WERE SOME FINAL BILLS FOR BARBER PARK IN THE LIST. WIDENER ASKED IIF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, NONE PRESENTED. WIDENER CALLED FOR A MOTION, COLRAVY MOVED, TOPMKINS SECONDED. MOHR CALLED THE ROLL-ALL VOTES YES TO MOVE TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.

B. Administration:

1. **A Resolution of the Village of Mahomet in Support of Tax Increment Financing.** BROWN EXPLAINED THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS A DIRECT RESULT OF A LEGISLATOR WANTING TO ABOLISH TIF DISTRICTS, A SECOND LEGISLATOR REQUESTED MUNICIPALITIES VOICE THEIR OPINION ON WHETHER THEY FIND TIF'S NECESSARY. WIDENER ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS-NONE PRESENTED. WIDENER CALLED FOR A MOTION-PRESTON MOVED AND OLIGER SECONDED. MOHR CALLED ROLL ALL VOTES YES TO MOVE TO CONSENT AGENDA.

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

A. Department Report:

1. **Parks and Recreation** BROWN ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM TOMPKINS ON WHEN THE BIDDING FOR THE TENNIS COURTS WERE DUE. HE STATED THAT JANUARY 31 IS THE DEADLINE.
2. **Community Development:** NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE REPORT

8. MAYOR'S REPORT:

A. **Board of Trustees Meeting – January 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m.** WIDENER ASKED IF THERE WAS GOING TO BE ANY ABSENCES-NONE ARE FORESEEN. WIDENER ALSO SPOKE TO INQUIRIES ON THE BALLOT QUESTIONS, STATING THAT IT HAS BEEN MINIMAL AND THAT PARKS AND REC WILL BE PLACING INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT ON THE WEBSITE. CHAMLEY STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK IN REFERENCE TO THE BALLOT VERBIAGE. HE STATED THAT THERE IS NO FORSEEABLE ISSUE WITH THE VERBIAGE AND WOULD KEEP THE BOARD UPDATED.

9. NEW BUSINESS: NO NEW BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD.

10. ADJOURNMENT: WIDENER ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR DISCUSSSION-NONE PRESENTED. WIDENER CALLED FOR A MOTION, HARPST MOVED, PRESTON SECONDED. MOHR CALLED THE ROLL-ALL VOTES YES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AR 6:36 PM.