**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
**STUDY SESSION**
**MARCH 14, 2023**
**6:00 P.M.**
**VILLAGE OF MAHOMET ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**
**503 E. MAIN STREET**
**MAHOMET, IL 61853**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:** Brown states that Widener is not physically present for the meeting however he is in attendance remotely. He calls for a motion for the present board members to appoint a member to run the meeting. Metzger moved to nominate Preston, Oliger seconded. All present voted "yes" Mohr called the roll. Colravy, Preston, Oliger and Metzger are all physically present. Tompkins and Widener are present remotely and Harpst is absent. There were no objections to Widener & Tompkins appearing remotely. Additionally, Jason Heid-Water Superintendent is present, Ellen Hedrick-Engineering, Mike Metzler-Chief of Police, Patrick Brown-Village Administrator, Joe Chamley-Village Attorney and Dawn Mohr-Village Clerk are all physically present.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was submitted to the clerk electronically.

5. **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS:**

   **A. Water/Wastewater:**

   1. A Resolution Declaring Certain Village Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal. HEID EXPLAINS THAT THE CURRENT EQUIPMENT THAT IS USED IS CUMBERSOME AND THAT TRANSPORTATION NOW HAS A PIECE OF MACHINERY THAT HAS AN ATTACHMENT HE CAN USE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. STATES THAT HE CAN SELL THIS EQUIPMENT FOR ROUGHLY WHAT IT COST NEW. COLRAVY QUESTIONED WHAT THE CRITERIA IS FOR BRINGING ITEMS TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL TO SELL. BROWN STATED THAT IF AN ITEM IS CONSIDERED AN ASSET, IT WOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD. PRESTON ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS-NONE PRESENTED. PRESTON CALLED FOR A MOTION, METZGER MOVED AND COLRAVY SECONDED. MOHR CALLED

THE ROLL-ALL VOTES YES TO MOVE TO THE CONSENT AGENDA 5-0 (HARPST IS ABSENT).

2. A Resolution Approving the Contract for Removal, Transportation and Application of Sludge to METRO-AG, INC. HEID EXPLAINED THAT THE VILLAGE HAS USED METRO-AG FOR THE LAST 32 YEARS. HE THEN WENT ON TO EXPLAIN HOW THE COMPANY REMOVES THE SLUDGE. THE NEW CONTRACT WILL HAVE A PRICE INCREASE AFTER FROM $33,000 TO $52,000. HEID STATES THAT THE PROCESS OF THE REMOVAL IS LABOR INTESIVE AND THE INCREASE IS NOT OUT OF LINE WITH THE CURRENT ECONOMIC STATE. HE STATED THE NEW CONTRACT WOULD BE A 3 YEAR TERM. HE STATED THAT METRO-AG COMPLETES ALL THE PAPERWORK AND FILES WITH THE EPA. HE STATES THE VILLAGE HAS NEVER HAD AN ISSUE WITH WHAT THEY HAVE SUBMITTED. OLIGER ASKED IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER COMPANIES THAT DO THE SAME WORK. HEID STATED THERE IS ONE HOWEVER THEIR CPRICING IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER. HEID EXPLAINED THAT THEY ARE VERY EFFICIENT. TOMPKINS ASKED IF THE SLUDGE WAS DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL FIELDS-HEID ANSWERED THAT IT IS. PRESTON ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY MORE QUESTIONS-NONE ARE PRESENTED. PRESTON CALLED FOR A MOTION TO MOVE THIS ITEM TO THE CONSENT AGENDA-METZGER MOVED AND COLRAVY SECONDED. MOHR CALLED THE ROLL-ALL VOTES YES 5-0 (HARPST IS ABSENT)

3. Water/Sewer Rates and Connection Fees - Review and Discussion ONLY. BROWN GOES OVER THE CURRENT RATES AND EXPLAINS THAT THE WATER RATE INCREASE THEY ARE REQUESTING .03 PER 100 GALLON AND THE WASTEWATER INCREASE THAT IS BEING REQUESTED IS .05 PER 100 GALLON. HEID EXPLAINS THAT THE RATE INCREASES ARE NEEDED TO KEEP UP WITH THE CURRENT EXPENSES THE PLANT HAS-AN EXAMPLE PRESENTED WAS THE GAS AND ELECTRIC BILL HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY AND THAT THE RATE INCREASE WOULD OFFSET THE INCREASE. HE ALSO STATED THAT THEY HAVE SWITCHED THE TYPE OF MOTORS USED TO HELP CUT COSTS. THE CONNECTION FEES WILL ALSO BE INCREASED BY 20% OVERALL AND THAT INCREASE IS FOR PLANT IMPROVEMENTS. PRESTON ASKED HOW THE VILLAGE COMPARES TO OTHER WATER PLANTS-HEID ANSWERED THAT WE ARE MUCH LOWER ON WATER RATES AND WITH WASTEWATER RATES WE ARE IN THE TOP 5. WIDENER REQUESTED A 5 YEAR EXPENSE SUMMARY TO BETTER EXPLAIN THE ANNUAL INCOME AND EXPENSES. TOMPKINS ASKED WHAT THE TYPICAL SIZE OF CONNECTIONS ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL. HEID EXPLAINED THAT RESIDENTIAL IS 1" IN DIAMETER AND THAT FOR COMMERCIAL IT IS 1.5" TO 2.5". THE DISCUSSION CAME TO A CONCLUSION. NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN AS THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

**B. Engineering:**

1. A Resolution Awarding the Bid for South Center St / Peacock Dr Paving Project (RBI Section 21-00041-00-RS) to Cross Construction for an Amount of

   $366,576.75. HEDRICK EXPLAINED THAT THIS PROJECT WAS OUT FOR BID AND THAT CROSS CONSTRUCTION WAS THE LOWEST BID OUT OF THE 3 THAT WERE RECEIVED. SHE EXPLAINED THAT THE FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT WAS THROUGH RBI WITH IDOT. SHE STATED THAT ONCE COMPLETED THIS WOULD CONCULDE THE WORK IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. SHE STATED THAT THE "BUBBLES" WOULD NOT BE ADDRESSED AS WE DID NOT HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO REMOVE THEM, THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME EXTRA WORK IN THE BUBBLES TO HELP WITH THE WATER FLO PROBLEM THEY CREATE. PRESTON ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY MORE QUESTIONS-NONE PRESENTED. PRESTON CALLED FOR A MOTION, METZGER MOVED AND COLRAVY SECONDED. MOHR CALLED THE ROLL-ALL VOTES YES TO MOVE TO THE CONSENT AGENDA. 5-0 (HARPST IS ABSENT).

**C. Administration:**

1. An Ordinance Amending the Village Liquor Code by Modifying Chapter 110 Entitled "Alcohol Regulations" as Hereinafter Provided. BROWN EXPLAINED THAT THE MODIFICATION WAS TO ALLOW A CURRENT BUSINESS TO EXPAND THEIR OPERATING HOURS AND ALLOW ALCOHOL. THE BUSINESS IS YOYO'S, THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A COFFEE SHOP DURING THE DAY AND THAT THEY WOULD SWITCH TO A BAR IN THE EVENING. OPERATING HOURS WOULD BE 5-10 PM M-TH AND 5-12:00 ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. PRESTON QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION WITH THE NEIGHBORING BUSINESSES ON HOW THIS COULD AFFECT THEM. BROWN STATED HE WAS USNURE IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY CONVERSATIONS. PRESTON QUESTIONED WHETHER VIDEO GAMING WAS GOING TO BE AN ADDITIONAL SERVICE-BROWN STATED HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE DESIRE FOR VIDEO GAMING. OLIGER STATED HE WASN'T SURE THAT HE LIKED THE IDEA. BROWN STATED THAT THE CURRENT PARKING ON SITE FALLS INTO THE REQUIRED SPACES AS REQULATED BY THE ORDINANCE. BOARD MEMBERS HAVE CONCERNS WITH PARKING AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WOULD SPILL OVER INTO NEIGHBORING BUSINESSES. PRESTON ASKED IF FOOD WOULD BE SERVED-BROWN ANSWERED THAT THERE WOULD BE A SMALL MENU. BOARD MEMBERS ALL AGREED THAT THIS ITEM SHOULD BE ON THE REGULAR AGENDA. NO ACTION IS TAKEN.

**6. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

**A. Departmental Reports**

1. Police: BROWN WENT OVER THE REPORTS AND METZGER STATED THAT CALLS WERE UP QUITE A BIT IN FEBRUARY. BROWN STATED THAT THE FLOCK SYSTEM IS ONE OF THE REASONS. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS

UPDATED THEIR REPORT SPREADSHEETS TO SHOW MORE DETAILS.

2. Engineering: BROWN WENT THROUGH THE ITEMS ON THE REPORT BRIEFLY AND HEDRICK STATED THAT SHE WOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE OTHER NEW PROJECT TO BE OUT FOR BID. SHE ALSO STATED THAT SHE IS WAITING TO HEAR FROM THE RAILROAD AS TO WHEN THE NEW CROSSING ALERTS WOULD BE INSTALLED. IT IS BELIEVED TO BE IN APRIL AT THIS TIME.

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. March 2023 Board Meeting Calendar

1. Study Session March 21, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.- METZGER WILL BE ABSENT AND WIDENER WILL BE ABSENT. THEY BOTH WILL ATTEND REMOTELY.

2. Board of Trustees Meeting March 28, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:** NO NEW BUSINESS PRESENTED

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** PRESTON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN, OLIGER MOVED AND METZGER SEDONDED. MOHR CALLED THE ROLL-ALL VOTES YES 5-0 ( HARPST IS ABSENT). MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:01 PM.

Approved as presented 3/28/23