Approved as written 1/24/23

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
January 10, 2023
6:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Widener at 6:00 PM. Brown states that Trustee Metzger filed a notice with the Clerk to join the meeting electronically. He has met the requirements to attend the meeting electronically. Widener asks if there was any objection to Metzger attending the meeting electronically. None was presented.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:** Mohr called the roll, Colravy, Tompkins, Harpst, Preston, Oliger are physically present, Metzger attended electronically. Additionally, Sean Widener-Village President, Chief Metzler, Dan Waldinger-Parks & Recreation, Jason Heid-Water Superintendent , Ellen Hedricks-Engineering, Joe Chamley-Attorney, Patrick Brown-Village Administrator, Dawn Mohr-Village Clerk are also in attendance. WCIA reporter present and Matt Davidson with Farnsworth are in attendance.

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 10, 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 AND NONE FILED WITH CLERK ELECTRONICALLY

5. **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

   A. Engineering:

      1. Resolution number 23-01-01 A Resolution to set up the 2023 motor fuel tax (MFT) budget for the amount of $440,000.00. HEDRICK EXPLAINS THE PROJECT IN DEPTH AND WHAT STREETS WOULD BE COMPLETED, NOTING THAT THIS IS A JOINT PROJECT WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. EXPLAINED

WAT TYPE OF MATERIALS WOULD BE USED IN THE RE-SURFACING OF THE DESIGNATED ROADS. TOMPKINS INQUIRED ABOUT WHAT THE TERM "PUG" REFERRED TO. HEDRICK EXPLAINED THE PROCESS AND HOW IT IS MANUFACTURED. SHE ALSO STATED THAT THE AMOUNT IS INFLATED BY 10% FROM WHAT THEY BELIEVE THE COST WILL BE. NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THIS RESOLUTION AS IT IS MOVING TO THE BOT SPECIAL MEETING DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE STUDY SESSION.

B. Parks and Recreation:

1. Discussion – Placing an advisory, non-binding question on the ballot for the upcoming consolidated election held on April 4, 2023, to determine support for issuing bonds to build a new indoor recreation facility with outdoor pool. WIDENER OPENED THE DISCUSSION AND READ THE RESOLUTION-HE STATED THAT THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN AROUND FOR MANY YEARS. HE STATED THAT WHEN THE LAST FEASIBILITY STUDY WAS DONE IN 2013 AND IT WAS 11-15 MILLION. HE STATED THAT BACK THEN THE BIGGEST ISSUE WAS WE DID NOT OWN LAND FOR IT TO BE PUT ON. STATED THAT LAND WAS ACQUIRED 2 YEARS AGO, 19 ACRES NEAR SOUTH MAHOMET ROAD. STATED THAT WE HAVE CONTACTED THE PREVIOUS COMPANY TO HAVE THEM UPDATE THE PROJECT. THE PROJECTED COST IS 28 MILLION. HE STATED THAT THE BEST WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE RESIDENTS IS IN THE BALLOT BOX. WE CAN DETERMINE IF THERE IS INTEREST FROM THE COMMUNITY. THE AVERAGE HOME PRICE IN THE VILLAGE IS $250,000 AND THE ESTIMATED INCREASE FOR THE PROJECT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY $700 ANNUALLY TO THE TAXPAYER. HE REITEREATED THIS IS A NON-BINDING QUESTION ON THE BALLOT. WIDENER TURNED THE DISCUSSION OVER TO WALDINGER. WALDINGER EXPLAINED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF BACKGROUND WOK DONE TO GET US TO THE POINT OF TAKING TO THE RESIDENTS. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE PROJECT WOULD BE UPDATED ON THE PARKS AND REC WEBSITE-SHOWING ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT WITH FULL TRANSPARENCY. HE THEN DOVE INTO THE PROGRAMS THAT THEY WOULD LOOK INTO HAVING IN THE NEW FACILITY I.E. COOKING CLASSES, DESPERATE NEED OF GYM SPACE-THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH RECREATION SPACE AVAILABLE AND THAT WE ARE AT MAX CAPACITY. THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THIS PLAN IS GYM SPACE. HE WENT INTO HOW WE WOULD PAY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BUILDING. RENTING THE FACILITY OUT TO GROUP FITNESS, THE PROGRAMS, ARTS AND CRAFT PROGRAMS. THE MULTI-PURPOSE SPACE WOULD BE RENTABLE. FREE WEIGHTS, MEMBERSHIP BY BOTH RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS. THE FACILTY OULD HAVE AN INDOOR WALKING PATH, OFFICE SPACE. AS FOR THE POOL-IT WOULD NOT BE A SIMPLE POOL BUT WOULD HAVE ZERO ENTRY INTO THE POOL, ALSO HAVE SLIDES, IT WILL ALL BE IN THE CONCEPTS. HE REITERATED THAT THE TEST BACK IN 2013 DID NOT INCLUDE LAND ACQUISTION. WE DO OWN LAND ALREADY FOR THIS

PROJECT NOW. HE ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY QUESTIONS. WIDENER SPOKE UP, THAT RIGHT NOW THE CONCEPT IS ONLY A SHELL AND THAT THEY'VE ASKED THE ENGINEER TO FACILITY PLANNING, PLACING IT THE 19 ACRES WITH DIFFEENT OPTIONS. HE THEN TOUCHED ON THE COST-28 MILLION DOLLARS; ON A 250,000 HOME THE TAX INCREASE WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY $700 ANNUALLY. HE NOTED YES THAT IS A BIG ASK FOR THE RESIDENTS. THE REQUEST FOR THIS FACILITY AND A POOL HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY ASKED FOR. THIS IS A NON-BINDING QUESTION ON THE BALLOT TO SEE OF THE RESIDENTS HAVE INTEREST KNOWING HARD NUMBERS. THEY ALSO STATED THAT IT ENDS UP BEING $58 A MONTH TO THE AVERAGE TAXPAYER. CURRENTLY THE PARKS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES .11 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR FROM THE TAXPAYER. IT IS NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES A LOT WITH VERY LITTLE COMING FROM THE TAXPAYER. BROWN WAS ASKED TO EXPLAIN WHAT TYE OF BOND AND TERMS, HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAS ALREADY SPOKE TO THE VILLAGES BOND AGENT AND WAS INFORMED THAT THIS IS A STRAIGHT GO BOND-ITS LIMITED 20 YEARS. IF WE WENT BEYOND 20 YEARS, WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER REVENUE SOURCE. HE ALSO REITERATED THAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT GETTING PUBLIC INPUT. HE STATED WHAT THE PARKS AND REC DO WITH WHAT IS ALOTTED TO THE DEPARTMENT VIA TAXES ISN'T ENOUGH TO RUN THE DEPARTMENT NOW. THAT THE STAFF IS GREAT AT APPLYING FOR GRANTS AND DOES FUND RAISING TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT AND WITH THE MANY PROGRAMS IT CURRENTLY OFFERS. WIDENER SPEAKS ABOUT PROCESSING THE PROJECT. THERE IS NO MONEY TO DO THIS PROJECT, IF THE RESIDENTS DO NOT WANT TO SUPPORT THIS, THEN THE DEPARTMENT WILL JUST GO BACK TO BUSINESS AS USUAL-THERE IS NO IF WE DON'T GET THIS REFERENDUM THERE WILL NOT BE A FACILITY OR POOL BUILT AT THIS TIME. WE CAN REVISIT THE IDEA FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD. WALDINGER ADDED THAT THIS PRICE TAG IS VERY CONSERVATIVE AND THAT THEY HAVEN'T TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT ANY POSSIBLE GRANTS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO HELP OFFSET SOME OF THE EXPENSES. THAT THIS IS TURNKEY-NOT COUNTING ON GRANTS. THEY BOTH PLEDGE THAT THERE WILL BE A LOT IF INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR THE RESIDENTS TO SEE WHERE THEIR MONEY IS GOING TO BE SPENT. WIDENER ASKED IF THE BOARD MEMBERS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. METZGER ASKED IF THE 28 MILLION INCLUDED THE OPERATION OF THE BUILDING. WALDINGER STATED THAT IT DID NOT-IT IS ONLY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION. THAT THE BUILDING'S OPERATIONS WOULD BE PAID FOR BY THE PROGRAMS, RENTALS AND MEMBERSHIP. WIDENER ALSO STATED THAT A POOL IS NOT A MONEY MAKER. THE BUILDING WOULD FUND THE POOL. SO THERE IS NO CHANCE TO GET A POOL IF THE BUILDING ISN'T INCLUDED. AN INDOOR POOL IS NOT FEASIBLE. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD NOT BE AN OPTION TO PARTNER WITH AS IT ISN'T THE SAME TYPE OF POOL. THE POOL WILL COST APPROIXIMATELY 9 MILLION DOLLARS AND THE BUILDING 19 MILLION. BROWN EXPLAINED THAT THE POOL WOULD BE

OPERATED VIA THE BUILDING REVENUES. HARPST SAID IT IS IMPORTANT TO INSTRUCT THE PUBLIC THAT TO MAKE SURE THE PUBLIC KNOWS THERE IS NO MONEY IF THEY DO NOT FUND THIS PROJECT. THERE IS NO MONEY TO MOVE INTO A DIFFERENT PROJECT IF THIS DOESN'T PASS. WALDINGER EXPLAINS THAT THE DEPARTMENT "BEG, ORROWS AND PLEADS" FOR WHAT THEY CURRENTLY OPERATE WITH. THERE IS NOTHING LEFT OVER AND THE GRANTS, PROGRAM FEES AND RENTALS ARE WHAT KEEPS THE DEPARTMENT AFLOAT TO JUST PAY THE CURRENT BILLS NOW. OLIGER ASKS, IF TE FACILITY IS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE GROWTH OF THE COMMUNITY, WALDINGER RESPONDS THAT THEY ARE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CURRENT NEED PLUS FUTURE NEEDS TO THE COMMUNITY. THAT THERE IS AMPLE ROOM FOR EXPANSION IF NEED BE MUVH FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD. IT WAS GOOD TO HEAR THAT THE ENGINEER WAS VERY PEPLASED WITH THE SITE AND THE POSSIBILITIES. OLIGER SAID THEY FORECAST THE CURRENT PLAN SHOULD KEEP UP FOR FUTETURE GROWTH 10-20 YEARS DOWN THE ROAD. WIDENER PRAISES DAN AND HIS STAFF FOR ALL THAT THEY ACCOMPLISH WITH NEXT TO NO FUNDING NOW. HE ALSO STATED THAT EVERYONE IS OUT OF SPACE, THE schools need more space. He also recognizes that its not a good time, but it is never a good time to ask. THAT IS WHAT THIS RESOLUTION IS ALL ABOUT. OLIGER ASKED IF THIS BUILDING RELIEVES THE STRESS FOR OUR DEPARTMENT. WALDINGER STATED THAT YES THIS RELIEVES THE STRESSES THEY CURRENTLY HAVE AND ALSO WILL HLP THE SCHOOL AND OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS I.E TRAVEL TEAMS. BROWN ASKED IF WE WOULD STILL NEED TO USE THE SCHOOL FACILITIES, THE ANSWER IS YES IT DOES AND DEFINEILEY HELPS THE SCHOOL AS WELL. PRESTON ASKED IF WE COULD BUILD THE FACILITY WITHOUT A POOL. WALDINGER SAID HE COULD'T SPEAK FDIRECTLY TO THAT WITHOUT GOING BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD. WIDENER STATED YES, BUT WE KEPT IT SIMPLE RIGHT NOW. PRESTON STATED THAT THE NEED IS FOR THE building and the pool is a want. Waldinger recognized that, BUT ALSO THE PUBLIC CONTINUES TO ASK FOR A PUBLIC POOL. WIDENER STATED THAT THE ADVICE GIVEN TO THEM IS TO KEEP IT SIMPLE FOR NOW SHOW THE PUBLIC TRUE FIGURES FOR THE TWO. WE CAN ALWAYS GO BACK IF THE INTEREST IS NOT THERE AND POLL FOR JUST A BUILDING. A POOL BY ITSELF WILL NEVER HAPPEN AS IT CANNOT SUSTAIN ITSELF AND THERE IS NO MONEY TO OPERATE THE POOL WITHOIT THE BUILDING. TOMPKINIS ASKED IF WE HAD EXPLORED OR KNEW OF ANY PARTNERSHIPS THAT COULD BE MADE WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR I.E A COMPANY BUILD THE FACILITY AND WE LEASE IT AND OPERATE. WALDINGER STATED HE DIN'T FIND ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THAT HAPPENED AND DIDN'T BELIEVE IT WOULD WORK WELL. BUT CAN EXPLORE MORE INTO IT. TOMPKINS THEN QUESTIONED THE BREAK EVEN POINT FOR THE FACILITY. WALDINGER STATED THAT HE DID HAVE THOSE NUMBERS BUT WOULD NEED TIME TO PRESENT THEM AS THEY WEREN'T AT HIS FINGERTIPS. WALDINGER STATED THAT HE WOULD

TURN EVERY ROCK FOR PRIVATE SECTOR SPONSORSHIPS. WIDENER ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS. HARPST MADE THE STATEMENT THAT HE ALSO HEARS FROM THE PUBLIC WHY DOESN'T AHOMET HAVE A POOL WHEN OTHER SMALL COMMUNITIES DO, THE ANSWER IS BACK WHEN THOSE TOWNS ACQUIRED THEIR POOLS, MAHOMET HAD LAKE OF THE WOODS AS A SWIMMING OPTION. THE FEDERAL GRANTS FOR PUBLIC POOLS JUST AREN'T PLENTIFUL ANYMORE. ON A 9 MILLION DOLLAR POOL YOU MIGHT GET FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNEMTN $400K. POOLS A MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE TO OPERATE NOW THEN WHEN THOSE WERE BUILT. THE EPA, CHEMICALS, PUBLIC HEALTHAND SO ON IS JUST A LOT MORE NOW. THE POOL WILL COST MORE THAN $100K A YEAR, IT IS NOT IN THE BUDGET. BROWN STATED WE ARE NOT A PARK DISTRICT; WE OPERATE ON MEMBER FEES TO OPERATE. MOST COMMUNITIES CAN HIDE THE LOSS OF A POOL. HE STATED THAT ALL PROGRAMS WOULD HAVE TO BE RAISED TO PAY FOR THE POOL. IT IS NOT FEASIBLE. COLRAVY ASKED HOW WOULD WE RESPOND TO NON-RESIDENTS, WALDINGER STATED THAT IT WOULD BE THE SAME AS IT CURRENTLY IS. IN VILLAGE PROPER WOULD BE A LOWER FEE THAN OUT OF VILLAGE LIMITS. WALDINGER STATED IT IS A DELICATE BALANCE-THAT WE CAN'T COVER THE GAP BUT ALSO WOULDN'T PASS THE GAP ONTP THE NON-RESIDENTS. THAT WE COUNT ON THE NON-RESIDENTS TO USE THE FACILITY. WIDENER BROUGHT TO THE TABLE THAT DEVELOPING A PARK DISTRICT HAS BEEN VOTED DOWN BY A VERY LARGE MARGIN IN THE PAST. WIDENER ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE TRUSTEES, HE THEN ASKED THERE WERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS. NONE WERE PRESENTED. BROWN EXPLAINED THAT THE NUMBER WAS FLUID UP UNTIL RIGHT BEFORE THE MEETING AND IT IS 28 MILLION. WIDENER STATED WE HAD TO HAVE A HARD NUMBER HARPST ASKED IF THERE WAS A TIMELINE-ANSWERED POSSIBLY 2025-2026. VERY THEORETICAL. WALDINGER STATED WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS NON-BINDING. THIS IS YES OR NO. GLORIFIED SURVEY IN THE BALLOT BOX. NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN AS IT IS A DISCUSSION ONLY. OLIGER STATED THAT THE BOARD COULD NOT APPROVE THE PROJECT REGARDLESS IF THE CITIZENS SAID YES.

C. Water/Wastewater:

1. A Resolution to accept an engineering service agreement with Fehr Graham & Associates, LLC for design and bidding phases of 2020 water main improvement project (iepa loan # l17-5789) for the not to exceed amount of $345,000 Village of Mahomet, Champaign County, Illinois, - HEID EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS A PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN FORECASTED FOR SOME TIME NOW. THE WATER MAINS ARE THE ORIGINAL FROM THE 1940'S, ARE CAST IRON AND HAVE REACHED THE END OF THEIR USEFUL LIKE. HEID STATED THAT THE ESTIMATED COST IS $345,000. BROWN EXPLAINED THAT WE HAVEN'T CONDUCTED A WATER MAIN UPDATE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

HEID EXPLOAINED THAT THE NEW MAINS WILL INCREASE THE WATER VOLUME BY QUITE A BIT. WIDENER QUESTIONED IF THE EPA HAVE APPROVED THE LOAN, HEID ANSWERED THAT IT IS APPROVED AND WAS APPROVED 3 YEARS AGO. HEID EXPLAINED THE OPTIONS OF THE DIFFERENT MATERIALS THAT COULD BE USED, HARPST QUESTIONED THE OVERALL BEST PRODUCT AND THE LONGEVITY OF THE MATERIALS. HEID RESPONDED THAT THEY WOULD ONLY CHOOSES THE VERY BEST FOR THE PROJECT. TOMPKINS QUESTIONED WHAT SORT OF TIME FRANE WE ARE LOOKING AT, HEDI ANSWERED THAT THE BID PROCESS IS UNDERWAY AND HE COULD GIVE AN UPDATE ONCE THE BID PROCESS IS COMPLETE. HEDRICK QUESTIONED THER TECHNIQUE AND IF THE ROADWAYS WOULD BE IMPACTED BY THE PROJECT. HEID RESPONDED THAT HEID RESPONDED THAT ALL OF STATE STREET AND FRANKLIN WOULD BE DONE. STATED THERE WOULD BE SOME OBSTRUCTION AND THEY WOULD TRY TO MINIMALIZE THE IMPACT. THAT MOST OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE DONE IN THE RIGHT OF WAY BUT WOULD HAVE SOME INTERUPTIONS, MORE SPECIFICALLY IN THE INTERCECTIONS. MOST AREAS COULD HAVE BORING AS TO NOT UPSET THE ROADWAYS. HE DID NOTE THAT THIS TPE OF WORK ALWAYS CAUSES SOME EXPANSION UNDEGROUD BUT COULD NOT FORESEE IT BEING A BIG ISSUE FOR THE ROADWAYS. WIDERNER CALLED FOR A MOTION, COLRAVY MOVED AND TOMPKINS SECONDED. MOHR CALLED THE ROLL. ALL VOTED YES 6-0. MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA ON THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 24 2023

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

A. Department Report: BROWN HAD NO ADDITIONAL INPUT TO THE REPORTS.
   1. Engineering
   2. Transportation
   3. Police

8. MAYOR'S REPORT:

A. Board of Trustees Study Session – January 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
B. Board of Trustees Meeting – January 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

9. NEW BUSINESS: NO NEW BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD.

9. ADJOURNMENT: WIDENER CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN, HARPST MOVED, OLIGER SECONDED. MOHR CALLED THE ROLL-ALL VOTES YES 6-0. STUDY SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:06 P.M.