WEST FRANKFORT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 2025

1. MAYOR ARVIEW CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING, THE CITY CLERK.

2. MAYOR ARVIEW ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. THE MAYOR STATED WE DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, TO APPROVE A QUOTE TO REPLACE THE SPRINKLER HEADS AT THE WEST FRANKFORT OUTLET MALL. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED ABOUT A WEEK OR TWO AGO THE SPRINKLER HEAD BURST OVER THE DR. NOLEN AREA. WE HAD ONE, BRYAN REPLACED IT. IT GOT PRETTY WET, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAME AND SUCKED THE WATER OUT OF THE LINES. THERE ARE QUITE A FEW THAT NEEDS REPLACED AND INSPECTED.THE WPS AREA HAS ALREADY BEEN FIXED. THE QUOTE IS FROM THE SAME PERSON WHO DONE THEM PREVIOUS REPLACEMENTS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A USED FIRETRUCK FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED THERE IS A QUESTION ABOUT WHERE THE MONEY IS COMING FROM, AND HOW WE CAN AFFORD IT? COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I AM GOING TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION, IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS BANK THERE IS AN AMBULANCE FEE ACCOUNT THAT HAS BEEN SITTING THERE. THE REASON THAT IT IS STILL OPENED IS BECAUSE SOME OF THE DIRECT PAY PEOPLE ARE STILL PUTTING MONEY IN THAT ACCOUNT. THERE IS $287,740.30 IN THAT ACCOUNT. IF WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS, WOULD BE TO HOLD BACK ABOUT $15,000.00 OF THAT MONEY FOR THINGS TO BE DONE AFTER PURCHASE LIKE DECALS, RADIOS ECT. WHAT I WAS THINKING IF WE WERE TO DO THIS IS, WOULD BE

TO SPEND $260,000.00 OUT OF THAT ACCOUNT AND FINANCE THE REMAINDER OF $65,000.00. THE MAYOR ASKED IS THE MONEY IN THAT ACCOUNT INTENDED FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT USE? COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED NO IT IS NOT EARMARKED FOR ANYTHING SPECIAL. THIS IS JUST WHERE THE FEES HAVE GONE INTO, IT IS APART OF THE GENERAL FUND. THE MONEY HAS JUST BEEN SITTING THERE FOR I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YEARS, COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED IS IT BECAUSE IT NEVER GOT MOVED OVER INTO GENERAL FUND? COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED WE CAN MOVE IT TO THE GENERAL FUND, BEFORE WE PAY IT, WE WILL HAVE TOO. IT IS APART OF THE GENERAL FUND MONEY; I FIGURED WE COULD USE THAT MONEY INSTEAD OF FINANCING THE WHOLE THING. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED I DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE GETTING READY TO PURCHASE A TRUCK, HOW MUCH DOES THE TRUCK COST? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED $900,000.00 FOR A NEW ONE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THE ONE YOU ARE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW. CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED IS WAS ON MARKET FOR $400,000.00, AND WE GOT THEM DOWN TO $325,000.00. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED WHAT MODEL IS IT? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED A 2013 E-ONE TYPHOON. I HAVE A COUPLE ITEMS THAT MIGHT HELP THE DECISION. FISCAL YEAR 2023 UNINTENDED REPAIRS TO OUR FLEET THAT WAS NOT MAINTENANCE, NOT OIL CHANGES, NOT GAS, OR NOT TIRES WAS $55,000.00 THAT WAS NOT BUDGETED FOR. FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO NOW $106,000.00. FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF $162,000.00 IN TWO YEARS FOR MAINTENANCE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS ASKED HOW OLD WAS THAT TRUCK WITH ALL THESE REPAIRS MADE ON? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED ON ALL OF THEM ON OUR FLEET. THAT WAS FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAD TO BE REPAIRED TO BE ABLE KEEP ON THE ROAD. COMMISSIONER HOWARD ASKED WHICH ONE IS OUR WORST ONE THAT THIS NEW ONE WILL REPLACE? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED THE ONE WE JUST TOOK OUT OF SERVICE; I SENT EMAILS ON. HERE IS A LIST OF SAFETY CONCERNS. THE YEAR IS A 1986. THE NFPA RECOMMENDS AFTER TWENTY YEARS THEY ARE REPLACED OR REFURBISHED. NONE OF OUR STUFF HAS BEEN REFURBISHED. THE ONLY THING WE HAVE COMPLIANT IS A USED ENGINE THAT WAS PURCHASED TO MAKE A PLAN TO GET OUT OF THE POSITION WE ARE IN. KIND OF LIKE HOW WE ARE IN TODAY. IT IS NOT ANYONES FAULT, ITS ACCUMULATION OF YEARS AND YEARS OF LACK OF PLANNING AND BUDGETING. LAST WEEK I WAS DOWN TO ONE FIRETRUCK TO

RESPOND TO CALLS WITH. EVERYTHING ELSE WAS EITHER TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE OR AT THE SHOP GETTING FIXED FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS. WE ARE NOW BACK TO TWO ENGINES AND A LADDER TRUCK RIGHT NOW. IF WE DON'T, WHEN WE WERE GRADED BY ISO WITH THE PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASSIFICATIONS, WE HAD THREE ENGINES AND A LADDER TRUCK. COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED DOES THAT MEAN WE HAVE TO HAVE THREE ENGINES AND A LADDER TRUCK NO MATTER WHAT? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED THAT IS WHAT IT IS GRADED ON, THAT IS WHAT OUR RATING IS MADE FOR, OUR HOUSE AND BUSINESS INSURANCE IS BASED ON THAT TYPE OF COVERAGE. THE MAYOR STATED IN 2005 WE BOUGHT A 1987 ENGINE. CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED YES, THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION DID. THE MAYOR STATED THAT SEEMS LIKE A BAD PURCHASE. CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED IT WAS AROUND $12,000.00. LAST TRUCK WE SPECCED OUT NEW WAS WHEN TOM JORDAN WAS FIRE CHIEF AND ITS A 1992 PIRECE, AND THE LAST ONE WE BOUGHT NEW PERIOD IN 1999. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE EITHER REFURBISHED OR BOUGHT USED. I CAN'T NOT RESPOND TO STUFF, IF WE DO NOT HAVE IT IN SERVICE, AND IT'S A SAFETY ISSUSE. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE PROPER EQUIPMENT, IT EFFECTS MY HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE TO? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED YES. THE MAYOR STATED IF WE DON'T HAVE THOSE, SAY WE ARE ONE LESS ENGINE. CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED IT GOES INTO THE ACCOUNT OF THE ENGINE GRADE, AND WE GET LESS CREDIT. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE GETTING CREDIT FOR THREE ENGINE COMPANIES, WE WOULD ONLY GET CREDIT FOR TWO. IT IS BASED ON AN ACCUMULATIVE SCORE AND WE ARE BARLEY HANGING ON TO A FIVE, WE WERE AT FOUR DUE TO SOME ISSUES THAT WE TRIED TO ADDRESS THAT WE ARE CORRECTING. WE ALREADY HAD A PRICE INCREASE IN HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE IN THE LAST TWO TO THREE YEARS. IF WE CONTINUE DOWN THIS PATH IT WILL GO UP AGAIN. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED IS THE MONEY IN SI BANK THE MONEY THAT HAS BEEN FROM AMBULANCE CALLS? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED IT IS THE VA PAYMENT ACCOUNT. IT IS BEING PAID FOR US TO US TRANSPORTING VETERANS TO THE VA. I WENT THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2023 WE COLLECTED JUST SHY OF $600,000.00 IN THE AMBULANCE FUND. FISCAL YEAR 2024 $560,000.00 PLUS WE STARTED THE GEMT PROGRAM, WHICH IS FREE MONEY. WE DEPOSITED $47,000.00 AND WE GOT TO SPEND THAT. FISCAL YEAR 2025 TODATE WE COLLECTED $506,000.00 ALREADY. THAT IS NOT COUNTING GEMT

MONEY. IN THREE YEARS, WE ARE AT 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS WE BROUGHT IN WITH THE AMBULANCE. AND THE $47,000.00 WE BROUGHT IN FROM THE GEMT MONEY. PLUS, THE MONEY FROM THE VA IS NOT ADDED INTO THIS. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED ALL OF THIS MONEY YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT, WHERE IS IT AT? WHAT ARE WE USING IT FOR? COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED WE ARE USING IT FOR DAILY OPERATING EXPENSES FOR EVERYBODY. CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED IF YOU LOOK AT US AS A FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE BRING IN NO MONEY, YOU LOOK AT US AS OUR SECOND JOB PARAMEDICS WE BRING IN $700,000.00 A YEAR. OUR PAYROLL WAS $900,000.00 FOR THE BUDGET ITEM FOR THIS YEAR. WE ARE ONE OF THE ONLY DEPARTMENTS THAT OFFSET OUR BUDGET BASED ON THE WORK PERFORMED AND REVENUE BROUGHT IN. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED THE WATER AND SEWER DO TOO. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THE WAY I AM LOOKING AT IT IS WE TALK ABOUT SAVING MONEY. CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED IN 2023 I TRIED TO BUY A NEW FIRETRUCK; I WAS DENIED BY THIS COUNCIL AND MAYOR JORDAN. I COULD HAVE ALREADY MADE THREE PAYMENTS WITH THE MONEY THAT WAS BROUGHT IN WITH THE AMBULANCE REVENUE THIS YEAR, AND THREE ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS FOR THE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE I HAD TO DO SINCE YOU TOLD ME NO. IF YOU SAY NO NOW AND NOT BRING IT TO A VOTE WE WILL BE AT THE POINT WHERE WE WILL BE UNABLE TO RESPOND TO CALLS. I AM PUTTING YOU ON NOTICE THAT YOU ARE INVIOLATION OF THE STANDARDS, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OR A PLAN TO FIX IT. THEY USED TO HAVE A PLAN IN THE PAST. NOW EVERYTHING IS AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE BECAUSE THERE IS NO PLAN, OR BUDGET PLAN. WE SET ASIDE MONEY FOR NEW EQUIPMENT IN THIS BUDGET, I AM SURE COMMISSIONER HOWARD IS AWARE OF THAT. THIS IS STILL BELOW THE AMOUNT THAT HAS BEEN BUDGETED. A NEW ONE COSTS BETWEEN $800,000.00 AND $900,000.00, WE HAVE TRIED FOR THREE YEARS TO GET A GRANT. WE ARE NOT ELGIBLE FOR A GRANT, MOST RECENT BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE AN AUDIT. I CAN NOT EVEN APPLY FOR ONE NOW. PREVIOUSLY I WAS KICKED OUT BECAUSE OUR FINANCES WERE NOT IN LINE. I AM ASKING FOR A THIRD OF WHAT I HAD ASKED FOR TWO YEARS AGO, THAT COULD HAVE BEEN HALFWAY PAID OFF FOR BY NOW. PLEASE TELL ME WHAT I CAN DO TO FIX THIS BRUDEN ON THE CITY AND KEEP THE CITIZENS OF MY DISTRICT COVERED. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED HOW LONG HAVE WE KNOWN

ABOUT THAT FUND AT SI BANK? THAT COULD HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE THE LAST TIME YOU ASKED. CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED IT WAS BROUGHT UP WITH THE PREVIOUS TREASURER, AND THE MAYOR BETWEEN THE LAST TIME I PROPOSED THIS. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED WILL THIS FIRETRUCK HERE YOU ARE PRESENTING COME WITH MOST EVERYTHING YOU NEED EXCEPT RADIOS. CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED WE GOT IT OFF THE ONE WE TOOK OUT OF SERVICE. IT NEEDS A COUPLE OF INTAKES, AND A COUPLE THINGS WE CAN NOT USE OFF OF THAT ONE. THAT IS WHY I ASKED FOR A LITTLE BIT MORE OF MONEY. THE MAYOR STATED IF WE LOOK AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, WHAT IS ALLOCATED FOR THINGS LIKE THIS? COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED THE BUDGET IS $393,750.00. WE HAVE $10,500.00 FOR EQUIPMENT, $393,750.00 FOR VECHILES. WE HAVE NOT PURCHASED ANY VEHCILES THIS YEAR. THE MAYOR STATED IT IS GENERAL FUND MONEY. HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE EVEN WITH THE GENERAL FUND WE DO BUDGET FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED MY NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS TO GET THESE AUDITS DONE, SO WE CAN GET SOME GRANTS. IN THE MEANTIME, I THINK WE NEED TO BUY THIS FIRETRUCK. COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED DO WE HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE OTHER DEPARMENT SPENDINGS, AND THE SEWER PLANT PROJECT SINCE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE GRANT MONEY THAT WE WILL HAVE TO PAY NOW? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED I AM NOT ASKING FOR MY TOTAL SOLUTION TODAY, OR ELSE I WOULD BE ASKING FOR TWO MORE ENGINES AND A LADDER TRUCK. I AM JUST TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE, STAY COMPLIANT, KEEP OUR COVERAGE THE SAME, AND WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK ALL AT ONCE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD ASKED ARE YOU GOING TO INSPECT THIS IF WE APPROVE IT? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED I WENT YESTERDAY. COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED WHAT DID YOU SEE ON IT THAT WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED OR FIXED? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED THERE ARE A COUPLE OF VALVES THAT NEED WORKED ON, THERE IS A SUPPORT FOR THE REAR OF THE BODY REAR OF THE AXEL THAT IS A BOLT ON SUPPORT FOR THE BACK END OF THE BODY THAT IS STARTING TO RUST IT WILL BE SOMETHING THAT CAN BE ADDRESSED IN THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO NOT BEFORE WE PUT IT IN SERVICE. THERE WAS COUPLE OF BUBBLES IN THE PAINT DOWN TOWARDS THE BOTTOM NEXT TO THE LIGHTS WHERE HOLES WERE DRILLED IN THAT WAS LEAKING, THAT IS A COSMETIC ISSUE THAT WILL BE AN ISSUE AT SOME POINT. TIRES

MAY OF 2024. TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND ROAD MILES. MAINTENANCE RECORDS ARE GOOD, IT'S BEEN INSEPCTED AND TESTED EVERY YEAR, NO LEAKS ON THE MOTOR, POWER STEERING WAS OVER FILLED AND IT WAS BURPING, THAT WAS THE ONLY DIRTINESS TO THE MOTOR AND CHASSIS. COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET THIS TRUCK HOME? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED IT WILL BE $2,500.00 TO SHIP IT. ONCE IT GETS HOME IT WILL BE ON THE ROAD FAIRLY QUICK, IT WILL NEED RADIOS, AND ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT PUT ON IT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED IS THAT WHAT THE EXTRA $15,000.00 YOU ARE PUTTING IN FOR? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED CORRECT, THE $325,000.00 IS FOR THE TRUCK, AND THE EXTRA $15,000.00 FOR MAXIMUM SPENDING THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED WITH IT. THE MAYOR STATED I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY, YOU SAY ANYTHING NEEDED FOR IT, NOW OBIVOULY SOMETHING CAN BE UNFORESEEN LATER. BUT AS FAR AS WHERE IT IS AT RIGHT NOW YOU MENTIONED THE VALVES AND THINGS LIKE THAT WOULD BE COVERED UNDER THE $15,000.00. CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED CORRECT. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED DOES IT COME WITH LADDERS? CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED IT COMES WITH THREE. DECALINGS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE $15,000.00. THE MAYOR STATED HE IS ASKING FOR A MINIMUM OF $325,000.00 AND ADD THE EXTRAS FOR A TOTAL OF $340,000.00. CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED I AM TRYING TO GET THEM TO THROW THE SHIPPING IN, BUT I DIDN'T NEGOTIATE HARD BECAUSE I WANTED TO HEAR FROM YOU. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ QUESTIONS: NO COMMENTS WERE MADE
6. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 1:41 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK