

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 6:00 pm**  
**Village Hall 405 Main St. Pecatonica, IL**

1. **Call to Order:** Village President Dan Barber called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Village Hall.
2. **Moment of Silence.**
3. **The Pledge to the American Flag.**
4. **Roll call taken:** Trustees present: Bill Determan, Paula Hachmeister, and Bill Smull. Trustees absent: Metz, Foster and Gipe.  
  
Others Present: Village Clerk Gwenn Shirley, Attorney Doug Henry, Village Treasurer Nola Markel, Police Chief Bob Smith, Director of Public Works Mark Rust and Engineer Curtis Cook.
5. **Establishment of a quorum.**
6. **Additions/Corrections to the Agenda.** President Barber stated to add the first reading of the ordinance 2017-04 an ordinance reaffirming the use of any tax revenue increase from the referendum on the April 4, 2017 ballot to increase the limiting rate to .7750% for levy years 2017-2020. A motion by Trustee Smull and seconded by Trustee Hachmeister to add the first reading of the ordinance 2017-04. All ayes, no nays nor abstentions. Motion passed. The reading shall be added as A3 and the Referendum as D4.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** Trustee Smull made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Determan, all ayes, approved.
8. **Call to the Public for Comment:** None

**Agenda Items**

**A. Village President Items:**

1. Marni Henert, Rock River Energy Services – Discuss the Electrical Aggregation Program and outline the Renewal and time period on the next steps.

Ms. Henert explained the current contract will expire on September 20, 2017. There are three options available and she suggested the shortest time period of one year for the greatest savings. Currently the rate is 7.967. The decision must be made by the end of May, if in fact the Board chooses to continue the program then revisited in six months. A motion was made by Trustee Smull, seconded by Trustee Hachmeister to take action at the April 21, 2017 meeting. The vote was taken with all ayes, motion passed. Village Clerk Shirley will be given a bid matrix, which she will copy and send to the Trustees.

2. Request to Vacate Platted Streets at 131 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Pecatonica, IL

Property owners, Larry and Tess Wilke are asking the Village to vacate a portion of a platted street with the understanding the Wilkes will pay \$500.00 and all costs incurred with the transaction. A public hearing must be held and discussion followed. A motion made by Trustee Smull, seconded by

Trustee Hachmeister to place this on the agenda this item will be laid over until the next meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

3. 2017-04 an ordinance reaffirming the use of any tax revenue increase from the referendum on the April 4, 2017 ballot to increase the limiting rate to .7750% for levy years 2017-2020.-1<sup>st</sup> Reading. President Barber outlined the highlights of the ordinance.

**B. Finance: (Liaison Foster)**

1. Liaison Report:

The budget must be ready by the second week in April and to be approved by the third Tuesday in April.

**C. Public Safety: (Liaison Metz)**

1. Liaison Report:
2. Police Chief's Monthly Report (Bob Smith)

Chief Smith reported that the salaries are on target in his proposed budget.

There is annual training for officers that is required by the State of Illinois. It is computer based.

Discussion on the purchase of a new car and equipment in the 2017/2018 budget followed with no action taken.

**D. Public Works: Trustee Smull**

1. Liaison report - No report.
2. Public Works Director Report- Mark Rust – No report.
3. Engineer's Report:

Mr. Cook explained that MFT monies could pay sealcoat costs. The information was referred to Director Mark Rust.

Mayor Barber strongly suggested that the drainage problem on 12<sup>th</sup> Street be included in next year's budget due to public safety issues.

4. Referendum Discussion: - (Trustee Hachmeister)

Two informational meetings on the upcoming street referendum are scheduled for on March 19, 2017 at Pecatonica High School and March 23, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the high school.

Elected officials cannot purchase signage placed in support of the referendum. Donations may be accepted, and a bank account will be set up for the donations.

**E. Adjourn:**

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be Thursday, April 6, 2017 at the Village Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Sutton