

**Village of Pocahontas  
Board Meeting  
Monday May 22, 2023 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Village President Karen Heilig. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Tim Palen was sworn into office. Roll call was taken with Adam Evans, Susie Kovach, Jeff Weiss, Matt Hawley, Tim Palen, and Dave Crawford present.

**April Minutes:**

Karen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April minutes. Adam made a motion to accept the April minutes as presented. Susie 2<sup>nd</sup> – Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Bills:**

May bills were presented to the Board for their approval. Susie made a motion to pay bills as written with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**ZBA Recommendation:**

ZBA Chair, Hal Wittman read a letter stating that the ZBA recommended to the Village Board of Trustees that upon receiving an executed agreement for annexation, full annexation, such annexation should be accepted by the Village and an Ordinance of Annexation recorded and filed for Parcel ID 08-09-33-421-001, owned by Keeven Family LLC..

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**Attorney – Ryan Connor/Lou Laugges**

Ryan advised that the handbook is still being worked on.

Discussion was held about the McGuire Lane title change request. The Board decided to not move ahead with this request.

Trustee Adam Evans took over meeting at 6:52PM due to President Heilig leaving.

Ryan presented the Keeven Ordinance Agreement for Keeven LLC. Susie made a motion to approve the Annexation Agreement Ordinance with Jeff Weiss 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved, and Ordinance 052223-1 was adopted.

Ryan presented the Tut Ordinance Agreement for Tut Properties, Inc. Susie made a motion to approve the Annexation Agreement Ordinance with Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved, and Ordinance 052223-2 was adopted.

Matt made a motion to give permission to the Mayor to sign the agreements with Susie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Jeff made motion to approve the Ordinance approving the Pocahontas I-70 Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project with Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved, and Ordinance 052223-3 was adopted.

Tim made motion to approve the Ordinance Designating the Pocahontas I-70 Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area with Susie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved, and Ordinance 052223-4 was adopted.

Susie made a motion to approve the Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing with Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved, and Ordinance 052223-5 was adopted.

Susie made motion to approve An Ordinance Establishing the Pocahontas I-70 Business District; Approving a Business District Plan; Authorizing the Imposition and Collection of Sales Tax Within Such Business District; And Approving Certain Action in Connection with the Establishment of Such Business District with Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved, and Ordinance 052223-6 was adopted.

Matt made motion to approve An Ordinance Establishing The Pocahontas Downtown Business District; Approving A Business District Plan; Authorizing The Imposition and Collection of a Sales Tax Within Such Business District; and Approving Certain Actions in Connection with the Establishment of Such Business District with Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved, and Ordinance 052223-7 was adopted.

#### **Water/Sewer**

Went over list of some of the items that were worked on for the month.

It was advised that the mower needs to be replaced. Danny was asked to provide a list of things that need to be replaced and get a committee together to purchase the most needed first.

Our contract was expired for Certop and were not in compliance with the EPA. The new contract was signed to be complying. Susie made a motion to approve the new contract to be signed with Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion was approved.

#### **Building/Zoning**

We received 2 roof and 1 electrical permit for the month.

#### **Police**

Nothing to report

#### **Repairs at the Parks**

We only received quotes from Crown Roofing and Goestenkors. We will try to get another quote for next month's meeting.

#### **Rental Property Ordinance**

Matt talked about the possibility of creating a Rental Property Ordinance. This will need to be discussed more and before moving forward we would need to have a public meeting. We will need to create a committee and look at all the building codes.

#### **Tras Charges**

Loni advised that the trash services went up as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. They are currently more than what we are charging (\$17.81 vs \$17.50). Matt made a motion to raise the trash fees to \$18.50 with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susie. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

#### **Side by Side/Golf Cart Inspection Availability**

It was discussed that Board members would like to see some Saturdays available for Golf Cart Inspections. Memorial Bench

A community member called about putting a Memorial Bench on the Square and was not sure who they needed to approach for permission. It was advised that they would need to get with he Veterans first then they would come to us for approval.

#### **Water Main Replacement Project**

Loni gave an update on this project. She advised that we were approved for both a loan and grant. Details are still being worked out.

#### **Miscellaneous**

We will need to look at getting funding to replace the lift stations.

Tim asked Lou to get the number for the Department of Revenue to try to recover as much back sales tax that we can get.

Joe will be having his fireworks display on June 30<sup>th</sup>. He was asking if the Village will donate to this again. This will be discussed next month as it was not put on the agenda.

Sunny advised that he would need easement access to the southside of the annexed property.

The creek on Russell St is becoming an issue again. We will need to see if the Department of Natural Resources would be able to assist in getting the issues rectified.

Susie made a motion to adjourn with Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM.