

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021
4001 COOKSON ROAD
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting began with an opening prayer and pledge of allegiance.

President Michael Suarez called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was the swearing in of the newly elected officers. Retiring Village Clerk, Richard Ramirez administered the oath to President Michael Suarez, followed by Trustees, David Suarez, Michael Fiudo, Charles Arriola and the new clerk, Killian Weir.

Clerk Ramirez gave a heartfelt thank you to his constituents, both present and not present, for supporting him through the years.

Present Suarez expressed gratitude for Mr. Ramirez's service, not only as clerk, but throughout his life. President Suarez reported the clerk was in the Air Force serving his country in the beginning of his adult life, continued to serve as a teacher for 46 years and served as village clerk for 19 years. Mayor Suarez presented a plaque to Mr. Ramirez, with thanks, for his life of public service.

Photos were taken of Mr. Ramirez with his family, who were in attendance, along with the mayor and board members.

Village Clerk Killian Weir took attendance. The following were in attendance: Trustees: David Suarez, Guadalupe Hernandez, Raul Munoz, Robert Belba, Michael Fiudo and Charles Arriola. Also present were Treasurer Carlos Gomez, Public Works Director Roger Juenger, Deputy Treasurer Sally Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk Stephanie Pacheco and Building Inspector James Sehr.

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, was made by Charles Arriola and seconded by Robert Belba. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gomez reported expenses for today's meeting reflect the insurance premium due in the amount of \$68,040.40, along with more normal accounts payable.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Weir presented the Municipal Appointments for May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022.

Mayor Suarez stated the annual appointments are required on the first meeting of each fiscal year and reflect, elected officials, appointed officials, department heads and employees of the village. All board members and department heads have received the list for review prior to the meeting for deletion/addition purpose

This year the appointments reflects 2 new Zoning Board members, Hector Gutierrez and Jeffery Hamilton. Jeffery Hamilton previously served on the Zoning Board with the City of Columbia. The two appointments are due to the failing health of Linda Medlin and Killian Weir being elected as clerk. As clerk it is a conflict of interest to serve on the zoning board.

The motion was made by David Suarez and seconded by Charles Arriola to approve the Municipal Appointments for May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022, as presented. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

The clerk presented a Building Permit Application, 2502 N 39th Street, New Garage, Salvador Avalos, Owner. Building inspector Sehr gave a brief review of his findings on the project, of which he approves.

The motion was made by Robert Belba and seconded by Raul Munoz to approve a Building Permit Application, 2502 N 39th Street, New Garage, Salvador Avalos, Owner. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Report of Zoning Board - No Report

Report of Police Chief - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Mayor Suarez reported in the fire chief's absence. The cost of the repair of the fire siren on the east side will be much less than expected. The board approve a \$3,000.00 budget for the repair/replacement at the last meeting.

Report of the Public Works Director

Public Works Director Juenger reported he expects to begin the culvert work on the east side of town on May 11, 2021.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair- Charles Arriola – No Report

Economic/Finance, Development, Planning, and Tourism – Chair – Michael Fiudo – No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – Robert Belba, Sr. – No Report

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Raul Munoz

Trustee Munoz reported the grand opening of the Maryland Avenue (5100) soccer fields will be held on May 15, 2021, 10am-3pm. There will be food for sale and special guests.

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Guadalupe Hernandez

Trustee Hernandez reported the city-wide yard sale date has been changed from May 8th to May 22, 2021, due to the weather forecast. The cleanup day will be June 5, 2021

Streets, Sewers, Grounds, Building & Parks – Chair - David Suarez

Trustee David Suarez wanted to thank those present for all the help making the FCPD Charitable Golf Tournament Fund Raiser a huge success

The trustee also asked the police chief when the department will be starting the ordinance violation drive. Chief Brown reported it has already begun and there have been approximately 10 warnings issued to follow up on with 2 compliances. Citations have yet to be necessary.

President's Report

Mayor Suarez originally postponed the city-wide yard sale to the 15th due to inclement weather. After rethinking the grand opening of the soccer field, he thought it best to make it the following week.

The second dose of vaccine, fourth round, will be May 21, 2020. Mayor Suarez reported a fifth round is committed to by East Side Health. The mayor and East Side Health are trying to arrange a Saturday to administer the vaccine. He has received feedback from residents unable to get off work to receive it.

With the upcoming extension of the adolescent age group, Mayor Suarez intends on continuing hosting the vaccine in the Community Center indefinitely.

Mayor Suarez reported a surplus property sale is being arranged for the second meeting in June. With the receipt of the new handicap shuttle bus, that he, the public works director and fire chief picked out, the old one can be sold. The new shuttle has very low mileage and he hopes to have it in operation this summer.

There are other vehicles not in a useful capacity that will be available, and also any excess land. The surplus property sale will be advertised in periodical publication and social media forms.

Public Comment

Katie Heaton, with the village library, was in attendance. The Assistant Director wanted to thank the mayor and trustees for the cooperation and assistance in the PC for People distribution. It was a very long day, 1:10pm till 8:45pm, but so many families received a computer and most, a hot spot. Ms. Heaton also reported the computers do have a warranty and offer tech support.

The hot spot partnership with the village and the State Farm grant is going well. The director has received feedback from some recipients reporting the hot spot performs better than Wisper Internet.

Ms. Heaton informed those present the Latino Round Table has been hosting an annual Health Fair for a number of years now. This year's Health Fair will be a drive through. There are

a number of sponsors involved. This year the St. Louis Area Foodbank will be distributing food at the fair. The group expects to be distributing health information and food to 200 families.

Municipal Bills

The motion to approve payment of the bills as presented on this day, May 5, 2021, in the amount of \$101,712.86. was made by Robert Belba and seconded by Raul Munoz. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

Adjournment

With that, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Charles Arriola and seconded by Guadalupe Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez, yes; Guadalupe Hernandez, yes; Raul Munoz, yes; Robert Belba, yes; Michael Fiudo, yes; and Charles Arriola, yes.

Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Killian Weir
Village Clerk
May 5, 2021