

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher and Student Council President Tommy Isdonas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Trustees Greco, Host, Perinar, Scaggs and Slocum present.

Student Council Members Jurado, Kaplan, Loomis, Valdivia, Arroyo, Powell, Barloga, Heimer and Messino were present.

Also present were Village Administrator Thomas Durkin, Director of Community Development and Information Systems Mike Petrick, Finance Director Heather Wagonblott, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Chief of Police Shane Casey, Village Attorney Jim Murphy and Village Clerk Kristin Hall.

**VP Moorman Schumacher informed everyone present that anyone who speaks at the meeting shall be deemed to have given his/her consent to the recording of their likeness and speech. This meeting is being recorded.**

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

**Discussion – A Resolution to Recognize and Support Job Shadowing Day at the Village of Channahon**

VP Moorman Schumacher stated when she was first elect Mayor, she called Superintendent Henkle and asked what he thought about having Student Council come out and job shadow Village employees and elected officials. She also stated that Mr. Martin was totally receptive to the idea. She stated this is our 4<sup>th</sup> year holding job shadow day and it is safe to say that this is the best group we've had. She stated they are very thoughtful and vocal, so it was a lot of fun for us today. She further stated the first year of the program, we were not sure what we were going to do, so it was just a couple of hours and the very first thing staff said to me afterward was, I wish we would've had more time with the students. The next year the hours were expanded from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., including lunch. She stated that in morning we have a staff meeting with the students, we go through what our jobs are, what our educational backgrounds are, how we got to these positions and why and how we all we work together to do all the things that happen and are done by the Village. She also stated we also talked to them a little bit about what they're doing and why they joined Student Council. We then have a tour of the building and then they split out with their assigned staff member to specifically discuss their position and what they do on a daily basis. She stated each of the students had a person to shadow today and then they were assigned to a Trustee here this evening. She stated the Student Council President is Tommy Isdonas and he was my shadow today, Student Council Ambassador Lily Powell shadowed Village Administrator Durkin, Student Council Vice President Nick Jurado shadowed Director of Community Development and Information Systems Petrick, Student Council Braulio Valdivia shadowed Chief Building Official Stephen Kuczkowski, Student Council Secretary Blayse Messino shadowed Deputy Village Clerk Leti Anselme, Student Council Maisy Kaplan shadowed Marketing and Communications Manager Nicole Loomis, Student Council Treasurer Emily Arroyo shadow Finance Director Wagonblott, Student Council Ambassador Gabe Heimer

shadowed Chief of Police Casey, Student Council Ambassador Kylie Loomis shadowed Village Engineer Don Kinzler and Student Council Ambassador Joe Barloga shadowed Public Works Director Dolezal. She stated we had a lot of fun with all of these kids and we have some history with some of these kids as well. She stated that Lily Powell's dad sits on our steering committee for our Comprehensive Plan. She also stated that Kylie Loomis's dad was on the fire department many years ago, when Chief Casey was a new patrol officer, back in 1995. She further stated that Gabe Heimer's dad was on the Village Board, several years ago. She thanked the parents and Mr. Martin for having involved children and raising them to have civic responsibility. She stated they have been a joy to have here and thanked everyone for supporting them in their endeavors. She stated we have a new electronic newsletter, so she wants everyone to go to the Village website and sign up to get it. She stated we started it in January and we just sent out a new one today and because there is always a Mayor's Message in it, Student Council President Tommy Isdonas had to write one for the March newsletter. She stated she promised that she would not read it tonight and he has about 3 weeks to edit it before the March newsletter goes out. She also stated that one of the things that the students were charged with was to come up with a Resolution. This is done every year. They get to write it, vote on it, and it is voted on officially by the Trustees of the Village Board, as well, it is numbered and it becomes part of the official record of the Village of Channahon.

Trustee McMillin arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Student Council Secretary Blayse Messino stated her favorite part of the day was re-writing and re-organizing the Resolution. She stated she learned that it is more teamwork among the employees then she thought.

Student Council Ambassador Braulio Valdivia stated his favorite part was the tours and Chief Building Official Kuczkowski's stories. He stated he learned that there are actually jail cells in the Village Hall.

Student Council Vice President Nick Jurado stated he learned something pretty cool today with Petrick that there are these huge warehouses and they are really big and you could fit an entire subdivision in them. He stated that was pretty cool.

Student Council Ambassador Lily Powell stated her favorite part of this was re-writing the Resolution with Blayse Messino. She learned that it takes way more than one person to run it all. It's a whole group of people and each person in the group has their own group underneath them.

Student Council Director of Public Relations Maisy Kaplan stated she learned a lot of different ways we can advertise and market in our schools and a lot of ways we can incorporate that. She stated she really liked the tours and it was really interesting and seeing how everyone works together.

Student Council President Tommy Isdonas stated his favorite part was working one on one, even though he did have to do some work. He stated he learned that it's not all just Mayor Missey's job, all Village officials work together to come up with decisions.

Student Council Treasurer Emily Arroyo stated she learned that there is way more to finances than she thought. She stated she thought it was just bills and a little bit of money but it's a lot more.

Student Council Ambassador Gabe Heimer stated he learned that we have 23 current police officers. He stated it was fun working with Chief Casey and learning about how the police department was run and how it works on a daily basis.

Student Council Ambassador Kylie Loomis stated she learned a lot about what Engineer Kinzler does and it's pretty interesting because her family just moved to the community and lives in a flood plain. She stated it was kind of cool to see how it all works.

Student Council Ambassador Joe Barloga stated it was really cool to learn about all the infrastructure in the Village and what goes into the roads and all the new roads being built. He stated it was really interesting to him to see how this whole Board works as a system, rather than one person going over one thing, it has to go through everybody, even if it's not directly involved.

#### **ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

##### **Discussion – A Resolution requesting Funding for the Design and Construction of Widening of U.S. 6 between I-55 and Houbolt Road**

Durkin stated in spring of 2019, it's anticipated that construction will begin on Houbolt Road going South of Route 6, over the DesPlaines River and continuing to the intermodal facilities that are located in Joliet and Elwood. He stated as part of the facilitation of the improved regional traffic circulation, the reconstruction of add lanes on Route 6 between I-55 and Houbolt has been identified by the Village as a necessary improvement for the safety, welfare and convenience of residents, motorists and pedestrians. He also stated that the project has also been identified as a Tier 1 Project in the Will County Community Freight Mobility Plan and also in the Will County Long Range Transportation Plan. He also stated that previous Phase 1 study conducted by IDOT indicated the need for a four-lane roadway in 2002, with a median between I-55 and Houbolt. He stated this is the first step in seeking out some funds for this. He stated this Resolution requesting the State of Illinois to fund the Phase 2 Engineering and Construction, if approved tonight, this will be forwarded to City of Joliet and the County of Will. He also stated they will be passing similar Resolutions and they will all be forwarded to our State Officials and IDOT.

Trustee Slocum asked if there was a ballpark on what this project would cost.

Durkin stated the preliminary numbers are approximately \$30 million for construction and \$4.5 million for Phase 2 engineering.

##### **Discussion – Approval of Contract for the Purchase of Real Estate**

Durkin stated on September 12, 2018 a .17 acre parcel, on the South side of U.S. 6, just west of I-55 was offered at a tax sale at Will County, by a tax agent. He stated that no offers were made on the property and the property was subsequently deeded over to Will County and is currently tax-exempt. He also stated the property was previously considered as part of the Ivo's property and was primarily used for storage purposes. He further stated it is located directly South of the

current Speedway fuel station, that will be abandoned, when Speedway develops their new store at the Thomas Dillon Drive and U.S. 6. He stated it is proposed that the Village purchase this property, pursuant to the attached contract, in the amount of \$657, which is the minimum price for the property plus any fees. He stated the intent is to control the property and possibly incorporate this into a future development or redevelopment of the adjacent parcels in the future. He stated the reason we are moving forward with this is that the contract requires payment to the Will County tax agent by February 12, 2019.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

Petrick stated he had no formal items

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Wagonblott stated she had no formal items.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Student Council Ambassador Gabe Heimer stated the Police Department had no formal items.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Student Council Ambassador Joe Barloga stated the Public Works Department had no formal items.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Martin, Student Council Advisor, thanked the Village for the wonderful opportunity for the students. He stated before we came this morning, all the students were a little nervous, but when we came back to the conference room, they were talking about how much cooler it was than what they thought it was going to be. He stated they now have a better idea of what goes into this great town. We are so fortunate that we have a great town, a lot of it is the citizens but a lot of it is the elected officials and staff too and they see that now.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

**Submitted by**  
**Kristin Hall**  
**Village Clerk**

