

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MARCH 7, 2022**

VP Moorman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Trustees Greco, Host, Perinar, McMillin, Scaggs and Slocum present.

Also present were Village Administrator Thomas Durkin, Finance Director Heather Wagonblott, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Chief of Police Shane Casey, Village Attorney David Silverman 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

Recognition – Channahon Junior High School Girls Basketball Team

VP Moorman Schumacher stated that March is Women’s History Month and the ladies here tonight have made history. She stated that these ladies finished 22-2, took third place in the 3A IESA State Series for the first time in Channahon history, they are the Mokena Shootout Champions, the Illinois Valley Conference Champions, the Regional Champions and Sectional Champions.

Coach Tommy Stokke stated the year wasn’t supposed to happen like this. He stated at the parent meeting he told the parents that when we were a .500 team into the month, just to be patient. He also stated that we won our first game by 20 points and then went on a roll. He further stated that it wasn’t too far into the year and we knew we were going to be pretty good. That is the unique thing about this team; usually you have when you have a good team you have to tell them not to get too confident. They had the unique ability to have fun and compete at the same time. He stated he would walk into the locker room and the players would be singing some song and he would say that you girls aren’t ready to play, we are going to get beat and then we were up 14-0 at the end of the first quarter. Their biggest strength was that they all bought into their roles. They were a team, and that includes the parents too. He also stated that he has coached and watched a lot of basketball and it is very easy for parents to get involved and not once did he have an issue. The parents let me do my job and supported the kids. He stated that everyone did what they had to do to be successful.

VP Moorman Schumacher presented certificates and gift bags to each member of the team and coaches. She stated that on behalf of the staff, the elected officials and our entire community you have done a phenomenal job representing all of us, so thank you and congratulations. We have high hopes for you moving into the future so continue to make history.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Discussion – An Ordinance Amending the Redevelopment Project and Plan for the Village of Channahon NIGAS Tax Increment Finance District – 1st Read

Durkin stated in February of 1999, the Village established the NiGas Tax Increment Finance District, also known as the Aux Sable TIF District. He stated shortly after the establishment of the TIF, Illinois TIF law was modified to clarify the completion date of a TIF and the retirement of obligations to finance Redevelopment Project Costs to be no later than December 31st of the year in which payment to the Village Treasurer is to be made with respect to Ad Valorem taxes levied in the 23rd calendar year after the year in which the ordinance approving the TIF Area was adopted. He also stated this change also allowed municipalities with existing TIF’s to amend the plans accordingly to clarify the end date. He further stated the Village had not previously amended the Committee Minutes

TIF to provide this change because it wasn't necessary given the agreement with Aux Sable. He stated all taxing bodies have expressed their support of this amendment by written agreement and the final step in this process is passage of the attached ordinance by the board. He also stated initial staff level discussions with Aux Sable, the Village and the school districts have recently taken place regarding a possible extension of the current TIF beyond the 23rd year, which is 2022. He further stated any extension would need to be supported by all taxing bodies and would require legislation at the state level. He stated by adopting this amendment, we will be able to continue discussions with Aux Sable which may lead to further projects on their property within the TIF. He also stated the ordinance under consideration does not amend the financial obligations of the TIF to Aux Sable beyond what had previously been agreed. He further stated it only clarifies and establishes the end date and the retirement of obligations as previously approved to December 31st of the 23rd year. He stated it also would allow the Village, Aux Sable and all taxing bodies to continue discussions regarding a potential extension.

Discussion – A Special Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority – 1st Read

Durkin stated based on our relationship and past participation with the Will Kankakee Regional Development Authority (WKRDA), as a Home Rule Community, we are entitled to a volume cap allocation of \$1,474,990 for 2022. He stated as we currently have no ongoing project within the Village, should we do nothing, as of May 1st our allocated dollars would be returned to the State of Illinois. He also stated an alternative to this would be for the Village to pass an ordinance authorizing the ceding of private activity bonding authority to transfer our allocated funds to the WKRDA. He further stated in so doing, our funds would be available, and committed to our area, not at the state's discretion. He stated passage of this ordinance prior to May 1st would safekeep the volume cap until December 31st on our behalf of the Village and the region. He also stated this volume cap can be carried forward by WRKDA for three additional years if not used by December 31st.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Durkin stated there are no formal items for discussion.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Wagonblott stated she had no formal items for discussion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Casey stated he had no formal items for discussion.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Discussion – Approval of Guardrail on S. Frontage Road W. by Midwest Fence

Dolezal stated damage to the guardrail along the Southwest Frontage Road was caused by a motorist per police crash report (22-144). He stated the cost of repair is \$12,200.00 per attached proposal by Midwest Fence Corp. He also stated it is anticipated that a claim will be made with the insurance company of the driver causing the damage.

COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENT / EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Kristin Hall
Village Clerk

