

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MAY 15, 2023**

VP Moorman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with Trustees Greco, Host, McMillin, Perinar, Scaggs and Slocum 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 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**

**Presentation – Girl Scout Troop #75644 Nomination for a Channahon Flower/Plant**

Troop 75644 Girl Scouts Elsie Craig, Annalise Malone, AubreyAnne Marchiniak, Ariana McDevitt, Brooklynn Mims, Charli Johnson, Jocelyn Tomlinson, A.T., Nicole Zenere took turns providing details on their flower nomination. Troop 75644 is led by Jessica Marchiniak and Brandy Malone.

The scout leaders thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the meeting and share a little about the organization and a project that they've been working on for the Channahon community.

**ABOUT US**

- Girl Scout Troop 75644
- 4th grade Junior level
- Live in Channahon, Minooka, Elwood
- Come from 4 different school districts
- Our troop calls Channahon home & has for 5 years now
- Some of our girls have been in our troop since it started in Kindergarten
- It is their love of Channahon, the community, nature, and Girl Scout dedication to making the world a better place that leads them to standing before the board tonight.

They are here today to make a Channahon Town Flower nomination. They want to share facts about the journey that brought them here. The troop started working on the Inside Government Badge and explored laws, government, and ways to get involved as citizens. With the local election coming up, they wanted to know more & speak with some officials to learn firsthand. They had a great visit with Mayor Missey at Channahon Village Hall, where they learned about girl power, the importance of education and voting, the strength of their voices and the good that comes from making them heard. They were inspired to see the great parts of the community and find ways to make changes that can make it even better. They learned that even though the US and Illinois have national and state symbols like birds, trees, flowers, and fish. Channahon did not yet have those. Mayor Missey challenged the scouts to think on that and come up with ideas.

At their next meeting, they brainstormed steps and places to learn more and they made a plan. From Mayor Missey, they went to the nature experts at the Four Rivers Environmental Center to see and learn in person about native species living in area forest preserves in Will County. Their troop used cookie profits to hire Ms. Angela for a hike/tour, and they invited other Girl Scout troops from our Service Unit to come along and learn. They also included another badge called Animal Habitats as they learned about plants, mammals, fish, insects, trees, birds, the environments needed to live, as well as endangered and invasive species. Humans are needed to help protect and clean the environment so the ecosystem can work as it should. Bringing awareness of nature and how to care for it is important to us as citizens and scouts. Next, the troop went to the Three Rivers Library Minooka Branch and met with the local Historian, Ms. Michele, who showed us the local history museum, cool artifacts, and many faces of those who shaped history in the community. They hope to be featured on the walls one day! They also dug into many books to find out more about Illinois plants and animals. They compared notes from their troop nature hike, and decided to focus on important plants in the community. The final field trip was a visit to the Three Rivers Channahon Library Branch to get even more facts about plants and flowers and found which are most useful. They used a democratic vote to decide on one nominee. Finally, they met again as a troop & worked hard together to plan, edit, and create these poster boards, with only tiny bits of help from scout leaders. They are proud to say that they were the leaders in this project and they are excited about sharing it with the board.

### **PURPLE CONEFLOWER NOMINATION**

From the long process, they voted to bring Purple Coneflower to the Village Board for consideration. They brought:

- An important fact poster
- some live plants to show you
- flower heads & seeds to share

### **CONEFLOWER CHARACTERISTICS**

- Easy to grow (sun or shade, needs little water, resists most disease and pests)
- Perennial; grows back every year with no planting
- Multiplies so it can be shared with others
- Stands tall and stands out in a garden from other plants
- Beautiful Purple (Mayor Missey's favorite color, but also comes in other colors)

### **CONEFLOWER USEFUL TO ANIMALS**

- Favorite flower of all kinds of pollinators (bees, butterflies, & other insects, those become food for other animals in the food chain)
- Food for the endangered Monarch butterflies
- Seeds feed birds in the winter

### **CONEFLOWER USEFUL TO HUMANS**

- This plant is also called echinacea (flowers, stem, and leaves area all used in herbal medicine, help immune system fight colds and flu)
- Adds garden & community beauty summer and fall with purple blossoms (also grows in white and other varieties)

They feel it would be good for Channahon to have official symbols of nature that promote nature appreciation in the community and encourage pride and visiting to the town. They have learned that this plant is a purple power house and therefore nominate it as a candidate for the Channahon Official Town Flower. Whether the board adopts this plant, or wants to know more about others, they are glad to be a part of this process. They can also gladly make suggestions for different plants, as they have learned about the native species during this process. Their presentation and action don't stop here. They will continue their impact by taking more steps going forward, which is their plan to promote future growth and inspire others:

- Plant coneflowers in our yards & the community to encourage beauty in the community and provide food for pollinators especially the monarch butterfly.
- Share seeds at the Arroyo Trails seed mailbox so visitors can take some and start growing plants in their area.
- Share information and news about coneflowers so that the community is aware that they are helpful plants and encourage them to care for them.
- Work as a troop to learn more about the partner plant, milkweed, as well.
- It is also needed for Monarch survival.
- Milkweed is the single food for Monarch larva babies & caterpillars before they turn into butterflies and enjoy the coneflower.
- Encourage other groups to become involved with projects similar to this one and become part of local history in the making.
- Continue our citizenship by finding more ways to be active in our community & government as a troop and individuals.

The scouts thanked the board for their time & allowing them to come back to Village Hall inspired with the hope of making the community even better. They provided each board member with a packet of seeds to grow their own purple coneflowers.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated that she was very excited to hear that the scouts selected the purple coneflower. She has several in her yard and she dug up several purple coneflowers for the troop. She could not be more proud of this troop of young ladies. When she challenged them to come up with a Village flower, they truly stepped up to the plate and went above and beyond. This is a testament to your troop leaders and all of you as Girl Scouts.

#### **Discussion – Appointment of a Police and Fire Commissioner**

VP Moorman Schumacher stated Chief Casey brought Frank Myers' name forward to fill a position in the Police and Fire Commission. Frank was born in Pennsylvania and raised in Delaware. He joined the United States Navy in December 1971 where he was the head of the Navy's nuclear power program. During his Navy tenure, Frank continuously pursued his higher education, earning his Bachelors of Science in Liberal Studies in 1993 from the State University of New York Regents College in Albany, New York. After serving his country for over 23 years, Frank retired from the Navy and went to work for Newport News, performing aircraft carrier commission staff training for both the nuclear and non-nuclear crew members. Eventually Frank was sent to develop and perform training for ComEd at the Dresden station in 1994 and ultimately went to work for Dresden Nuclear Power Station in 1996 and moved to Channahon that same year. Frank transferred to the Braidwood Nuclear Power Station in 1997 and retired from ComEd in 2013. Since retiring, Frank and his wife of over 50 years, have done some

limited traveling. They have an adult daughter who resides in Morris with her husband. In his free time, he enjoys vegetable gardening, walking, jigsaw puzzles and taking care of his lawn.

Casey stated that Frank did attend our last Police and Fire Commission meeting and it looks like he is a good fit. He cares about the community and wants to be engaged and involved.

### **Discussion – Appointment of Trustee Assignments**

VP Moorman Schumacher stated that she did speak to staff at the staff meeting on Monday regarding trustee assignments and she wanted to put it out there for the Board Members to consider. If anyone is interested in a change in their committee assignment, please contact her privately before the next meeting. She did have a trustee express interest in changing assignments.

### **ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

#### **Discussion – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Agreement and the Authorization of the Purchase of Certain Real Estate, Lot 10 in Rivers Plaza, Unit 1**

Durkin stated the attached resolution authorizes the execution of a purchase agreement for Lot 10 in the Rivers Plaza Unit 1 subdivision, formerly known as the Aldi property. The property consists of approximately 2.84 acres of property and is located near the southwest corner of US Route 6 and Ridge Road. The proposed purchase price as previously authorized by the Village Board is \$320,000. There are no special provisions included in the proposed contract and the property is being purchased “as-is”. The purchase includes a 120-day due diligence period and other standard provisions are included in the attached contract.

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

#### **Discussion – Renewal of Google Services**

Petrick stated Dito, LLC is the reseller of Google Services, which must be renewed annually by the Village of Channahon. “Google Workspace Business Plus” is the software suite that encompasses email, calendar, messaging, workspace collaboration apps, virtual meeting software, mobile device management, and other necessary business functions. Additionally, the package contains archival, storage, and retrieval functions for messages – as are required for the Village to meet FOIA compliance requirements. The cost for all of these services is \$216/user/year. He stated 88 Licenses are currently utilized, for a total cost of \$19,008.00.

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Discussion – Annual Police Pension Treasurer’s Report – Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2023**

Wagonblott stated that Annual Police Pension Treasurer Report for fiscal year ending April 30, 2023 is included in your packet. As required by state statute 40 ILCS 5/3-141, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in May annually, the treasurer and all other officials of the municipality who had the custody of any pension funds herein provided, shall make a sworn statement to the pension board and to the mayor and council or president and board of trustees of the municipality, of all moneys received and paid out by them on account of the pension fund during the year, and of the amount of funds then on hand and owing to the pension fund. The Channahon Police Pension Fund (pension fund) receives property tax monies levied and owed to the pension fund by Will and Grundy County directly in the pension fund’s checking account. The Village never receives any property tax monies from the counties that belong to the pension fund. The Village does collect, on a bi-weekly basis through the payroll process, the active pension fund employees’

pension contributions. These monies are remitted directly from the Village to the pension fund's checking account on a monthly basis prior to the end of each month. The Village does not owe the pension fund any monies at the end of fiscal year April 30, 2023 as noted on the attached Annual Police Pension Treasurer's Report.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Discussion – Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Channahon and the ILETSB Tri-River MTU 16**

Casey stated the 2005 "Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Officer's In-Service Training Act" required local Mobil Training Units (MTU) to be established by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB), to address regional training requirements throughout the state. MTU 16, also known as Tri-River, was established to meet the in-service training needs of Will, Grundy, and Kankakee Counties. As part of this requirement, each agency is to have a current executed Intergovernmental Agreement on file with their local MTU. Many of the IGAs on file are outdated or missing. Director Hertzmann with MTU 16 has directed all agencies in Will, Grundy, and Kankakee Counties to submit updated IGA's for ILETSB's files.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

#### **Discussion – Purchase a John Deere Tractor and Attachments through AHW LLC**

Dolezal stated the proposed equipment is to replace the current unit which is a 2002 John Deere 5420 with loader bucket and 2011 mower deck. New equipment included in this purchase consists of a flail mower and 3-point boom system for roadside brush clearing. The costs for the John Deere items reflect Sourcewell purchasing cooperative prices. The total cost of the proposed equipment is \$157,407.66 after a trade in allowance of \$33,500 and is included in the current budget.

#### **Discussion – Proposal for Leak Detection Survey**

Dolezal stated M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. presented a "Proposal" for a Water Distribution System Leak Detection program for the Village of Channahon. They will perform their leak detection services on approximately 80 miles of watermain within the water distribution system. The survey will be completed by listening on the accessible main line valves, fire hydrants and as needed services by one of their two-man teams with all necessary equipment furnished by M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. as described within the proposal document. The project will also include complete reporting of all issues found, with a final comprehensive report. As part of the application for a Lake Michigan Water Allocation, the Village has committed to annually surveying its entire water system for leaks. Previously, the Village had only periodically done leak detection surveys and usually only on part of its system. This work is included in the current budget.

Trustee Perinar asked if this was for this year and if we could get a multiyear contract for a cheaper rate.

Dolezal stated that he will inquiry about a multi-year contract.

Trustee McMillin asked how much it would be to buy the equipment and have the Public Works Department do it.

Dolezal stated that is not a task that the Public Works department wants to take on.

**Discussion – 2023 Crack Routing and Sealing Project**

Dolezal stated crack routing and sealing is a process where cracks in the existing pavement are routed in preparation for the sealing process. Compressed air is used to remove debris from pavement cracks, then filling and covering of the crack is made with rubberized material. The purpose of crack filling is to prevent water from penetrating the pavement and accessing the road base causing damage during freeze and thaw cycles. This work will be paid for using the 2023 local road maintenance funds budgeted for this project. A bid Opening was held May 4, 2023 with two contractors submitting bids. The low bidder was SKC Construction at \$142,954.10 and Denler, Inc. submitted a bid at \$171,621.62. Engineers estimate for this project was \$143,817.00.

**Discussion – 2023 Asphalt Preservation Project**

Dolezal stated asphalt preservation is a process of applying a rejuvenating agent to the asphalt surface. The agent penetrates, covers, and protects the asphalt from the negative effects of rain, snow & salt, and sun. Asphalt preservation can add 5-7 years of service life to asphalt pavements. This work will be paid for using 2023 local road maintenance funds and will treat 23,937 square yards of asphalt. Like crack filling, asphalt preservation is a preservative maintenance practice. A Bid Opening was held May 4, 2023 with the following results: Low bidder was Corrective Asphalt Materials at \$29,681.88 using the product Reclamite Rejuvenating Agent. No other bid was received. The engineers estimate for this project was \$35,905.50.

**Discussion – Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code Using Rebuild Illinois Funds**

Dolezal stated we are in the process of getting our overlay project from the State. Staff is recommending to use Rebuild Illinois Funds, since they have to be used by the end of 2025.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Email from US Army Corps of Engineers, for Upcoming Illinois Waterway Lock Closures**

Durkin stated that we received information about the upcoming Illinois Waterway Lock Closures and it will be starting within the next month. This will be for the Brandon Road, Dresden Island and the Marseilles Lock.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated that the Brandon Street Bridge is closed currently.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Submitted by  
Kristin Hall  
Village Clerk

