

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD

Minutes of April 13, 2026

I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vieaux at 6:00 pm.

II. Roll call

Village Clerk, Stacey Hartwell, conducted the roll call and the following persons were present: Mayor Vieaux, Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis and Trustee Strba. Also present were Village Administrator Palmer, Village Attorney Bartley, Police Chief DeMik and Public Works Manager Hennke.

III. Public Comments: John Kiefner from Manhattan, who serves on the Will County Planning & Zoning Commission, spoke about his concerns about a farmland preservation program focusing on saving open spaces other than forest preserve lands, he encouraged creating a resolution with hopes of promoting the idea. Peotone resident, Bruce Mateer recently moved to Peotone and purchased a new construction home, he spoke about his concerns regarding the pricing/costs of sod to meet landscaping requirements.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Minutes of the March 23, 2026, Regular Village Board meeting
- B. Approve Payroll/Accounts Payable
- C. Approve Special Event Permit, Hansen's Dugout/Peotone Bowl, Car Cruise Night, 210 N. Second, May 28, June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, August 20, September 3, September 17, October 1, October 15, October 29, 2026, 5pm-8pm
- D. Approve Special Event Permit and One Day Liquor License, Hansen's Dugout/Peotone Bowl, Live Entertainment/Barn Burner 2026, 210 N. Second St., September 5, 2026, Noon-11pm, with Street Closure on Second St. from Crawford St. to North St.
- E. Approve Special Event Permit and One Day Liquor License, Peotone Chamber of Commerce, Sip N Stroll 2026, Downtown Peotone, September 10, 2026/Rain Date September 17, 2026, Evening-Time TBD, with Street Closure on Main St. from First St. to Railroad St. and Second St. from Main St. to Crawford St. Including part of North St. towards Railroad St. and request to waive fee for One Day Liquor License
- F. Approve Special Event, DV Ents Inc-Game On Bar & Grill, Community Tree Lighting, November 28, 2026/Rain Date November 29, 2026, 4pm-6pm, Corner of North & Second with Road Closure on North St. from Second St. to Railroad St. and parking spots on East side of Second St.
- G. Approve Raffle Renewal, American Catholic Press, Single Raffle (Queen of Hearts)
- H. Approve Liquor/Tobacco/Amp/Video Gaming Renewals for: Mac's Convenience/Circle K, Speedway, Hansen's Dugout, Peokot Ltd/Berkot's, Peotone Corner Café, Suzy's Saloon, Tony's Pizza of Peotone

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

V. Staff Committee Reports:

A. Admin – Administrator Palmer reported that the strategic planning focus groups will be this week and that afterwards he will report back to the board. Pavlov fiber is now running at the Village Hall but Comcast is still in place as a backup, the new server and rack will be installed later this week. Upcoming discussion items will be the Sportsman’s Club, MFT project, the South Street project, the special event ordinance and the public works new hire.

VI. Mayor’s Comments – Mayor Vieaux reported that the façade improvement program applications are available online on the Village website. He thanked Dr. Peter March for gifting a photo book of the progress throughout the downtown streetscape project, he also wanted to commend the board for working with him throughout his first year.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

A. Motion to Approve Arbor Day Proclamation

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Sluis

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

B. Resolution Ratifying the Acceptance of a FY26 Law Enforcement Camera Grant in the Amount of \$60,832.92

This resolution ratifies the Mayors acceptance of the grant and the funds will be allocated once they are received.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

C. Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding & Approving a Master Service and Purchasing Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc.

This item is connected to the previous item. It is a master agreement and the necessary licenses; it is a long-term contract agreement with the ability to exit. The first year ‘s payment will be paid by grant funds.

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis, Trustee Strba

Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed

IX. Questions of the Press: None

X. Correspondence/Communications/Petitions: None

XI. Executive Session:

D. Close Regular Session to go into Executive Session for:

- a. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))**

Moved by Trustee Hudson, Seconded by Trustee Sluis
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis,
Trustee Strba
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed

E. Open Regular Session

Moved by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg, Trustee Sluis,
Trustee Strba
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed

XII. Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Strba
All said AYE
Nays: None
Absent: None
Adjournment at 7:20pm