

VILLAGE OF MAHOMET
STUDY SESSION
APRIL 21, 2015

The Village of Mahomet Board of Trustees met at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday April 21, 2015 at the Village of Mahomet Administrative Offices, 503 E. Main St., Mahomet, IL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Colrav, Vicki Cook, Andy Harpst, Donald Lynn, and Bill Olinger

OTHERS PRESENT: Village President Sean Widener, Village Administrator Patrick Brown, Village Clerk Cheryl Sproul, Village Treasurer Jeanne Schacht, Village Attorney Jim Evans, Chief of Police Mike Metzler, Community Development Director/Planner Kelly Pfeifer, Mahomet Citizen editor Amelia Benner, Dani Teitz Mahomet Daily and a host of interested citizens.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

President Widener called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Upon Roll Call, a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Thompson, 564-B 2400 N., Dewey asked the Board if they knew what the gold braid stood for on the flags. He suggested they research it and remove the flags.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTION, OTHER MOTIONS:

FINANCE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schacht stated she would answer any questions the Trustees may have on her report.

Harpst moved, Lynn seconded, "TO PLACE THE TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

BILL LIST

Schacht stated there would be additional bills on the Bill List that would be approved at the Board meeting. **Lynn moved, Cook seconded, "TO PLACE THE BILL LIST ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FINAL PLAT FOR OLD FARM OF MAHOMET SUBDIVISION:

Pfeifer stated the applicants were requesting approval of the Final Plat and Construction Plans for Old Farm of Mahomet Subdivision. She stated the development would be 10 (ten) zero lot line single family homes along Halo Drive between Heather Drive and Roberto Drive and a large lot for future development.

Pfeifer stated the site is zoned R-3 and is part of lot 24 of Hilmun 5th Subdivision. She stated the area is 3.3 acres surrounded by development. She noted the petitioner was granted a variance for lot width and size on February 18, 2015. She added they received a variance for lot width and area

Pfeifer stated Plan and Zoning considered the case at its April 7, 2015 meeting and recommended the Board of Trustees grant the waiver of the Preliminary Plat and approve the Final Plat and Plans.

Colrav moved, Lynn seconded, "TO PLACE A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FINAL PLAT FOR OLD FARM OF MAHOMET SUBDIVISION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPROVAL OF MANDATORY PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS FOR OVERLAND PRAIRIE SUBDIVISION:

Pfeifer stated this consists of one commercial lot and the location of the Dollar General. She stated the subdivision was approved by the Board of Trustees on July 10, 2013 and recorded on July 11, 2013. She stated the Village retains an Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit for completion of mandatory improvements.

Pfeifer stated the mandatory improvements within the subdivision include a stormwater detention basin. She added that water and sanitary sewer were provided by Sangamon Valley Public Water District, which had previously accepted those facilities.

Pfeifer stated Staff and the consulting Engineer had completed final inspection of the subdivision. She noted that "As Built" data had been received with regard to the construction of the stormwater detention area, however, the stormwater detention area appears to generally conform to the Construction Plans. Pfeifer stated the developer requests the Board of Trustees approve the mandatory private improvements (construction of a stormwater detention basin) within the subdivision. She stated Staff recommends the Board discuss acceptance of the improvements and adopt the Resolution approving the mandatory private improvements at the April meeting.

Oliger moved, Colravy seconded, "TO PLACE A RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPROVAL OF MANDATORY PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS FOR OVERLAND PRAIRIE SUBDIVISION, ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MAHOMET VILLAGE CODE, AS AMENDED, TO MODIFY THE MINIMUM FINE SCHEDULE FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF MAHOMET, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 35 ENTITLED "ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM FINE SCHEDULE FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS:"

Brown stated fines had not been adjusted since 2008 when the Board revised the Ordinance regulating the control of animals. Brown stated the benefit to the Village would help the Village cover some of the associated costs with legal fees for City Court and help cover some of the costs associated with enforcement. He stated the fines could also be a deterrent. He stated the largest increases were for violations of a more criminal nature.

Don Lynn asked if this would be published in the newspaper. Brown stated Staff would fulfill the requirements for publication but it would not be published in the newspaper. It was requested that it be posted to the Village website.

Harpst moved, Lynn seconded, "TO PLACE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MAHOMET VILLAGE CODE, AS AMENDED, TO MODIFY THE MINIMUM FINE SCHEDULE FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF MAHOMET, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 35 ENTITLED "ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM FINE SCHEDULE FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 28, 2014 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE FRANKLIN AND LINCOLN STREETS WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER. 15-02-03:

Brown stated the bids had been approved but not awarded. He added a lot happened through the winter on Main Street and more issues occurred on Main Street since this winter and staff had an opportunity to refocus the project and shift the work to Main Street. He anticipated the project would come to the Board next month for approval.

Widener stated this was reallocating funds where they need to be.

Brown stated this does not change the fact there are breaks on Franklin and this project would probably be done 3 years in the future as Main Street had been scheduled.

Lynn moved, Colravy seconded, "TO PLACE A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE FRANKLIN AND LINCOLN STREETS WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER. 15-02-03 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

MONTHLY REPORTS:

There were no questions on the monthly reports for Parks and Recreation, Police/Esda, and Community Development.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MAHOMET VILLAGE CODE, AS AMENDED, TO ALLOW VIDEO GAMING WITHIN INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE VILLAGE OF MAHOMET, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED "OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC MORALS" AS HEREINAFTER CITED:

Widener reviewed the process of the discussion. He stated first staff would present the Ordinance as written, then Trustees would ask questions of Staff, then the public would be able to address the Board. He asked that there not be dialog but that public comments are directed to the Trustees only.

Widener explained at the Study Sessions are the vehicle for discussion and the only action taken would be to move an item forward to the Consent or Regular Agenda for the Board meeting.

Brown stated the request to overturn the ban on video gaming had been requested by several local business owners and had support from two Trustees to place it on the agenda as established by Village policy.

Brown stated if this item moved forward, staff had also prepared an Ordinance to limit the number of liquor licenses available which would give the Board some control over the gaming as well, since an establishment would need a specific liquor license in order to obtain a gaming license. He stated this could discourage gaming cafes.

Brown reviewed the change in State Statute that caused the Village to ban video gaming in 2009 so that permitting it would not become automatic. He stated it had always been intended to revisit this item at a later date.

Brown stated the State regulations limit the number of machines to 5 and they can only operate during the hours liquor was served and only those 21 and over may operate the machines.

Brown stated Video Gaming was supported by the Mahomet Economic Development Commission as a board even though some members had personal issues with it. They stated they supported it more for local support not a personal issue.

Brown stated he discussed this with the Mahomet police Chief and asked the Chief to reach out to the communities that have had video gaming for a while to see if they had seen an increase in crime since it had been allowed.

Brown added that considering allowing video gaming was not a financial consideration for the Village due to the small amount of revenue it would receive, especially since Mahomet was not a home-rule community. If the Village was a home-rule community it could require a license and license fee for each machine, but at this time cannot implement such a requirement.

Widener asked if the Board had any technical questions for Staff.

Harpst asked if this was a shall or may approval. Evans stated there is some discretion on the part of the Liquor Commissioner but if an applicant qualifies by State or Village ordinance and was denied a suit could occur.

Harpst asked if the Village can limit the number of machines different from the State. Evans stated the State rules would supersede Village Ordinance. Widener stated the only control the Village could have was to cap the number of liquor licenses issued. Evans stated he was correct.

Brown stated other communities have tried to address the gaming cafes that have been showing up. He added that staff was trying to address this issue, suggesting a limit on the liquor licenses so they could not be established in the Village.

Lynn asked why the number of liquor licenses seem to keep growing. Brown stated at the time the Liquor Ordinance was approved there was no limit included in order to see how much demand there would be in the beginning. He stated there had not been an overwhelming demand for liquor licenses.

Widener asked if a video gaming café fit into the ordinance. Brown stated they could, if they meet the 75% alcohol to 25% food sales.

Olinger asked if the State law changed to allow 10 machines, could Village Ordinance dictate a different amount. Evans stated he would have to investigate that but did not recommend a decision be based on that possibility.

Brown stated he thought the current governor did not plan to revise the current gaming laws.

Lynn stated the people that make the most money off the machines were the owners of the machines. He stated local government only receives 5% of the monies received.

There being no further questions from the Trustees to Staff, Widener opened the floor to public.

Richard Minick, 1413 N. Brookhaven Drive and owner of the Main Street Wingery stated he had submitted a petition signed by his customers that showed his customers wanted video gaming. He stated there were 230 signatures on it. He stated some of his customers have reduced their patronage because they are going elsewhere to participate in video gaming. He stated this results in him losing alcohol and food sales.

Justin Taylor, 902 S. Fawn and owner of JT Walkers stated with costs going up in all areas such as food, minimum wage, insurance, every little bit of income helps keep his door open, but he stated he also tries to keep his prices down in order for people to afford being able to go out to eat and/or have a drink. He stated he was looking at this, not based on personal preference but from a business stand point, in order to keep his business open and provide a service to the community. He stated he also gives back to the Village by donating to Mahomet Recreation and to local churches.

Rebecca O' Brien, 1307 Cross Creek, stated the 5% revenue would not cover the increase in cost to the Village when crime increases. She predicted there would be prostitution and an increase in DUIs. She stated she moved here from California and she was convinced she stated she said 5% of your revenue. Who is going to pay for the increase in patrolling. She stated there would be prostitution, and increased DUIs. She stated she moved from California and has seen what effect this type of gaming can have on a community. She stated she was convinced the same effect would have to Mahomet.

She stated she knows what it is to run business. She suggested the Village look at bringing a Starbucks or an ice cream shop to Mahomet.

Carol Welch, of 906 W. State stated she sent an email with some questions. She asked about the fines already in place for gambling and about the regulation of the machines and how they pay out. She was concerned with how fair the machines would be if it is just a computer that knows what cards the player has and what cards would be needed.

Welch stated she loved kids and she did not want to see kids become addicted to these type of video games. She stated it is not fun or easy when people spend all their money on gambling. She stated Mahomet was a family community and that was why she lives here.

Gerald Smith, 706 S. Jody Drive, stated he was speaking against the change. Smith stated gambling used to be illegal and now it was being considered to be allowed. He reminded the Trustees of the report that was given by the U of I professor and encouraged them to pull it out and look at it again. He asked if gambling was allowed what would be next. Mahomet used to dry and now allows alcohol, then gambling. He asked if a Gentlemen's Club was next. He asked if the State legalizes prostitution would that be allowed in Mahomet too.

Smith voiced concern about how many more restaurants and bars would come to Mahomet and meet the minimum requirements in order to provide gambling. He noted that Mahomet has had a long time reputation of being a quality community and this did not fit.

Donna Smith, 706 S. Jody Drive spoke against gambling because she did not understand why a person would want to gamble in Mahomet when you can go to Peoria and actually be entertained. She said sitting in front of a video gaming machine for hours was not entertainment, it was an addiction. She stated the person playing these machines would not be surrounded by friends and having a good time. She stated they probably would not even buy food. They may buy one drink. She did not see how the businesses would profit by someone like that.

Lutz Bräunig, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, 702 Turkey Farm Road, thanked the Board for providing the opportunity for the public to speak and for listening. He stated he was not coming from the avenue of "thou shalt not".

Bräunig stated he ministers to people who are already addicted to the lottery. He added he has been to both of the restaurants requesting this and they serve good food. He stated it is a moral and ethical issue and this would be on their shoulders. He asked them to consider those who have the weakness that cannot control their addiction.

He stated he had eaten in a restaurant that allows video gambling and knew of grandfather who showed his 6 year grandson how to use video gambling machines. He stated he knew of this because it was his grandson too and his grandson offered to show him how to play the machines.

Dale Smoes, 605 W. Northridge Drive, stated he had lived here 30 years and had been thankful for the fine community where his children were born and raised. He asked the Board to move cautiously and that this is a one-time decision. He reminded the Board that if passed, they relinquish control. He stated these establishments that would include this in their businesses were located near residential areas, schools and churches.

He gave an example of Dalton that issued a license for video gaming cafe to be located in a 5-story low income housing building. He stated there was also a day care located in the building.

Smoes stated there was an article in the Tribune that stated Illinois was now among the biggest gambling states in the nation. The article encouraged people to get out and complain about it. He stated he was very disappointed that it was almost a year to date that this was discussed.

Smoes stated the professor who was here previously, was John Kent. He reminded the Board that 60% of the money leaves the community.

He urged the Trustees to deny the request and uphold the ordinance to ban gambling in Mahomet.

Adzoa Pucket 703 W. Oda stated she moved here because of the good schools and the healthy family environment. She stated she had her eyes opened to a part of Mahomet she had never seen before, when she volunteered to hand out food to those less fortunate in the community. She stated their money was evidently going somewhere else than their belly or the bellies of their children. She stated video gaming is the opposite of what the community stands for.

Randy Lipking, 2207 Mallard Drive stated he was old enough to remember when gambling was illegal. He said the word was changed to gaming to make it more palatable. He added it was not the people who are gambling that are getting rich, but the people providing the machines and services that are getting rich.

Kristin Peterson 42 2000 CR N. stated they chose to move here and she gave up home schooling her daughter and enrolled her in Mahomet/Seymour schools and her daughter loves the school and the community. She stated she loved it so much that she circulated a petition among the students. She stated the students provided their names, phone numbers, and reasons for objecting to the gaming. She stated her daughter stated she could get more signatures if she needed to. Peterson provided the petition to the Clerk to be placed on file.

Peterson continued by stating her family owned a casino and she knows the effect they have on families. She stated \$2.00 is a lot of money to those that don't have it.

Barbara Lynn, 1511 Riverbend asked if these gaming machines would be allowed in places that sell packaged liquor. Evans stated video gaming was only allowed in establishments that are licensed to sell "drink by the glass" and that does not include package liquor only establishments.

Brian Romanowski, 204 Barbara Drive stated a year ago, Dr. Kent was here, but he was teaching a class and unable to attend. He noted Dr. Kent is considered an expert on the effects of gambling. Romanowski asked if there had been a cost analysis of the cost vs the benefits of doing this. He stated the costs are very high due to the addiction, as a result of gambling. He stated when he thinks about 60% of the money leaving the community, that means 60% of money is leaving the community that could have supported our community in some way.

He stated he receives calls on a weekly basis wanting help due to gambling addiction. He stated the money to help with gambling addictions had been cut on the State level. He asked how the churches are supposed to help those that become addicted when the state no longer supports.

Sharon Novitsky, 1004 Maple Tree Lane stated she is for the ordinance. She stated not all people that gamble are bad.

David Johnson, 910 S. Walnut Street, stated he was attending in two roles, as a pastor and as a citizen living just blocks away from these businesses and where there is room for these types of establishments to expand. He stated last year there had been a petition with hundreds of signatures that was submitted to the Board against this issue. He stated there are many other avenues that would benefit our communities and businesses including the restaurants. He stated these avenue would keep that 60% of the revenue from leaving our community. He reiterated that the Village would lose control

Jason Shifo, 1206 Windwood Lane, stated he was Pastor of the Community Free Church. He stated it was a loophole in the law that allowed gaming cafes. He stated he found on the internet that people prefer the gaming cafes better than a bar with machines. He encouraged the Trustees to visit the Illinois Gaming Board's website. He stated they even offer a self-exclusion website for those that have gambling problems that can exclude themselves from being allowed in gambling establishments, but this does not apply to gaming cafes or places with video gaming machines. He stated this same website offers a list of questions that help you identify if a person is addicted to gambling. He stated even the gaming board admits gambling is a problem.

Shifo challenged the Board to consider this information. He stated those in attendance are only a small part of the community and they just found out this was being considered last Thursday night. He stated there are more that could not be there that were opposed as well.

Mark Thompson, 564-B 2400 N., Dewey, IL stated he had been in business 30 years. He stated he was a tax collector. He stated you are taking money from the people who have the least. He stated it was a known fact that generally those sitting at those machines are women. He suggested the businesses look at other was to diversify their businesses.

Bobby Slade, 2110, Gunn Dr., Champaign, IL and former owner of the Hideaway, stated this is a great community and so is St Joe, Monticello, and the other towns that allow gaming. He stated the Hideaway was still for sale. He suggested it might help him sell it if video gaming passed. He added that small businesses are the backbone of the community. He asked the Board, if a truck stop came to Mahomet, would they consider it then or a hotel.

Slade stated there had been a mention of \$5,000 a month from video gaming, and noted that if he had that amount coming in when he was in business that would have paid his bank payment. He stated it is about freedom of choice. He stated there a lot of churches in this community but not everyone goes to church.

Fran Street, 1304 Hickory Tree Court, stated there was an increase in poverty in Mahomet. She stated during 2011-2015 poverty increase in Mahomet from 17% - 22%. She stated that needed to be addressed. She added that she was speaking for those that cannot speak. She stated the other that were in attendance were representing more than just themselves as well. She stated they were representing the parents that both have to work to put food on their

table, or those that had to take their children to school activities or the elderly in the nursing homes that cannot get out to voice their opinions. She stated there are other "problems" cause by gaming not just crimes that can be recorded. She stated as the Ordinance states it is an offense against public morals, and defeats the morale of its citizens. She challenged the Board to remember that this town's greatest asset is its people and to ask why people want to move here. She stated Mahomet did not need to be like other communities.

Christopher Darr, 1214 E. Windwood Lane, stated he chose to come here because this was an exceptional town. He stated he polices for a living and sees the worse of the worse. He stated at the time he moved here Mahomet was dry, now it's wet and now gaming was being considered. He stated he feels these changes are pushing him out of this town. He added that he has gone to these restaurants and does not believe they need gaming to survive. He stated they should explain why they need it. He stated he believes those that work for themselves work harder than anyone. He is concerned about the people who come in and want to take advantage of the community. He stated Mahomet is not for sale. He said the Board loves this community and are smart, creative people. He offered to meet with any or all of the Trustees to discuss this. He stated this community means everything to him and he does not want to have to leave it.

Barbie Johnson, 910 S. Walnut, stated she had been praying for the Board and would continue to pray for them. She added that others are praying for them too.

Katie Mc Cue, 702 Sunset, was concerned with the carding of those wanting to play the machines. She stated she is a substitute teach and there are some 17 and 18 year olds that could pass for 21 or older.

There being no further testimonies Widener called for a short break.

After the break, Trustee Colravy asked if Chief Metzler anticipated an increase in activity in the department. Metzler stated he had contacted other communities to see if they had seen any increase in criminal activity and they did not report any increase due to video gaming.

Colravy asked how the machines are regulated to make sure the machines are paying the odds they are supposed to. Brown stated that was regulated by the Gaming Board. Evans stated the Gaming Board had inspectors that inspect the machines. Colravy asked the location of the nearest machine. Brown stated machines were located at Lake of the Woods Liquors (Millies). Olinger asked if Uncle Bucks had machines when it was open and the answer was yes.

Colravy also asked if this ordinance were to pass, if a gaming license was automatic to anyone with a liquor license.

Brown stated if the establishment had a liquor license currently they could get a gaming license.

Widener went to the Illinois Gaming site and looked at the results in Champaign County. He stated Mahomet was the only one to ban video gaming by Ordinance, some were unknown, and one was limited.

Widener stated this issue has been here and have faced in the past and are faced with again. Widener stated video gaming is a sensitive issue for our citizens, but allowing video gaming gives business owners a choice whether or not to offer it in their business and they should be able to make that decision. He stated staff provided the cap on liquor licenses and that would help to give the Village some control. He stated regardless of being for or against the gaming, he encouraged residents to support our local businesses.

Cook asked if the liquor ordinance and the capping ordinance two separate issues or were they tagged to each other. Widener stated the limiting of liquor licenses would provide the ability to curb the gaming regulations as much as possible, but it cap could be revised if a desired business came to the Village to set up their business the cap could be increased with consideration of the Board.

Brown stated if the Board did not act on the Video Gaming they would not need to act on the limit of licenses.

Widener stated the decision to not cap was a good decision previously as to not limit economic growth.

Olinger stated he had heard some powerful arguments but did not hear anything about a person taking responsibility for their actions and decisions. He stated he did not want to legislate morality. He stated he has seen a lot of people who do not take responsibility for their choices. He will make his decision based on how he was brought up and how he was raised.

Harpst stated last month the Board received a lot of flack because the Village was not purchasing locally, but now they are being asked to not support local businesses.

Don Lynn asked the business owners, if they had considered the impact the gaming machines would have on their business when people stop patronizing their businesses because of the machines.

Olinger agreed and stated they would know right away because people "vote" with their pocketbook.

Cook if this Ordinance was moved to the Consent Agenda, it would be a done deal but moved to the regular agenda would give more time to discuss. Widener stated he would not suggest it goes to the consent agenda. He stated if the Board agreed to put it on the regular agenda on April 28th he would give the residents another opportunity to attend the meeting on the 28th.

Harpst thanked everyone that reached out and/or attended the meeting. He stated he read all the emails he had received. He did say he did not have the opportunity to answer all of them but he did read them. He did ask why they were not in attendance when the Board discussed other issues such as increasing water/sewer rates. Romanowski stated they trust their board, but they came because they believed they needed guidance on this issue.

Oliger moved, Harpst seconded, "TO PLACE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MAHOMET VILLAGE CODE, AS AMENDED, TO ALLOW VIDEO GAMING WITHIN INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE VILLAGE OF MAHOMET, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED "OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC MORALS" AS HEREINAFTER CITED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING."
ROLL CALL: COOK NO; HARPST YES; LYNN NO; OLIGER YES; COLRAVY NO. Motion FAILED.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MAHOMET VILLAGE CODE, AS AMENDED, BY MODIFYING THE EXISTING CHAPTER 110 ENTITLED "ALCOHOL REGULATIONS" AS HEREINAFTER CITED - REGULATIONS TO SET THE QUANTITY OF LICENSES

This Ordinance was not addressed due to the failure of the gaming Ordinance.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE "TURNAROUND AGENDA" FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPOWERMENT AND REFORM FOR THE VILLAGE OF MAHOMET:

Brown pointed out the section of the Resolution that Staff added addressing non-home rule communities.

Widener stated he and Brown have been working on this for several months. Widener also read the statement he made at the meeting they attended with the Governor and other communities.

Colravy stated he found some items a little distasteful, but understood it was necessary.

James Sackett 508 Northridge Drive, stated he believed local decisions are important and that was why he was there.

Gerald Smith, stated when he was a former Trustee, he had looked into Home Rule and the benefits out ran the tribulations.

Oliger moved, Lynn seconded, "TO PLACE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE "TURNAROUND AGENDA" FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPOWERMENT AND REFORM FOR THE VILLAGE OF MAHOMET ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Widener stated the Board meeting was scheduled for April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

(Discussion of any items that the Trustees may have for new business not listed on the agenda. No formal action will be taken on these items during this proceeding)

Oliger asked about the Animal Control. Metzler stated they are continuing to discuss the proposed increase in fees with other communities and Animal Control.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC BODY AND ITS EMPLOYEES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, OR DELIBERATIONS CONCERNING SALARY SCHEDULE FOR ONE OR MORE CLASSES OF EMPLOYEES. (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2)) (TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING)

Harpst moved, Cook seconded, "TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC BODY AND ITS EMPLOYEES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, OR DELIBERATIONS CONCERNING SALARY SCHEDULE FOR ONE OR MORE CLASSES OF EMPLOYEES. (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2)) (TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING)." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:15 and returned to Regular Session at 8:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Cook moved, Colravy seconded, "TO ADJOURN AT 8:30 P.M. ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cheryl Sproul

Cheryl Sproul
Village Clerk/FOIA Officer

Approved as presented, April 28, 2015