Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call
Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge was recited and roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen. Shown as present were Trustees Charmaine Fioretto, Brad Stone, Jim Walker, and Rick Robins. Quorum was present. Also present were Cheryl Aldis, Town Clerk, Attorney Buick, Police Commander Pat Treacy, Public Works Director John Kocher, Water Wastewater Director Joel Summerhill and Engineer Brandy Williams.

Trustee Siewierski was absent for roll call (arrived at 7:09).

Trustee Doug Corson was allowed to participate remotely after a determination was made that he met the requirements to participate. A motion was made by Trustee Stone to allow remote participation. The motion was seconded by Rick Robins. Unanimous roll call carried the motion.

Approval of Agenda
Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Walker seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Public Wishing to Speak
Ms. Caitlin Hauser spoke on behalf of a group that would like to change the Town Code to allow for backyard chickens. Ms. Hauser submitted a list of recommended addendums to Town Code 4-2-1 Nuisances, along with 49 letters of support. Ms. Hauser believes there will be no expense to the Town as someone is willing to do required inspections and residents like rural neighborhoods and would like to do rural things. This group would like to see the town allow chickens to be kept in coops, in sanitary conditions, and allow the keeping of chickens with limitations. For instance, they would have a minimum of 3 hens, but no more than 8, no roosters, minimum of four-square fee per hen, runs must be completely enclosed, clean and sanitary conditions, structurally sound, kept 6 feet from any lot line, must fill out application and pay any processing fees, permit fees, fines for keeping unsanitary conditions, too many chickens or a rooster.

Mayor Stokes stated that the Board may wish to be further informed before making any decisions. He will place this on a future agenda for consideration, possibly March 25.
Consent Agenda
Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the consent agenda into the record:
Approve the Town Board Minutes of February 11, 2019
Approve the Expenditures Reports for January 2019
Approve Treasurer’s Reports for January 2019

Trustee Walker moved and Trustee Robins seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as read into the record. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

New Business
Public Hearing for the Consideration of a New Cable Television Franchise with Metro FiberNet, LLC (MetroNet)
Mayor Stokes opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. Deputy Clerk read the Public Notice into the record. The Public Notice was published in the DeKalb Chronicle on February 8, 2019. There was no one wishing to speak. Mayor Stokes closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Consideration of Planning Commission Recommendation 2018-05 for Northern IL Fence/Complete Fence Inc. 50 W Maple Avenue

[The Planning Commission recommended denial of the application for a Special Use Development with concept approval including a mixed-use component including a contractor’s office/yard and two (2) apartment units.]

Mr. Kevin Hohe, the applicant, was present and he submitted to the table pictures of the property at 50 W Maple Avenue and a door to door survey of residents he contacted in the neighborhood.

Mr. Hohe understands that his application was not well received at the Planning Commission meeting, but believes the concept makes sense as something needs to be done with the building, his plan would have low impact with only one or two trucks per week on average and would have low impact on the neighborhood.

Questions by Trustees:
Trustee Fioretto asked why the applicant did not attend the Public Hearing. Mr. Hohe stated that he didn’t realize there would be any resistance and didn’t understand the importance of attending. She stated was unsure whether people wanted commercial in residential and does not believe there is a need for apartments.

Trustee Stone asked if they would be keeping the business on Rte. 38. Mr. Hohe said they would not.

Trustee Robins asked if they manufacture fence parts. Mr. Hohe said they only assemble.

Mayor Stokes asked about refuse. Mr. Hohe said they use dumpsters. Concerns were raised about noise when dumpsters are used. Mr. Hohe said they could keep them inside if noise is too loud.
Zoning Administrator Anna Kurtzman stated that the PC conducted a public hearing and six (6) residents were present or provided written testimony. She stated that it is within the Town's prevue to accept the recommendation, override or remand the issue back to Planning Commission for conditions to consider to mitigate impact.

Mr. Mark Sawyer, whose property backs up to this property, stated that he wrote a letter of opposition. He's been a realtor for years and was concerned about a contractor's yard and drainage into Briar Wood Acres with water and substances will pour off and seep into the ground as years go by. He also questioned if property values would be hurt. Mr. Hohe said he would be willing to make changes to his application and exclude the apartment units.

Mayor Stokes asked if the Board would like to remand the application back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration with revisions.

Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Stone seconded the motion to remand the recommendation back to Planning Commission for reconsideration. Trustees Walker, Stone, and Corson voted nay. Trustees Siewierski, Robins and Fiorett voted yay. Mayor Stokes broke the tie voting in favor of remanding the application back to the Planning Commission.

Trustee Corson stated that he has been in the former elementary school building and there is extensive amount of damage and it's going to be extensive amounts of money to repair the building.

Department Head Reports
Department Head reports were included in the Board packet for board review. There were no questions regarding the reports.

Comments/Concerns
Trustee Siewierski stated that he was not present for the "chicken" portion of public wishing to speak, but he did have some information to share from Elgin. The handout was submitted to the table.

Presidents Report
No report at this time.

Adjournment
Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion for adjournment. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

Approved: February 25, 2019
Attest: [Signature]