

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday April 11, 2023
7:00 PM at Village Hall
111 South Old US Rt 66, Hamel Illinois

The Village of Hamel Board meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Bloemker at 7:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Behrhorst, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer
Absent: Trustee Goebel

PRESENT:

Mayor: Larry Bloemker
Village Clerk: Debbie Belville
Village Attorney: Louis Laugges
Village Engineer: Bob Massa
Public Works Director: Don Grimm

GUESTS:

Justin Gerstner
Nathan Hutson (MCC)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, treasurer report, minutes from March 14, 2023. Motion to pass made by Trustee Behrhorst and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Recer, Behrhorst, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Isringhausen. Motion carried. (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Elect Justin Gerstner
Nathan Hutson (MCC)

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Bloemker discussed the non-emergency phone dialer for the Village. Daneen and Debbie have been investigating various products. This is a product that is used to notify residents of different situations, for example, road closures, trash delays, and non-emergency situations. Daneen and Debbie have done a good and thorough job in locating the best product for this and it is close to home. Madison Communication has a product that will work for the kind of notices we are looking to make. This would be approximately \$19.95 a month and then .019 per call. We will still have to contact each resident to find out if they want to be on this call list. The Village would have to populate a list or lists and get those to Madison Communications. The compiling of the list will take time, as discussed last month, putting the dialer request information in with the mailing for public works would be the best solution. This product only does call, there is not a texting option at this point. Debbie and Daneen will investigate multiple lists.

POLICE REPORT:

Trustee Isringhausen reported all is well in the PD.

PARK REPORT:

Bathrooms are open for the season at the park. The small north pavilion closest to the basketball court will need to have the picnic table replaced/fixed. All the boards have been broken off; Don will replace that table with a standard picnic table. Started spraying weeds and mowing grass throughout the Village. There were bags of mulch used at the dog park. The survey for elevation has been completed at the new park on Hamel Avenue. Dirt will need to be hauled in, but right now there is a shortage of trucks available to haul.

There is a cold patch asphalt ramp that goes into the community center, Don will look at widening this and stripping with yellow paint.

WATER REPORT:

Don is continuing to work on the lead line service report. We are sending out a survey for this, along with the cross-control survey. We can add the request for updated resident information and ask if they want to be on the "dialer" list. This would cover the survey needed for public works, along with updating customers' contact information and getting their answer about interest in the dialer. There will be a return envelope sent along with this survey packet. Don will start on the CCR this month.

SEWER:

Don picked up 40 fish for the sewer plant. Lift stations have been cleaned. Don advised there is a meeting today about possible solar at the plant. Looking at costs and locations. The Hamel School is adding an addition to the east side of the building. There is a sewer line that may need to be moved at some point if this addition is the final decision. The log cabin would also need to be moved or relocated.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

Concrete repair at the end of the parking lot, by the garage doors should be completed by the end of the month. Don is working on the MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) 2022 expenditures and the 2023 estimated costs. Don asks Bob Massa to give an update on the north parking lot at the hall. The plan is mid next week to start the project. Bob asked if the Village wanted a preconstruction meeting. Mayor Bloemker said he did want one to let the Creamery and Weezy's know about the parking issues. If a meeting is not needed for that, that is fine, he just wants to make sure they are told. This will be a three-four-day job, the final day for stripping.

Don wanted to let the Board know about the old black and white squad car. It is driving rough, might want to look at moving it down the road or selling it. Trustee Isringhausen said it is nice to have this extra car for training classes, and a take-home car for the Chief. Don was just letting everyone know when he drove it from the hall down to the plant it was in rough shape, a lot of new noises, and mechanical issues starting to come about.

TOURISM:

Nothing currently.

ORDINANCE:

Nothing currently.

FINANCE:

Trustee Goebel was absent, this is the last month during our fiscal year.

Mayor Bloemker said there would be a "special meeting" at the end of the month, the 25th, to finish any old business for the fiscal year, so when Justin Gerstner, the new Mayor, is sworn in he will start the new fiscal year. Mayor Bloemker said this will be the 25th because that is when the County Clerk has promised the election will be certified.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**NEW BUSINESS:**

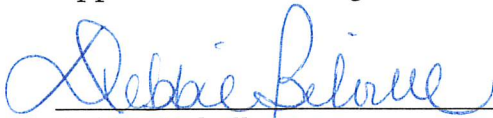
Motion to approve **RESOLUTION 23-6: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF REIMBURSABLE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT COSTS INCURRED BY LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS & COUNTRY STORES, INC., PURSUANT TO THE HAMEL LOVES BUSINESS DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO BUSINESS DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT** made by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Isringhausen. Roll call: Recer, Behrhorst, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny. Motion carried (5-0).

Trustee Isringhausen presented Mayor Bloemker with a plaque and gift card for the years of service with the Village of Hamel. He has served the Village 16 years, 12 as Mayor and 4 as Trustee. Mayor Bloemker thanked everyone.

Don Grimm wished Trustee Behrhorst well, this will be her last meeting. She has resigned as of the 14th of April; she will be moving to Edwardsville. Everyone wished her good luck.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Isringhausen, seconded by Trustee Recer, all in favor, all ayes. Time out 7:28 p.m.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting May 9, 2023.



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Justin Gerstner
Village President/Mayor