

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday January 11, 2022**  
**7:00 PM at Village Hall**  
**111 South Old US Rt 66, Hamel Illinois**

The Hamel Board of Trustee 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: Trustee Goebel, Trustee Otrembiak, Trustee Isringhausen, Trustee Behrhorst  
Absent: Trustee Gorzay, Trustee Recer

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Larry Bloemker  
Village Clerk: Debbie Belville  
Public Works: Don Grimm  
Village Attorney: Phil Lading (call-in)  
Chief Mickey Jader

**GUESTS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Regular monthly bills, Treasurer Report, Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from December 14, 2021. Motion to pass consent agenda with change on the Executive Session minutes as noted made by Trustee Behrhorst and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel, Behrhorst. All ayes. Motion carried (4-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Will be looking into having someone help with the DCEO Grant process. Juneau will be able to help with the IDOT part. This grant process has at least 10 documents that will need to be completed.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Jader reported a total of 9 case reports for the month, 35 citations issued, 33 warnings issued, there were a total of 45 traffic stops.  
The new 2021 Hamel Police vehicle was retrieved from Morrow Brothers. The decals have been put on the squad car; the vehicle is waiting on final wiring to accommodate mobile data terminal before placing the unit into vehicle rotation.  
Officer Jacob Rhodes has started his shifts, his first day he had one warrant arrest. The clothing rack that was purchased last month has been completed and is housing uniforms.

**PARK REPORT:**

Don reported all the Christmas decorations have been taken down and stored. There has been paint touch up and minor repairs done in the Community Center.

**WATER REPORT:**

EPA has new rules that have come down, these have come through IDOT. In the past if boring under a state highway there were certain things that had to be done, a jack and bore casing had to be installed. That is no longer required. You can punch a hole and pull the line through.

Bob will come out Monday and he and Don will be looking at current projects and see if there are areas that we can cut costs due to these new changes. This is the South main extension area.

On Hoxey Drive, there are 6 houses on wells, there is interest in having water through the Village from these homeowners. This is within our range, we go to Route 4, if we do not supply water to these houses and give up rights to that area Bond Madison can come in and get water to them. This happened in the Hidden Springs Area many years ago. Don and Bob will look at the cost of getting a line down to the end of Hoxey. In the future, if this area progresses a line could be looped and extended to the church by going under the interstate. 2022 new rules for sampling, 1 tap to due this month.

**SEWER :**

There are six manholes left to be elevated in the system, Don is waiting on risers to come in. Year end flow data reports are due next month, for the EPA.

**STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:**

Regarding the sidewalk project, Don and Bob will go over what IDOT requirements are for the crossing areas and if they have other requirements regarding the sidewalk project.

There is still mill work to be completed on the parking lot north of Village Hall, along with an area at the dog park. Don and Dave have been working on driveway entrances and culverts throughout the Village. The Christmas decorations that were on the light poles held up good this year, especially with all the storms we had. These have all been stored for the winter. Salt was put down Saturday.

Building improvements for the hall will start tomorrow. The ceiling needs to be cut out and replaced to fix the water damage area, the wallpaper will be taken down as well and either replaced or painted.

**TOURISM:**

No report.

**ORDINANCE:**

No report.

**FINANCE:**

Following up to the Mayors emails Trustee Goebel stated all finances are good.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

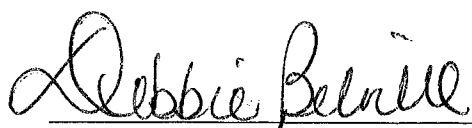
Mayor Bloemker stated there is one hundred thousand dollars ear marked from Charlie Meier for the sidewalk project. We currently have \$68,000 in Business District #2; we could cover the cost of engineering out of pocket at this point for the sidewalk project. We are required to supply IDOT with sealed plans from an engineer before IDOT will start looking at this sidewalk project. They would review and then advise the Village where crosswalks would be allowed to be installed. The sidewalk plans would start at CC Food Mart to the 4-way stop, this is where the questions are regarding IDOT and their requirements and then down to Dollar General. These would be new sidewalks on this side. On the South side of 140 the sidewalks that are already there would be repaired and brought into ADA compliance. The sidewalk would also be repaired down to the park.

Motion made to pass the proposal for Juneau to begin engineering for the sidewalk project by Trustee Goebel, second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel, Behrhorst. Motion pass. (4-0).

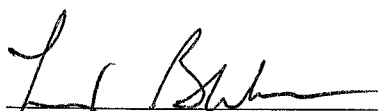
Brief discussion regarding grants available for a park in the Hamel Ave area.

Motion made by Trustee Otrembiak to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm, all in favor, all ayes. Time out 7:29 pm.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting February 8, 2022.



Debbie Belville  
Village Clerk



Larry Bloemker  
Village President/Mayor