

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday January 12, 2021
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 was held at the Village Hall. All attendees were wearing face coverings during the entire meeting. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustee Behrhorst, Trustee Goebel, Trustee Otrembiak, Trustee Isringhausen, Trustee Salmi
Absent: Trustee Gorzny

PRESENT:

Mayor: Larry Bloemker
Police: Chief Tim Connell
Public Works: Don Grimm
Village Clerk: Debbie Belville
Village Attorney: Phil Lading (call in via video)
IT- Video: Daneen Killion

GUESTS: Adam Micun (call in via video)
Shane Recer (call in via video)
Nathan Hutson (MCC) (phone call)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, Minutes from December 8, 2020, and the monthly Treasurer Report. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Salmi. Roll call: Behrhorst, Goebel, Otrembiak, Isringhausen & Salmi. Motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT:

The Village has researched American Legal to become the company for the on-line code, in addition to paper code. Once the contract is completed the Board will be notified of all the services and when it will be available on-line. This will also be a searchable code through our Village of Hamel Website.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Connell reported 5 case reports for December, theft from vehicle, identity theft (3) and one retail theft. There were 24 total traffic stops, 13 citations issued and 14 warnings. The training for the Bola Wrap is in the process of being scheduled. The older squad went to Roberts Ford for repairs and tune up. Chief introduced our new Officer Sydney Ahlmeyer. She comes to us from Marine PD. She will be taking the fulltime position that was previously filled by Sgt. Stewart. Sgt. Stewart was offered the Chief's position for the Village of Marine, he did accept the position.

Officer Ahlmeyer will be attending the 80- hour transition course at SWIC, it starts on 2/22/21. She is certified and will be working prior to her course.

Cameras are working fine. The STEP Grant is going fine, Chief is in the process of applying for the 2022 STEP Grant. CURES Grant has been extended to the 31st of December for use of money. The Village has used all the allotment money to this point.

Certificate has been received for Hamel PD for full certification for DOJ. This allows us to apply for Federal Funding for the next 3 years. Officer Ahlmeyer was welcomed by the Board and Mayor.

PARK REPORT:

The 2021 Environment Grant came out, it has been completed and submitted. This is to replace the AC and Furnaces for the Community Center. Don has been updating quotes for the furnace and air conditioning for the Grant.

WATER REPORT:

All EPA reports are completed. There were 2-meter services this month. Everything is up to date in that area. All monthly samples have been collected and turned in.

SEWER REPORT:

There is monthly cleaning for the left stations. 2019-2020 EPA Audits have been completed and mailed. There is a broken manhole on Route 66, this manhole is probably an original and made of cast iron. It has been ordered and as soon as it comes in, it will be installed. The lift station pump and rebuild kit has been received, the new pump is wired and ready to drop. Once the new one is dropped the other will be pulled and rebuilt. Don is waiting on some parts for the flow meter.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

All the Holiday lighting has been taken down and put into storage. The plow and spreader have been inspected and are ready to go for winter weather. There is constant ditch and culvert replacement through out the Village. Drainage is better since there have been some ditches that were cleaned out. In general, the motion sensor lighting is working great. Don is still working on the maintenance and improvement plan. Don has quotes on fencing for the parking lot next to the Creamery, Trustee Goebel suggested to start on this now since pricing on this will continue to rise. Don and Mayor will look at this one last time and make the decision what to use and how to lay it out. Don will get with Phil regarding how to address the car wash and possible next owner since there is no meter for this business. Currently, the owner of the car wash pays the water bill that belongs to the building next door.

TOURISM:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

Trustee Behrhorst advised she wants to have a meeting with the whole committee. She welcomed Trustee Isringhausen to the Personnel Committee and said she will get something scheduled soon.

FINANCE:

Trustee Goebel advised that everything is going excellent. Sales tax is holding up fine, personal property tax usually comes in "clump" payments generally in January. Everything is on schedule and finances are good. Expenses are in line as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

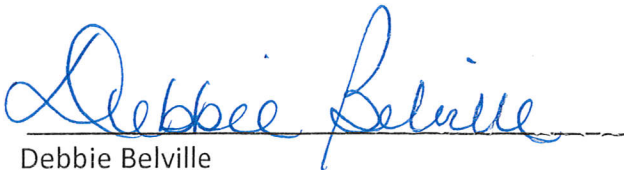
NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 21-1: A Resolution authorizing the Village of Hamel to apply for Madison County's 2021 Environmental Grants Program. Motion made by Trustee Behrhorst and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Otrembiak, Behrhorst, Goebel, Salmi & Isringhausen. Motion carried.

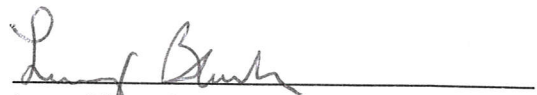
Resolution 21-2: A Resolution appointing Sydney Ahlmeyer to the position of Patrolman for the Village of Hamel, Illinois Police Department. Motion made by Trustee Isringhausen and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Salmi, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Trustee Goebel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm, all in favor, all ayes. Time out 7:29 pm.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting, held February 9, 2021.



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Larry Bloemker
Village President/Mayor