

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday November 9, 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. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

PRESENT:

Mayor: Larry Bloemker
Village Clerk: Debbie Belville
Public Works: Don Grimm
Attorney Representative: Ryan Conner
Village Engineer: Bob Massa

GUESTS:

Justin Gerstner
Earin Land
Sara Schwarz

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, Treasurer Report, Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from October 12, 2021. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Trustee Behrhorst and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel, Behrhorst. All ayes. Motion carried (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Justin Gerstner gave an update on the Hamel Giving Tree. There has been a box placed at Dollar General and they will be accepting gifts for the Giving Tree as well. Last year there were 235 presents received, this is the 5th year for the Hamel Giving Tree Program. The trees will be put up this Sunday. Dave Kalish with the food pantry and UCC Church volunteers are helping with wrapping presents. Everyone is welcome to volunteer. There are tags located in the red box near the trees, there are clear bags that the presents can be placed in to protect them from the weather. There is a Facebook page for the Hamel Giving Tree as well.

Earin Land introduced himself to the Board and expressed his excitement about becoming the new Chief of Police for Hamel.

Mayor Bloemker reminded everyone of the public hearing tomorrow night for the comprehensive plan, it will be held at the community center at 7:00 pm.

MAYOR REPORT:

POLICE REPORT:

Total of five case reports generated for the month. There were 14 traffic stops, 13 citations issued and 17 warnings. There are no equipment updates. The new squad car should be ready for delivery in December.

PARK REPORT:

The outside restrooms will remain open as long as possible. Once the weather turns cold Don and Dave will winterize the restrooms and they will be locked down for the season. The benches and trash receptacles will be ordered for the dog park. There has been some re-seeding done at the dog park, still waiting on signage. The new roofs for the pavilions will be done in the spring.

WATER REPORT:

Don will be working on the year end reports, these will be completed within the next couple of weeks. There were three taps this month. Water department is running great.

SEWER :

There were four sewer lines completed on the North end of the Village. Specter Shield is the company that put the lining in the sewer mains and manholes. Due to the last big rain and rain level issues, the decision was made to raise certain manholes throughout the Village.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

Salt has been delivered; this was on State bid. Public works has been working on driveway entrances along with culverts throughout the Village. The dump truck is getting the new bed installed, this bed was ordered in April.

The outdoor pole Christmas lights for the Village are ready to be installed. All the bulbs have been replaced and on the first nice day public works will hang them. The parking lot to the North of Village Hall will be milled to take care of the low water holding area. Road milling will also be done in the parking area for the dog park.

The new roof will be installed at Village Hall this week, there were nine roof vents installed as well. These will help with ventilation and keeping the attic area cooler, which in turn helps the life of the shingles.

There has been maintenance work done to the backhoe.

The Ford Expedition is out of warranty now, vehicle maintenance will be done at Roberts Ford.

Bob Massa gave an update on the dog park and discussed the easement process for the water main extension and IDOT permits. Mayor advised the easement papers will be hand delivered by Don Grimm and himself to the residents that will be affected by this project regarding the water main extension. Don noted the Village limits end at the bridge and Park Ave. Past the creek is outside of Village limits. Mayor Bloemker also advised there will be an Ordinance next month to require people if they wish to have water/sewer services they will have to be annexed into the Village.

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to approve three benches for the dog park in the amount of \$1,646.55 (\$548.85 each) second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Goebel, Gorzny, Behrhorst, Otrembiak. All ayes, motion carried. (6-0)

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to approve three trash containers in the amount of \$1,916.55 (\$638.85 each) second by Trustee Isringhausen. Roll call: Otrembiak, Behrhorst, Gorzny, Goebel, Isringhausen, Recer. All ayes, motion carried. (6-0)

TOURISM:

Mayor Bloemker is working on some projects for the Route 66 Bi-Ways.

ORDINANCE:

FINANCE:

The gaming tax, sales tax and income tax are outperforming our expectations for the year. This is good, our expenses have increased on things so the tax revenue will help off-set the expenses.

Trustee Recer gave a brief report regarding a meeting with Heartland Conservancy. Mayor Bloemker and Don Grimm were in attendance. There were discussions about the layouts, plantings, shade break with a tree line, seating area and extra shade structures. They wanted to get a layout of the area and view the property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Goebel made a motion to pass **ORDINANCE 21-018: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL, ILLINOIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**, second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Otrembiak, Behrhorst, Goebel, Gorzny, Isringhausen, Recer. All ayes, motion carried. (6-0)

Trustee Goebel made a motion to pass **ORDINANCE 21-019: ANNUAL TAX LEVY 2021-2022**, second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Behrhorst, Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak. All ayes, motion carried. (6-0)

Trustee Behrhorst made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION 21-24: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE HAMEL BOARD OF TRUSTEE & PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 2022**, second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Behrhorst, Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak. All ayes, motion carried. (6-0)

Trustee Behrhorst made a motion to pass **RESOLUTION 21-25: A RESOLUTION APPROVE THE RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AUTHORIZING CONTINUING RETENTION OF NON-RELEASED MINUTES**, second by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel, Behrhorst, Isringhausen, Recer. All ayes, motion carried. (6-0)

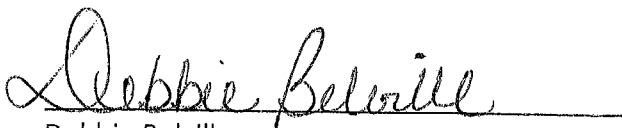
Motion made by Trustee Isringhausen to adjust the order of the agenda to move into executive session prior to completing the new business, second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Behrhorst, Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak. All ayes, motion carried. (6-0) 7:31 pm.

Out of Executive Session 7:37 pm

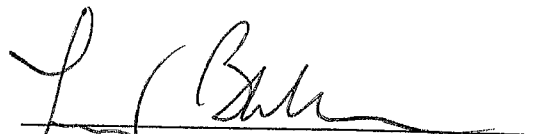
Motion made by Trustee Isringhausen to approve **RESOLUTION 21-26: APPOINTMENT OF EARIN LAND AS CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL**, CONDITIONAL ON COMPLETION OF DRUG TESTING AND FINAL HIRING PROCEDURES. Second by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Recer, Behrhorst, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Gorzny, Goebel. All ayes, motion carried. (6-0)

Motion made by Trustee Gorzny to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm, all ayes. Time out 7:39 pm.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting December 14, 2021.



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Larry Bloomker
Village President/Mayor