

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday February 8, 2022
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: Trustee Goebel, Trustee Otrembiak, Trustee Isringhausen, Trustee Recer
Absent: Trustee Gorzny, Trustee Behrhorst

PRESENT:

Mayor: Larry Bloemker
Village Clerk: Debbie Belville
Village Attorney: Phil Lading
Chief Mickey Jader
Bob Massa

GUESTS:

Nathan Hutson (MCC)
Deb (DK's)
Tom Switzer (DK's)
Sam Naser (DK's)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, Treasurer Report, Minutes from January 11, 2022. Motion to pass consent agenda made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel, Recer. All ayes. Motion carried (4-0).

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor advised that Don Grimm would not be attending the meeting and he would be giving the Public Works report.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Jader reported there were 3 case reports generated: deceptive practices and 2 warrant arrests. There were 45 traffic stops, 40 citations issued and 16 warnings. At this time, the STEP Grant is still being worked and going well. Chief Jader said today was the first day in service for the new 2021 hybrid Police SUV. All officers remain in compliance with required training.

PARK REPORT:

The benches and trash containers are being delivered for the dog park this week. Plans to open the park will be in March. There is still discussion about the planting that will go around the park. There are 2 plans for the planting area, from Heartland Conservancy. Mayor will get those ideas and plans to everyone.

WATER REPORT:

Work continues the south main extension. Bob Massa is looking at other options for this extension. He is trying to cut down on easements that would be needed but would still provide water to the dog park. Bob did report the EPA permit was denied. EPA is understaffed and running behind on a lot of their permits. EPA had a question regarding this permit, Bob answered their question. EPA only had 1 week left on the deadline for the permit, therefore it was denied. This has all been resubmitted. Bob will keep the Mayor and the Village advised on the progress of this project. Don is putting together the costs for a main extension on Hoxey Drive. He has been working on reports and sampling regulations for 2022.

SEWER :

There were two air leaks at the lagoon, these have been repaired.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

There was a hydraulic leak on the dump truck, this has been repaired. Snow removal went well, Don will be pricing a snow screen that will be put on the plowing truck. This will help with the snow coming back into the engine while plowing, especially if the winds are high.

Hall improvements are continuing. There was a cost schedule provided for the ceiling and wall covering. The estimates were not received until today that is why they are not on the agenda.

TOURISM:

No report.

ORDINANCE:

No report.

FINANCE:

Trustee Goebel advised all is good with finance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

In the past the Village did "shredding day" every other year and it was open to the Village of Hamel residents. The cost has continued to increase, last year it was \$900.00 for 2 hours. This program is for an 8- week pickup, they provide a locked large container and shred on site. This will still be available to residents. The container is always locked, and the Clerk will manage the key. Motion to pass shredding contract with Citi Shred, 8-week pickup in the amount of \$93.08 per pickup, made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to pass **Ordinance 2022-001**: An Ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinance for the Village of Hamel, Illinois, and declaring an emergency made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried. (4-0)

The economic study for -I-55/140 has not been finished, the Mayor will try to have for the Board next month.

Juneau has almost completed the surveying for the sidewalk project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Mayor and the Board reviewed the application for a new liquor license for the gaming parlor owned by Sam Naser. Along with the application, the site plan was included. The Board and Mayor addressed questions to Mr. Naser.

Mr. Naser stated this was the corner space next to Dk's Market.

It will have 6 VGTs (Video Gaming Terminals).

Hours of operation would be closing at 12 midnight in the beginning. He is unsure at this point, it will depend on customers.

It was asked if Debbie the manager of DK's would be managing the gaming as well. She said yes, she would be.

Trustee Goebel ask if Mr. Naser had any other gaming parlors, he responded no, this would be his first.

The question was asked about the entrance. Mr. Naser advised this would be on the South side of the building, same side as the entrance to DK's Market.

Signage is a concern for the advertisement of this business. Mr. Naser and Tom Switzer said they are proposing decals on the windows that will allow people inside to see out, but you would not be able to see inside the parlor from outside. There was nothing stated about outside banners or signs.

Mr. Naser said the closing hours could be change once the business it open, they will comply with liquor license hours.

Trustee Goebel said the board had previously discussed this and had agreed they only want to be helpful to get this up and going. Also, knowing Mr. Naser has ties to the community with owning DK's Market that is an advantage.

Mayor Bloemker stated we will have Village Attorney complete the Ordinance to create a liquor license once the application is completed, fees are paid, and certificate of insurance is received.

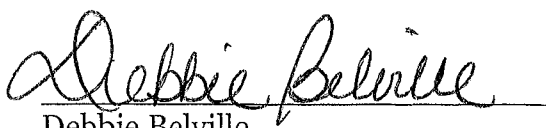
Mr. Switzer did ask if a combination license could be given. It would be for consumption on premises in addition to package sales. This is something that could be discussed per the Village Attorney.

Motion made by Trustee Isringhausen to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, second by Trustee Goebel. All in favor, all ayes.

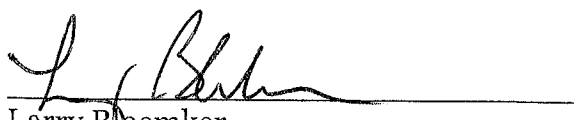
Time out 7:30 pm.

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

April 12, 2022



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Larry Bloemker
Village President/Mayor