

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 8, 2022
7:00 PM at Village Hall
111 South Old US Rt 66, Hamel Illinois

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustee Bethany Behrhorst, Trustee Justin Goebel, Trustee Dwyann Isringhausen, Trustee Randy Otrembiak and Trustee Shane Recer

Absent: Trustee Jerry Gorzny and Village Clerk Debbie Belville

PRESENT:

Mayor – Larry Bloemker

Deputy Village Clerk - Daneen Killion

Chief of Police – Terry Buhs

Public Works Director - Don Grimm

Village Attorney – Ryan Conner

GUESTS:

Nathan Hutson (MCC)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Behrhorst explained that there was a discrepancy in her attendance of two previous meetings and noted that she sent an email to the Clerk and Board of Trustees to correct it.

Trustee Behrhorst made a motion and a second by Trustee Otrembiak to accept the consent agenda of the regular monthly bills, monthly Treasurer's report, and Board Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2022. **Roll Call:** Trustees Behrhorst, Goebel, Isringhausen, Recer, Otrembiak. All ayes. Motion carried (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Bloemker opened the discussion regarding the tax revenue from video gaming terminals. He stated that IML has approved licensing for each video gaming terminal for up to \$250 annually. This follows the same rules as a jukebox. Trustee Goebel mentioned that this is also a method to curb the quantity of gaming machines in Hamel. Mayor Bloemker suggests that the month of May would be the time to implement this licensing if the Board chooses to do so.

POLICE REPORT:

The new Police Chief discussed his progress towards getting all of his certificates and registrations up to date. He did not have any information regarding specific cases or other incidents.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**PARKS**

Dog park signage has been ordered. Parking lot is ongoing. Walk-in cooler needed repairs.

WATER

Hamel water rates will have to be increased to cover the rate raise from Bond Madison via Illinois American Water. Hamel has not had a rate raise in more than 5 years and is currently one of the least expensive water providers in the area. The increase would be approximately 7%.

Public Works Director, Don Grimm has looked at Hoxey Rd to expand our water system and noted that the cost of the project would be approximately \$250,000.

2022 Regulation for Lead & Service Line Reporting is requiring that Hamel Public Works do a survey to learn what type of material all service lines are made of. This will require a dig and if lead is found any place between the main and the house, it will have to be replaced by the Village.

Public Works Director, Don Grimm has completed all retraining for water licensing. The license is good for three years.

The Village of Hamel switched off of Bond Madison Water/IL American Water lines from late Sunday evening, March 6 to the morning of Tuesday, March 8th because of a possible system-wide boil order due to a main break. The Village was off of Bond Madison Water until they passed all necessary tests for water safety.

SEWER

Starter strips on blowers have been replaced. Lift station has been serviced. Grimm has started his sewer training hours which are due in July. No issues otherwise.

STREETS

Salting has caused potholes and they are being patched. The Public Works team is preparing for state exams for pesticides. 2021 MFT Cost Expenditure is complete. 2022 MFT Estimate is being worked on. Trustee Goebel noted that he and Grimm will do a village drive through to discuss needs that would be accounted for on the 2022 MFT Estimate.

The board room has been updated with the removal of the wallpaper, fresh coat of paint and rearranging of photos and other wall art.

Grimm is still awaiting fencing for parking lot.

Dog park greenspace, trash bins, and seating are being prepared.

TOURISM:

No report.

ORDINANCE:

No report.

FINANCE:

Trustee Goebel stated all finances are good.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of **Board Room Expenditure Not to Exceed \$2500**. Motion by Trustee Goebel and a second by Trustee Otrembiak. **Roll Call:** Trustees Behrhorst, Goebel, Isringhausen, Recer, Otrembiak. All ayes. Motion carried (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of **New Host for Village of Hamel Website - CivicPlus**. Motion by Trustee Goebel and a second by Trustee Otrembiak. **Roll Call:** Trustees Behrhorst, Goebel, Isringhausen, Recer, Otrembiak. All ayes. Motion carried (5-0).

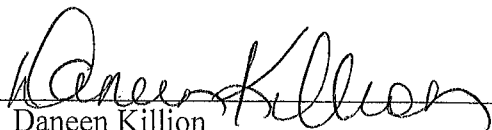
Approval of **Resolution 2022-1; A Resolution Supporting The Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau**. Motion by Trustee Goebel and a second by Trustee Otrembiak. **Roll Call:** Trustees Behrhorst, Goebel, Isringhausen, Recer, Otrembiak. All ayes. Motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Trustee Isringhausen and a second by Trustee Recer to go into Executive Session. **Roll Call:** Trustees Behrhorst, Goebel, Isringhausen, Recer, Otrembiak. All ayes. Motion carried (5-0).

Time out of Executive Session 7:40pm.

Motion by Trustee Isringhausen and a second by Trustee Behrhorst to adjourn regular meeting. **Roll Call:** Trustees Behrhorst, Goebel, Isringhausen, Recer, Otrembiak. All ayes. Motion carried (5-0).

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting 4-12-2022, at the Village Hall.



Daneen Killion
DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK



Larry Bloemker
VILLAGE PRESIDENT/MAYOR