

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday April 12, 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 Behrhorst, Trustee Gorzny  
Absent: Trustee Recer

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Larry Bloemker  
Village Clerk: Debbie Belville  
Village Attorney: Phil Lading  
Police Chief: Terry Buhs

**GUESTS:**

Nathan Hutson (MCC)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Regular monthly bills, treasurer report, minutes, executive minutes from March 8, 2022. Additionally, minutes (2-7-22) committee of the whole, 2-8-22 (board meeting), and 2-22-22 (special board meeting). There was no change in the roll call for these additional minutes. Motion to pass consent agenda and all additional minutes made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Behrhorst.  
Roll call: Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel, Gorzny, Behrhorst. All ayes.  
Motion carried (5-0).

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor advised that Don Grimm would not be attending the meeting and he would be giving the Public Works report.  
Mayor said the plans have started for the upcoming Harvest Fest. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in September.

**POLICE REPORT:**

There were five case reports generated for the month. A fraud case which is still on-going, deceptive practice closed, shots fired was no criminal activity, owner was on their property, theft is on-going and hit and run traffic crash is on-going as well.  
Chief Buhs advised Officers to drive the newest, hybrid police cruiser, to help keep fuel costs down. All Officers remain in compliance with training. Chief is still getting acclimated to systems and department procedures; he has been spending most of his time in the office training and going over paperwork. Regular patrol should resume shortly.

**PARK REPORT:**

Dog park signage have been installed; trash cans have been secured as well. Depending on the weather benches still need to be installed. The restrooms at the park/community center are now open.

Trustee Behrhorst made a motion to pass the purchase of an Exmark Lazer ZX Series not to exceed \$8,200.00 with trade-in value of \$4,119.00. Second by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel, Behrhorst. Motion carried. (5-0)

Additional \$1,060.00 in pavilion repairs, this was an added wrong by Don and he wanted to make sure the correct number was approved. Motion to pass, payment for additional \$1,060.00 for pavilion repairs, made by Trustee Goebel, second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel, Behrhorst. Motion carried. (5-0)

**WATER REPORT:**

Water rate increase was passed to us from Bond Madison. Their rates went up 7%. Residents will be notified on March water bill that the increase will go into effect on the June bill, for May usage. The Consumer Confident Report (CCR) report is being worked on as well. There are some manholes that will still need to be raised.

**SEWER :**

The north end infiltration issues are on-going. Training hours for license renewals are underway. This training includes Dave, Mike, and Don.

**STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:**

Repairs on pot- holes will start soon, as well as opening culverts. Don is working on a large drainage plan for 2022. The 2022 MFT cost expenditures will be ready for the May meeting. Trustee Gorzny ask about ditching along the interstate, Mayor said we will reach out to IDOT again. MFT estimates will be ready for next month meeting.

Hall building improvements are almost complete. The new garage doors have been installed, the frame and trim will be finished soon. Don is still waiting on the fence for the north lot. The front door trim will also be replaced.

**TOURISM:**

Hamel Community yard sale will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May. Public works will place no parking signs throughout town.

**ORDINANCE:**

No report.

**FINANCE:**

Trustee Goebel made a motion to approve the IEPA Loan Payment in the amount of \$26,923.08. Second by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel, Behrhorst. Motion carried. (5-0)

Trustee Goebel reported another record year expected for sales tax, gaming, income tax. Expenses expected to remain low.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Nothing currently.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 22-4:** Resolution approving modified benefits for Village employees (insurance stipend), motion to pass made by Trustee Isringhausen and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Gorzny, Behrhorst. Motion carried. (5-0)

**Resolution 22-5:** Resolution approving compensation for Village employees (hourly wages), motion to pass made by Trustee Behrhorst and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Gorzny, Behrhorst. Motion carried. (5-0)

**Ordinance 22-002:** Ordinance amending chapter 38, article 3, section 91 of the revised Code of Ordinances for the Village of Hamel, Illinois, motion to pass made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Behrhorst, Gorzny, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (5-0)

**Ordinance 22-003:** Ordinance amending chapter 21, article 2, section thirteen of the Code of Ordinance for the Village of Hamel, Illinois, motion to pass made by Trustee Gorzny and second by Trustee Goebel. Roll call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Gorzny, Behrhorst. Motion carried. (5-0)

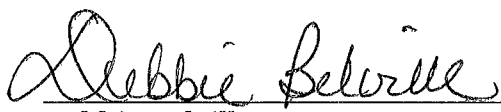
**Ordinance 22-004:** Ordinance creating chapter 21, article 3, sections thirty-five through forty-one of the revised Code of Ordinance for the Village of Hamel, Illinois, motion to pass made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Behrhorst, Gorzny, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (5-0)

Mayor advised to have Jen (treasurer) to have a line item for VGT licenses. Trustee Isringhausen stated the lightening in the parking lot for DK's/ and the gaming area need to be improved.

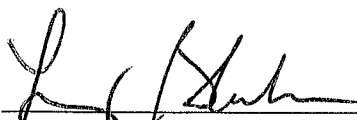
There was nothing further before the Board of Trustees, motion to adjourn made by Trustee Goebel to at 7:38 pm, second by Trustee Gorzny. All in favor, all ayes.

Time out 7:38 pm.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting May 10, 2022.



Debbie Belville  
Village Clerk



Larry Blomker  
Village President/Mayor