

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 14, 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 Justin Goebel, Trustee Jerry Gorzny, Trustee Dwyann Isringhausen, Trustee Randy Otrembiak and Trustee Shane Recer

Absent: Trustee Bethany Behrhorst 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 Engineer – Bob Massa

Village Attorney – Ryan Conner

GUESTS:

Karen Luster (Proprietor, Rt 66 Creamery)

Nathan Hutson (MCC)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Goebel made a motion and a second by Trustee Gorzny to accept the consent agenda of the regular monthly bills, monthly Treasurer's report, and Board Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2022. **Roll**

Call: Trustees Goebel, Gorzny, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Recer. All ayes. Motion carried (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None – our guest, Karen Luster, had a presentation to make, however, it pertained to new business, so the mayor suggested that she wait and speak at that time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No report

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Buhs discussed the need to purchase two new laptops and docking stations for the two police vehicles. The current laptops are old, always crashing and not able to accept the updates for the current software that is needed for the various tasks required to do their day-to-day tasks while on patrol.

The new computers and docks will come from Dell, costing approximately \$7108.00. Because they are for maintenance and it is an emergency need, the PD will place the order with a purchase order number and place expense on the next board meeting agenda to be approved.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**PARKS**

Don Grimm has built a sealed cooling cabinet to place all electronic devices, i.e., routers, camera server and other devices that are currently sitting out in the open upstairs of the community center. The room is hot and can cause potential problems and/or equipment failure. He has plumbed a duct from the current AC duct work directly into the cabinet and thinks this will sufficiently keep the electronics cool.

Daneen Killion is working with Daktronics to repair the digital sign which has not been working correctly. We changed out the radio antennas because of problems with communications. We decided to get a service technician in to troubleshoot and correct the issue.

The park and community center are being utilized by the residents this summer with little to no damage.

WATER

CCR report is complete and posted online.

Don noted that Bob Massa is looking into the possibility of EPA grants with debt forgiveness that may be available at some point for the Hoxey Rd project, if not, we are committed to doing the work regardless.

EPA inspection was done. We are awaiting those results.

There were two (2) meter services/repairs needed this month.

Chlorine levels are stable now since Illinois-American flushes are complete.

SEWER

Public Works team has cleaned and inspected several mains as well as raised manholes. There were no issues. The team also used a camera to view sewer lines on the north end of Hamel. There was minor seepage in a couple of areas but once it rains, they will be sealed.

STREETS

Larger waterways have been cut, except between the concrete plant and Steinman's because it was too wet, however, it will get cut as soon as it dries.

There is concrete crumbling on the Marty Graten cul-de-sac and Don has had a couple of contractors to look at it and get a recommendation of asphalt overlay or black sealing/film top.

There will not be any oiling & chipping this year. Ditch, culvert, and street repairs are the priority instead.

All Route 66 banners are up.

Village Hall repairs and updates, i.e., paint, trim, etc. are done. All outdoor wood trim has been replaced with plastic to cut down on overall maintenance.

The fence on the parking lot is going up. The locate was called in and the installation has been scheduled.

TOURISM:

Unfortunately, the Community Yard Sale was rained out, however, many people turned out and the Mayor believes it would have been a great success without the rain.

ORDINANCE:

No report.

FINANCE:

Trustee Goebel commended Don Grimm for being a great public works director and project manager and stated that partly because Don has managed so well, our end-of-year finances are in excellent shape. He stated that overall, the village has been very frugal and wise in its spending. He noted that there will be several projects that we will take on to properly utilize the current savings/increase the village has experienced. He stated that the appropriations budget will be done by the July board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Dwyann Isringhausen stated that he along with some input from Chief Buhs are working on the cop's grant. It is still a work in progress.

The Police Department is hoping to hire a new full-time police officer.

Mayor Bloemker reported that the Village of Hamel has applied for the DCEO grant for new sidewalks has been filed and we are awaiting to hear back.

NEW BUSINESS:

Corey Jobe with Great Rivers and Routes was not able to attend so Karen Luster, proprietor of Route 66 Creamery spoke on his behalf and asked if Cory could be placed on the agenda for the July meeting.

Karen Luster presented the Board of Trustees and Village President with the Rivers and Routes proposal to install a large sign as well as a mural in Hamel to promote tourism. Rivers and Routes will provide the sign and Hamel would have to provide the installation. The mural would be painted by an artist they would provide.

She answered several questions regarding the sign. It would not be electric. It would be two feet off of the ground. The sign dimensions are 2 ft x 12ft x 6in.

Trustee Goebel stated that Mr. Jobe would need to appear before the board and that the sign would need zoning approval. She stated that she will be placing a zoning application after the meeting. Mayor Bloemker recused himself from the zoning process for this project and stated that Scott Hanson would be conducting the zoning review for it because it is a commercial project.

She noted that these signs are also being install at business locations in Carlinville, Litchfield, Collinsville, Edwardsville, and Granite City. They want to put them in gatherings places within these locations.

She reported that Rivers and Routes approached businesses and that included Route 66 Creamery which is how she became involved. Cory Jobe emailed her and she in turned emailed Trustee Shane Recer.

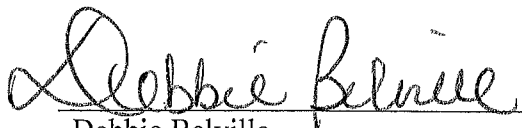
A site for the mural was discussed, stating that there are some buildings in Hamel that are on the Historical Registry and cannot be painted.

Mayor Bloemker discussed the Hamel Harvest Festival, set for Saturday, September 24, 2022. He is creating a committee and asked if any board member desired to be on the committee or knew someone who would, he would be very appreciative for the addition. Plans are currently underway, and they are looking for a music band, preferably country.

Motion by Mayor Bloemker and a second by Trustee Gorzny to adjourn regular meeting at 7:42pm. **Roll Call:** Trustees Goebel, Gorzny, Isringhausen, Recer, Otrembiak. All ayes. Motion carried (5-0).

Minutes submitted by Daneen Killion, Deputy Village Clerk.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting 7-12-2022, at the Village Hall.



Debbie Belville
VILLAGE CLERK



Larry Bloemker
VILLAGE PRESIDENT/MAYOR