

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday March 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. All attendees were wearing face coverings during the entire meeting. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustee Goebel, Trustee Behrhorst, Trustee Otrembiak, Trustee Isringhausen, Trustee Salmi
Absent: Trustee Gorzny

PRESENT:

Mayor: Larry Bloemker
Police: Chief Tim Connell
Public Works: Don Grimm
Village Clerk: Debbie Belville
Village Attorney: Phil Lading
Village Engineer: Bob Massa

GUESTS: Shane Recer
Adam Micun
Nathan Hutson (MCC)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, Minutes from February 9, 2021, and the monthly Treasurer Report. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Trustee Behrhorst and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Goebel, Behrhorst, Otrembiak, Isringhausen & Salmi. Motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT:

The R.P. Lumber Center (ice rink) was brought up for discussion. Mayor Hal Patton of Edwardsville spoke previously with Mayor Bloemker regarding a 20-year commitment of \$4,000 a year. Glen Carbon has committed to 1 million toward this project. If the Village agrees to this the residents of Hamel would receive discounted pricing the same as Edwardsville and Glen Carbon residents. An example given was if the cost is \$12.00 per hour for ice rental the cost for supporting communities would be \$6.00 per hour. The supporting communities of this project would receive discounted pricing on various things. Trustee Goebel spoke with Mayor Patton as well and he said at this time Glen Carbon and City of Edwardsville are the only supporting groups. District 7 at this time has not elected to support this project. This would also give the Village an opportunity to partner with other municipalities. The Board requested that Mayor Bloemker reach out to Mayor Patton about a draft contract and paperwork that will need to be reviewed.

We should have the new number from the Census by the end of March/April. Hamel had an 80% response for the Census. There were 53 new homes added to the Village since the 2010 Census.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Connell reported 1 case generated for the month of February, a driving by revoked. There were 6 citations issued and 11 warning issued.

The Bola Wrap training was completed, Chief and Officer Ahlmeyer are now certified. Officer Ahlmeyer completed her 80- hour transition course on 3/5/21, she has also been measured for her vest.

Chief has signed up for a SILEC class that will go in depth about the newly passed HB3653 bill.

Legislators and senior Law Enforcement representative are working on trailer bills.

Chief has reached out to a company about donations for bodycams. These are pricey, about \$10,000 over a 5-year period, the equipment is fully covered under this and includes cloud storage for the video. This goes into effect for Hamel in 2025. There is time to get other pricing and investigate different options.

There was an audit that was requested for the STEP Grant for the Christmas Campaign. This audit was everything from officer notes to financial to time sheets. We received 100% on the audit.

Chief is starting to price out the new squad, would like to hold out until the end of the calendar year.

Trustee Goebel suggested finding out the lead time and we may need to investigate getting this done earlier so we get a lock in on the price.

PARK REPORT:

We did receive the 2021 Environmental Grant. The furnace has been ordered through Ernst Heating & Cooling. The park has been getting a lot of use as the weather starts to warm up. There was a problem with the lighting at the basketball court but that has been fixed. Nets are up at the volleyball court.

WATER REPORT:

All the EPA reports have been completed. Don and Dave have been working on locates all over town. Central Cable has 11 crews throughout town, boring and getting ready for the fiber to be pulled.

We do not have trace wire so there was a lot of probing all over town.

SEWER REPORT:

Gas company has been replacing service lines on 140 to 4th Street. Bags at the lagoon are ready to be moved and buried by Kamadulski.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

There was a lot of salt used over the winter. Equipment was good all winter. Storm sewer cleaning stopped once the boring company started working in town. Concrete repairs on the streets need to start soon.

In general Don said the tires were replaced on the zero -turn mower and is ready for the season. The dump truck repairs were to the radiator, transmission service and exhaust. The backhoe repairs will be more costly to get repaired. This has not been serviced in about 5 years. It would great now after all the repairs.

TOURISM:

The Director of Route 66 will be coming to our area soon, Mayor Bloemker will take her around and introduce her.

PERSONNEL:

Trustee Behrhorst said next month she will have a report about training possibly in May.

FINANCE:

Trustee Goebel advised the finances for the Village are very solid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was some discussion of the bids for the dog park and basketball court. There were 6 companies that put in bids. The low bid for all alternates was submitted by DeLaurent Construction Company. DeLaurent has subcontracted with WWCS to do the concrete work. This was the contractor who did the sidewalks and bathrooms at the Park. The fence would be coated, and concrete being used instead of asphalt.

Motion made to award bid to DeLaurent Construction Company for Dog Park Construction with Vinyl Coated Fence & Concrete Paving and Basketball Court Overlay in the amount of \$105,699.00 by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Isringhausen, Salmi, Otrembiak, Goebel and Behrhorst. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Behrhorst to approve the IEPA Payment for the water tower in the amount of \$26,923.08. Second by Trustee Salmi. Roll call: Isringhausen, Salmi, Otrembiak, Goebel and Behrhorst. Motion carried.

The consideration to adjust the Class "C" liquor license was agreed on. Attorney Lading will complete the paperwork for the next Board Meeting.

Resolution 21-6: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for Park Commission Funds from Madison County. Motion made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Isringhausen, Salmi, Otrembiak, Goebel and Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Resolution 21-7: A Resolution approving a settlement agreement to resolve Village claims against PDC Services, Inc. Motion made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Salmi. Roll call: Isringhausen, Salmi, Otrembiak, Goebel and Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Ordinance 21-002: An Ordinance adopting a use of force policy related to use by the Hamel Police Department of a Bola wrap Remote Restraint Device. Motion made by Trustee Isringhausen and second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Isringhausen, Salmi, Otrembiak, Goebel and Behrhorst. Motion carried.

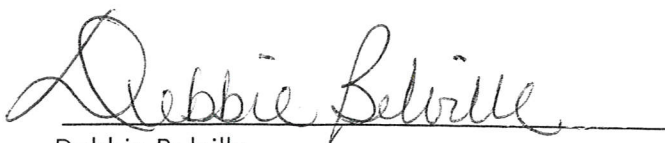
Trustee Salmi advised the Board he is working with a new up and coming Rotary Club here in Hamel. They will be looking for community projects and input as well.

Community yard sale is a go for May 15, 2021.

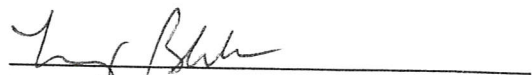
Shredding day will be May 1st, 2021 from 9-11. This is only for Hamel residents.

Trustee Salmi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm, all in favor, all ayes.
Time out 8:00 pm

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting, held April 13, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debbie Belville", written over a horizontal line.

Debbie Belville
Village Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Larry Bloemker", written over a horizontal line.

Larry Bloemker
Village President/Mayor