

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday August 9, 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: Trustees Recer, Isringhausen, Behrhorst, Gorzny,
Absent: Trustee Goebel, Trustee Otrembiak

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Amy Patton; Patton & Company
Nathan Hutson (MCC)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, treasurer report, minutes from July 12, 2022. Motion to pass consent agenda by Trustee Behrhorst and seconded by Trustee Recer.
Roll call: Recer, Gorzny, Behrhorst, Isringhausen. Motion carried (4-0).

Amy Patton from Patton & Company gave an overview of the audit completed for FY 2021-2022. She said it is always a pleasure to work with Jenn, Daneen, and Debbie. She is thankful for the ease when it comes to gathering information for this audit.

In summary, The Village of Hamel is in great financial shape with the general fund. Income tax, sales tax and gaming are up quite a bit from last year. Revenues are up, along with income compared to 2021. Expenditures are up considerably for engineering, the dog park, fencing, equipment purchases, and building repairs at the community park.

Sewer and water, revenues are up with no major changes. Amy's final words.

"Everything is great in Hamel; they are in great financial shape."

MAYOR REPORT:

Nothing at this time, will go over his report later in the meeting.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Buhs reported on the "loose calf." The Clerk's office and PD had received numerous calls regarding a calf that had been sited close to 140 and the old train tracks. The calf along with its mother escaped from a nearby farm, the mother returned to the farm without the calf. The owner of the calf believed it would not survive in the fields because it was so young and no milk or food. However, the little fellow did survive on his own and eluded capture for about 4-5 weeks! Chief along with numerous local people tried numerous times to capture him to no avail. Sad news came in just this week, a call came into the PD reporting a calf

laying in the ditch, Chief responded and the owner, the calf was in bad shape from exposure and not enough food. He later passed away. Thank you to all for the calls and concern regarding the safety of the calf as well as safety for motorists on 140.

Total of 339 business checks for the month, 4 traffic stops with 1 citation issued and 3 warnings. The 2015 squad has been repaired and is back in service.

The new Dell laptops have arrived, these will be sent to Madison County Sheriff Office IT Department for programming. The computer mounts are expected in October.

Chief has been working on a background for a fulltime officer, things are going fine. Once his report is complete, he will advise the Board.

PARK REPORT:

Tennis court lights and basketball court lights need some replacements. Don just got in pricing for these, they will be on next month agenda for approval. Also, there will be a price for re-wiring and a data cabinet for the community center. All the wiring for cameras, the sign and computer components that are housed upstairs needs to be brought downstairs into the old kitchen. This cabinet would be locked and have a filter. This will be on the agenda next month also. The trash can tops have been ordered, these came in today, they were \$100.

WATER REPORT:

Illinois American will be doing a system flush and straight chlorine. We will be notifying the residents; this will go for about 6 weeks. EPA inspection and reply letter went fine. Don is working on the nitrification action plan that will need to be approve next month. He is working with the EPA for an ammonia feed and what type of equipment is needed. October 25th is the Operators Meeting; we are co-hosting with Bond Madison it will be held here in Hamel at the Community Center. Don will be putting together the new survey for the cross-connection control survey. Lead and copper samples will be handed out to 20 residents in Hamel.

SEWER :

Will need to line five more manholes, three of those are in the steel yard. Next month Don will have a quote for the replacement of the flow meter at the plant for the agenda.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

Don has received some bids regarding the concrete street repairs, ditching, parking lot at the Hall and Ranchero Drive. The best bid received for these separate projects were from Skidsteer Outdoor Services, LLC. These were included in your packet for this meeting.

Don did received bids for the concrete work for the pad for the new metal Route 66 sign, however, no one could have this done in the needed period which was about 1 week. They were all out as far as 4 weeks, so Don, Dave, and Mike did the project themselves.

Salt bids came through for the State bid, Don will be putting the order in soon.

TOURISM:

The new metal Route 66 sign was supposed to be here August 15th, they are running behind. Public Works got the concrete pad poured in the front yard for the new sign. The mural for the postcard stamp for Route 66 will be on the Creamery next door, which should be done very soon. Bob Massa discussed the paving of the parking lot to the North of the hall. This requires an IDOT permit. IDOT wants the entrance modified, the drainage needs to be addressed as well. IDOT wants the entrance defined in some way, either using gravel or grass. Bob is negotiating the requirements with IDOT and will keep us informed. Thought was to have a bid for both asphalt and concrete so see that is the best pricing. Don will dig a hole in middle of the lot to check the depth of the base.

Mayor Bloemker said the State of Illinois has announced \$15 million has been targeted for tourism for the southern part of the state. There is a chance we could get a portion of this money to received money for neon, interactive Rt 66 signs or other tourism items for the Route 66 Plaza area.

After further discussion Bob will take back to IDOT the idea of concrete instead of asphalt and see if that is what they are looking for. Asphalt does resemble oil and chip and the concrete would show a distinct difference and that may be acceptable for a defined entrance. Bob will keep everyone updated.

ORDINANCE: No report.

FINANCE: Covered under Amy Patton's report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bob Massa gave an update on the sidewalk project estimated cost is just over \$400,000. From Dollar General to CC Shell Station project has grown by 30%, the cost of materials is also up. Mayor advised the grant for \$100,000 from DECO and the money is the BD #2 will be used as well. Trustee Gorzny suggested to do Suhre Street in front of CC the same time the sidewalk project is done. Bob recommended to do at separate times, in spring and the sidewalks in fall. Mayor Bloemker stated the additions to the sidewalk project were making the sidewalks on the North side 6 feet wide and the additions of crosswalks with push buttons yellow/pedestrian activated signs. Hamel Ave and Meyer Ave would be where the crosswalks would be. The mailbox will have to be moved in front of the US Post Office; we will work with the USPS before this is done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to approve Ranchero project, not to exceed \$9,500. Made by Trustee Gorzny and seconded by Trustee Isringhausen. Roll call: Recer, Gorzny, Behrhorst, Isringhausen. Motion carried (4-0).

Motion to approve Village Hall driveway, not to exceed \$8,635. Made by Trustee Behrhorst and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Isringhausen, Behrhorst, Gorzny, Recer. Motion carried (4-0).

Motion to approve Village of Hamel ditching project, \$125.00 per hour. Made by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Recer, Gorzny, Behrhorst, Isringhausen. Motion carried (4-0).

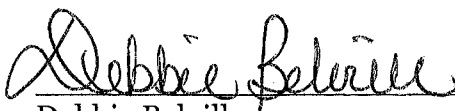
Motion to move into executive session at 7:53 pm made by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Isringhausen, Behrhorst, Gorzny, Recer. Motion carried (4-0).


Trustee Behrhorst recused herself from the executive session.

Time out of executive session 8:15 pm

Nothing further before the Board of Trustees, motion to adjourn made by Trustee Gorzny at 8:18 pm, seconded by All in favor, all ayes. Time out 8:19 pm.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting September 13, 2022.


Debbie Belville
Village Clerk


Larry Bloemker
Village President/Mayor