

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday October 11, 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, Gorzny, Otrembiak
Absent: Trustees Goebel and Behrhorst

PRESENT:

Mayor: Larry Bloemker
Village Clerk: Debbie Belville
Village Attorney: Louis Laugges
Village Engineer: Bob Massa
Public Works Director: Don Grimm

GUESTS:

Justin Gerstner
Nathan Hutson (MCC)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, treasurer report, minutes from September 13, 2022, Executive Session minutes from August 9th and September 13, 2022. Motion to pass consent agenda by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny. Motion carried (4-0)

MAYOR REPORT: The Mayor asked Louis Laugges from Sandberg Phoenix to introduce himself to the Board. He is new to Sandberg Phoenix Law Firm; however, he is not new to municipal law. He had previously worked in Belleville, and Phil ask him to come to the meeting and introduce himself and meet everyone.

Mayor Bloemker advised he has not heard back from anyone regarding the wrap for the new Route 66 sign. There have been numerous comments regarding the sign, some are curious about it being 1-sided. The plan for the sign was always going to be 1-sided, however with the location in the Village Hall front yard it does need to be 2-sided. Once we get the specific dimensions, we can get it scanned and hopefully get measurements to get the wrap for the other side. There have been many positive comments about the sign. We are having some issues with people driving on the grass and parking their vehicles in front of the sign to get pictures. Mayor stated we would be making changes regarding this. Approximate figure for the wrap is about \$800.00, the concrete base that we installed cost \$1,000.00. The money for the other side to be wrapped can be taken out of tourism funds.

Mayor Bloemker said he had been contacted by a company regarding a development for senior living. This company currently have projects in Marine and Highland, the development would be for a brick 25-units living area. The property they are looking at is behind Dollar General. He advised this is a federal project, however, we do have zoning control. Trustee Isringhausen, said he has had experience with this type of project, and suggested we really need to research this type of a project and we should look closely at this type of development and all the issues that come with it. He suggested having a special meeting at some point to go

over all information. Mayor said Scott Hanson is putting a report together for the Village, with site plans and other information.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Buhs was not in attendance, Trustee Isringhausen gave the PD report. All Officers remain in compliance with all training requirements. Total case reports generated were 8. There was a recovered stolen vehicle in Hamel. The vehicle was stolen from Hartford, Illinois, once located in Hamel with the key in the ignition, the owner was contacted, and the vehicle was released. There is no suspect information currently. New Officer Albert Duke was hired and sworn in on September 20th, 2022. Officer Duke will assume full time duties and solo patrol after he completes the 120-hour transition course. He is currently assigned to ride with Officer Ahlmeyer for training.

On September 30th, Officer Ahlmeyer was assisting ISP with a traffic crash on 157 and Maple Road. While exiting the patrol car the driver's side door shut on her right hand and injured her index finger. She contacted Chief approximately 2 hours after the incident, due to her finger swelling and sore. Chief determined that it was not safe for Officer Ahlmeyer to be on the street, since her "trigger finger" was the finger that was injured. She did get medical attention and was placed on light duty for a week. She is back to work as of the date of this meeting.

Motion to approve SWIC 40-hour online training and 80-hour transition course for Officer Duke made by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried (4-0).

PARK REPORT:

The tennis and basketball court lights have been replaced. Don is still waiting on light brackets and the data cabinet; they are both on back order. Waldbart Nursery is putting together a price list for trees for the dog park.

WATER REPORT:

The nitrification action plan has been sent into the EPA and is being reviewed. This will only be passed one time. The ammonia testing has started, some of the equipment needed for these tests has been received. Don is still working on the cross-connection control survey, he has been talking with EPA and this should roll out next month. We have two meter taps this month. The lead and copper sample test results have been received and everything came back fine.

SEWER :

The manhole linings on the north end of the system have been completed. There will be a sewer tap-on, on Cook Avenue this month. There is some erosion in the manholes from the rest stop areas and Loves. This will be put on the list for next year to line those manholes. Still waiting on the final EPA inspection report. Don installed digital rain equipment; this does have data logging as well. Don has been talking with IDOT regarding sewer hookup to our system, at their property off Hamel Drive. IDOT will be putting in their own lift station at that location.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

Marty Graten overlay resurfacing project turned out great. Bob Massa will go over the Suhre Street paving project. Don has ordered and is waiting on chip for the streets to be delivered, these loads will be ready for next year, this comes out of MFT. The street light pole Christmas decorations we currently have weigh more than 70 lbs. each. The new decorations are LED, top of the line, and exceptionally light weight. This is Displays Sales; they have everything in stock. There are two designs, one is a candy cane and the other is wreath. Motion to approve

request of purchase for Display Sales, not to exceed \$11,500. Made by Trustee Gorzny and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny.

Motion carried (4-0). The street banners are beginning to fade, Don will look at those for next year.

Budget blinds for install of 3 new solar shades in the Board room, 1 in Clerks office, and old blinds will be moved to the hallway and garage. Motion to approve purchase not to exceed \$1,244. Made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried (4-0)

TOURISM:

Nothing at this time, went over the Route 66 sign wrap earlier in the meeting.

ORDINANCE:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE:

IDOT has completed and changed our census number to match the 2020 census. We are at 929, therefore, our check for MFT has increased by 20%.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing currently.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Massa went over the improvements to Suhre Avenue. Existing oil and chip would be milled into the base, there would be curb improvements as well. This was originally going to the ditch, maintenance area for lift station, however, that road is privately owned. Don suggested to stop the rework before the curve, heading on the north side of CC parking lot. There would be a \$500-\$600 difference with not doing the curve area to the lift station. Bob said the estimated construction project cost would be around \$100,000 for this project. Mayor Bloemker advised this would be a Business District #2 project, and instead of getting a loan we could issue bonds. Mayor is talking with Phil, Village Attorney regarding bond issues. Mayor said we are still waiting on State of Illinois to get us the \$100,000. DCEO money. Mayor Bloemker said they cannot tell us when we will get the money, however, we are getting this money and it will happen. We have money in BD #2 for the engineering to cover this. We have never done a bond project, but we are going to investigate this. There were concerns regarding how much the BD#2 will be generating going forward. Don raised the question of the 42% engineering cost for this project. It was decided to put this proposal off until we get a solid income number from the BD#2, and that will give Bob time to get the engineering cost reevaluated.

Motion made by Trustee Gorzny to approve change order request and final payment to Christ Bros. Asphalt, Inc. for the Marty Graten overlay project in the amount of \$38,705.93 and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny. Motion carried. (4-0)

Motion made by Trustee Recer to approve Notice of Award to DeLaurent Construction in the amount of \$54,883.50 for the Village Hall Parking Lot Project, seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried (4-0).

Mayor brought up we will need to get an entry sign placed in the parking lot area once this project is complete.

Mayor Bloemker went over the agreement for the purchase of property on Hamel Avenue. The title search was completed and there were no issues. The approval of this Ordinance allows the Village of Hamel and Keith and Ginger Berhorst to enter into the sale agreement for this property. Once they sign the contract, we have 60 days to get them the money and for them to get the Village the property title. It is unknown when the crops will be coming out of that field, and if we will be able to do any groundwork at all this year.

Motion to pass **ORDINANCE 22-007**: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY (HAMEL AVE) made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny. Motion carried (4-0).

Motion to pass **RESOLUTION 22-19**: RESOLUTION APPROVING RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND AUTHORIZING CONTINUING RETENTION ON NON-RELEASED MINUTES made by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried (4-0).

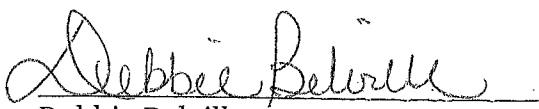
Motion to pass **RESOLUTION 22-20**: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALBERT Y. DUKE TO THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL, ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENT made by Trustee Gorzny and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny. Motion carried (4-0).


Mayor Bloemker asked Justin Gerstner to speak about the issue in Breese, Illinois regarding the senior development he brought up earlier. Mr. Gerstner indicated there were some issues once the zoning was changed to get the project moving, then there seemed to be a bait, switch, and section 8 housing was brought in, which at that time could not be blocked. Mayor Bloemker said the person he spoke with indicated he wanted to push the zoning through as soon as possible, however, Mayor Bloemker advised him zoning is the last thing we change until we have the final approval, plans, site plans, reports and information that would go along with a project like this. Mayor will be meeting with the Mayor of Marine next week and will reach out to Breese as well.

Trustee Isringhausen ask about the ice rink in Edwardsville in which the Village of Hamel donates money too? How can all the residents of Hamel be informed about this? Mayor said that Mike Horvath is a referee there and he would talk to him about having a Hamel Night. Mayor said he would try to get a newsletter regarding this. Hamel residents have the same rights and usability of the ice rink as residents in Edwardsville.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Recer, seconded by Trustee Gorzny. All ayes. Time out 8:08 pm

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting November 8, 2022.


Debbie Belville
Village Clerk


Larry Bloemker
Village President/Mayor