

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday November 8, 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, Goebel  
Absent: Trustee 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 October 11, 2022. Motion to pass consent agenda by Trustee Otrembiak and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried (5-0)

**MAYOR REPORT:**

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Buhs stated there was a report of shots fired in the car wash area. Officers checked the area they did not locate any evidence to substantiate the call, this was unfounded. All training is up to date. Albert Duke was hired and sworn in September 20<sup>th</sup>. He will assume solo patrol once he completes the 120-hour training transition course. Officer Ahlmeyer has returned to full duty after her index finger was hurt last month. Total of 320 business checks, 175 subdivision checks, 4 traffic stops, 1 citation issued, and 1 warning issued. There was a total of 8 case reports generated for the month.

Motion made by Trustee Isringhausen to approve purchase of 2 handheld radios, not to exceed \$5,415.00, seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried (5-0).

**PARK REPORT:**

Regarding the tree layout for the dog park; 24 trees including installation is \$13,010.00 for 5 shade trees, 10 flowering trees, and 9 other flowering type trees from Waldbart. This project will be completed in two phases. There is a 2-year warranty on all trees. Mayor Bloemker said we went with Heartland on this project because of the size of the space and he felt we needed some professional help with this project. Heartland works regularly with a private group in Chicagoland and there is a grant available where we would get 50% back of the total cost of this project. Every Heartland project that has been submitted has received the grant. Motion

to approve purchase of trees from Waldbart not to exceed \$13,010.00 made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Goebel (y), Gorzny (n), Recer (y), Isringhausen (y), Otrembiak (y). Motion carried (4+1). Trustee Goebel advised this purchase will come out of parks/maintenance fund.

The Route 66 vinyl sign came back at \$1,950.00 installed, from UnitedInk. Motion to approve vinyl graphic for the Route 66 sign made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Otrembiak, Recer, Isringhausen, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried (5-0). This will come out of tourism per Trustee Goebel. Trustee Goebel also stated the already approved Christmas lights will come out of local improvements.

The outdoor restrooms at the park have been winterize and closed for the season. The water fountains have been removed and are in storage. Still waiting on brackets and the data cabinet to get wiring moved downstairs in the community building.

#### **WATER REPORT:**

Two service taps were completed this month. Testing for trihalomethane and ammonia has started. The operating permits that used to be every year are not every 5 years. Everything in water is going fine.

#### **SEWER :**

The second flow meter at the sewer plant just came in and will be install this week. Don is still waiting on the EPA sewer inspection report. IDOT maintenance shed (on Hamel Drive) hooked into our system. The installation is 100% complete, they will be getting their first bill next month. There is damage from the gases in the manholes, deteriorating the concrete from Loves and the rest stops. Don will address these problems; he will be looking at 7 manholes and will get pricing from Spectra Tech. The north end of town is all completed with lining of the manholes. We have digital rain equipment that is working great.

#### **STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:**

Plows are ready to go and salt supplies are in. Depending on the weather, the concrete for the Saddlewood Subdivision project will be done in the next 2 weeks. If not, it will be spring before it is completed. Trustee Goebel said when the concrete in Saddlewood area is done to have them fix the area on Trotter Drive as well.

We have received 200 ton of road chip, which is part of MFT. Ditching and culvert replacement continues in the Village. These expenses are under MFT.

Mayor Bloemker said he spoke with Bob Massa and depending on the weather it may be spring before the parking lot to the North of the Village Hall is completed. He also said he would like to see entry and exit sign for the lot before this project is completed.

The new Christmas lights are in for the street light poles, the Board supported Don's request to put the lights up tomorrow while the weather is still good.

Bob said he received the receipt for the water project, this is for the Hoxey Road area.

#### **TOURISM:**

Mayor stated we previously talked about the Route 66 sign earlier in the meeting and getting the paving done. He is still waiting to hear from Cory Jobe regarding the grand opening for the sign.

**ORDINANCE:** No report.

**FINANCE:**

The Village has a significant balance sheet in the general fund as well as the enterprise funds. Trustee Goebel said we may want to investigate cd's or other options with higher interest rates. He said he and the mayor could look at some options and bring their findings to the meeting next month.

Trustee Goebel also said he would like to together with Donny and Debbie about basic financial things and where items are taken from. Maybe a finance sub-committee meeting would work. Also, Treasurer Gehner should attend.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mayor Bloemker said we have the Suhre Avenue project, and thanked Bob Massa for getting his part finished. Mayor said before we commit to this project he would like to bid and get the bids back on the sidewalk project. Suhre Avenue project would require IDOT permits. If we could hold off for a couple of months on the Suhre project this would give an idea how the BD#2 is doing and by spring these two projects could be worked together. The sidewalk project would not be enough for a bond issue, however, if both projects are done together a bond issue could work. Mayor said he needs to know where we are on the sidewalks before committing to the Suhre project. There has been no surveying or engineering done for the Suhre Avenue project.

Trustee Gorzny asked about sharing the cost for the new street. He believes at one time CC Food Mart agreed to pay or help pay for having this street done. Trustee Goebel said he seem to remember something regarding the street as well. Mayor said he will go back and check the records on this.

Hopefully, next month will have sidewalks wrapped with IDOT and we can go out for bid soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion to approve purchase of Fire King file cabinet through Williams Office Supplies not to exceed \$3,800 made by Trustee Gorzny and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried (5-0).

Motion to pass **RESOLUTION 22-21: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE HAMEL BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 2023** made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried (5-0).

Motion to pass **RESOLUTION 22-22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY TRANSIT COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT** made by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried (5-0).

Motion to pass **ORDINANCE 22-008: ANNUAL TAX LEVY 2022-2023** made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Goebel. Roll call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried ( 5-0).

Trick or treat in the park was big success, more than 100 people. Santa in the park is planned for December 10<sup>th</sup>.

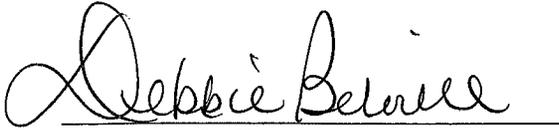
Justin Gerstner talked about the location of the Giving Tree; with the location of the new Route 66 sign the Giving Tree will need to be moved from last year. Regardless, where the trees are set, they will not be seen from the 4-way anymore. If was agreed to place them in the

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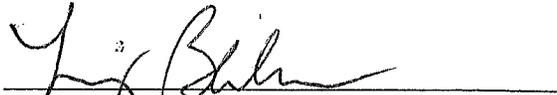
same area just move back toward the sidewalk on the north side of the building. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year for the Giving Tree, last year there were 235 gifts given out. Dollar General is under new management, but they will be doing the drop box again. A lot of the volunteers are from the Food Pantry that help wrap presents.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Isringhausen, seconded by Trustee Gorzny, all ayes. Time out 7:41 pm

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



Debbie Belville  
Village Clerk



Larry Bloemker  
Village President/Mayor