

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday January 10, 2023**  
**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 Reter, Isringhausen, Goebel, Behrhorst  
Absent: Trustee Gorzay, Otrembiak

**PRESENT:**

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

**GUESTS:**

Justin Gerstner  
Nathan Hutson (MCC)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Regular monthly bills, treasurer report, minutes from December 13, 2022, and minutes from December 5, 2022, committee meeting of the whole. Motion to pass consent agenda by Trustee Behrhorst and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Behrhorst, Goebel. Motion carried (4-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Justin Gerstner reported the year end results for the Giving Tree Program. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> best year, there were over 180 gifts handed out. To date over 800 gifts have been given out for the 6 years this program has been running. Justin thanked everyone for all the help, donations and all the support the community has given over the past 6 years.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor met with Jared from Juneau regarding the pedestrian and bike study. They have a survey we can review and possible use as part of our survey. Mayor advised he will get a copy of the survey to Trustee Behrhorst and Trustee Recer, who will be starting a new survey project. Chief will not be in attendance this evening; the Mayor will give the police department report.

**POLICE REPORT:**

There were 366 entries for service for the month of December. Two case reports were generated. December 29, 2022, Chief Buhs responded to Worden to assist with apprehending a fleeing wanted subject. The subject was refusing to comply with the Worden Chief, she did deploy her taser, which actually malfunctioned. Chief Buhs ordered the subject to stop resisting, the subject then attacked Chief Buhs. There was a brief struggle, and the subject was taken into custody. He was charged with two counts of aggravated battery to a police officer

and criminal damage. The Worden Chief and Hamel Chief suffered injuries but have since both returned to work. The new portable radios have arrived and will be programmed. Officer Duke started solo patrol on 12/19/22. The Mustache March Organization donated \$2500.00 to HPD, this can be used for equipment, training, anything for the department. They also provided 10- \$20.00 Casey's gift cards which the officers are giving out at their discretion.

**PARK REPORT:**

All Christmas decorations are down and stored for the season. There was a leak in the small room at the community center. It was an air leak that froze a water line in the ceiling. The water line was traced, located, and fixed. Public works fixed the air leak into the ceiling as well.

**WATER REPORT:**

Don did not have anything to report for the water department. Bob Massa gave an update on the Hoxey water main extension. The archeological dig survey was completed, and results showed nothing was found. The next step will be approval from EPA, once that is received there will be a public hearing probably in March.

**SEWER:**

The lift stations have been serviced, along with blowers at the plant. Miller Avenue has a sink hole that was reported to Don last week. He has investigated the area and the reason for the hole is unknown at this time. Apparently, this has been going on for a while, the sink hole is lower than the sump line for the location. Don did check and this has nothing to do with our sewer lines. Don said this could be from something that was buried there a long time ago and it is just now settling. He will run dye in the hole and flush with water and see if he can locate the run or find anything else on this problem. The is on the new park of Miller Avenue.

**STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:**

The intersections were salted twice. Ditching and culvert replacement continues. The Christmas pole lighting have all been taken down and stored for the season. Don talked with Bob about another traffic study for the exit ramps. It has been a few years, and we need to get another one done. The traffic on the ramps, and throughout town has drastically increased. Hydro truck has been inspected and repaired. At some point soon we need to look at replacing one of the public work trucks.

Mayor said he has received good comments about our new pole Christmas lights. Mayor asked Don to look into ground mount lighting displays for next year.

Trustee Goebel asked for an update on the issue on Corral regarding the driveway that was put in over the catch basin. Don has talked with the resident about the two choices, either cut the driveway or replace the basin. The cheapest solution is to cut out the driveway, the replacement of the catch basin would be approximately \$5,000.

**TOURISM:**

No report.

**ORDINANCE:**

No report.

**FINANCE:**

Trustee Goebel reported last month the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of cd's with CNB. Everything went fine and the day of execution the rates went up. We were able to take advantage of the increase in rates for all the cd's. Trustee Goebel said he did check with our attorney to confirm we did not need to change the ordinance due to the rate increases. We will be moving forward with all the accounts to Bank of Hillsboro, Trustee Goebel reached out to Mr. Ward and asked him to stop by office to work with Debbie and or Jen with getting things moving.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Trustee Goebel ask about the Edwardsville Ice Rink, and questioned if we would have to continue to the pay the donation amount of \$4,000 per year (total of \$80,000). Since the criteria's we agreed to have changed. Attorney Lading said we are still committed to the intergovernmental agreement. The Village of Hamel residents get the same rates charged for ice rink time as those in Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, and the other district 7 communities. Trustee Isringhausen questioned if this project goes away, or the ice rink fails are we still obligated to this contract?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion to pass **ORDINANCE 23-001: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL, ILLINOIS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**, made by Trustee Behrhorst, and seconded by Trustee Goebel. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Goebel, Behrhorst. Motion carried (4-0).

Motion to pass **RESOLUTION 23-1: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL TO APPLY FOR GRANTS, RECEIVE, AND PAY ONLGOING LOANS ASSOCIATED WITH ITS PARK ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS FROM MADISON COUNTY**, made by Trustee Goebel, and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Behrhorst, Goebel, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion to pass : , **RESOLUTION 23-2: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GREAT RIVERS & ROUTES TOURISM BUREAU**, made by Trustee Recer, and seconded by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Goebel, Behrhorst. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion to pass: **RESOLUTION 23-3: A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF WILLIAM "BILL" MEYER**, made by Trustee Behrhorst, and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Behrhorst, Goebel, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried (4-0).

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Behrhorst. All in favor, all ayes. Time out 7:25 pm.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting February 14, 2023.

Debbie Belville  
Village Clerk

Larry Bloemker  
Village President/Mayor