

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday February 14, 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 Recer, Isringhausen, Goebel, Otrembiak

Absent: Trustee Gorzny, Behrhorst

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:

Candy Rensing (Associate Bank)

Dustin Bahorick (Associate Bank)

Nathan Hutson (MCC)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, treasurer report, minutes from January 10, 2023. Motion to pass consent agenda by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried (4-0).

Trustee Goebel ask to have treasurer pay for tax work to be placed under professional services instead of miscellaneous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dustin Bahorick and Candy Rensing with Associated Bank addressed the Board of Trustees regarding the moving of Village of Hamel funds to another banking institution. Mr. Bahorick asked the Board to reconsider and addressed rate issues, fees, and importance of local banking. The Board took their request and reasoning under advisement.

MAYOR REPORT:

Subdivision control ordinance should be ready for the March meeting. There were some changes that needed to be addressed, this is a maintenance item that needs to be addressed every couple of years. Some items range from paved typed streets to pin markers for property. Bob Massa should have this ready soon.

POLICE REPORT:

Trustee Isringhausen gave the police report update. Total of 5 case reports generated for the month. Officers worked several cases of identity theft involving false claims of unemployment benefits and Illinois tax claims against several Hamel residents. The new handheld radios are programed and in service.

PARK REPORT:

All electronics have been moved downstairs to the storage area and have been placed in the data cabinet. Some upcoming expenses that need to be looked at are, playground surface kit, lighting in pavilions, and kitchen repairs and upgrades in the community center. Don will get pricing together for these projects. All the soap dispensers and towel holders have been replaced inside the community center and at the hall. Don will be calling to have a survey done at the new park on Hamel Avenue for elevation. Bob suggested to call Jared and he can get him to the right location for items needed. Don will also work on getting the property disked, weather is permitting.

WATER REPORT:

Water rates will be going up on the next bill. The increase is 20%, approximately \$6.00 per bill. We received our first increase bill from Bond Madison, their rates went up by 27% which was passed on to them by Illinois American. Don said he would like to get a packet put together for the people on Hoxey, prior to the water line being put in. Bob said he is very close to getting the approval from EPA. EPA sampling are in and all is good.

SEWER:

Still waiting on manhole linings for the south end of the system. Lift station behind Shell needed a service call. Don built cages for the rock filter last year, there is a company wanting to buy this system, they wanting to due an ammonia reduction experiment. This will be a pilot study.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

Roads were salted twice this month; we are halfway through our salt supply.

Motion to approve wage increase for community center/office cleaning from \$15.00 to \$18.00 made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried (4-0).

TOURISM:

No report.

ORDINANCE:

No report.

FINANCE:

Trustee Goebel said we are three quarters through, and our sales tax is better than expected. He did note to everyone, that the gaming numbers seem to have hit a plateau, we originally expected to be in the 80's or 90's for the year, the numbers will show about 60 to 61.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to pass **ORDINANCE 23-002**: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 OF THE HAMEL REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING SALARIES OF OFFICIALS, made by Trustee Goebel, and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Goebel, Otrembiak. Motion carried (4-0).

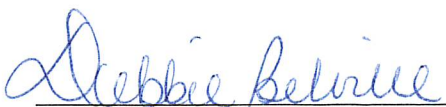
Motion to pass **ORDINANCE 23-003**: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 91 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL, ILLINOIS (Water rates), made by Trustee Goebel, and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Otrembiak, Goebel, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried. (4-0).

Mayor noted he has not heard from the developer regarding the senior living area in quite a while. This developer was in full force and pushing on this and now there has been no contact. If an application is filled out for a zoning change a special meeting would be needed, but at this point nothing can be done before May. Trustee Isringhausen said he would like to see a public meeting, informational discussion with our residents and Board before or if this goes any further. Mayor Bloemker advised this group earlier he was completely out of the discussion, and they need to be in contact with Scott Hanson, since he will no longer be Mayor after May.


Motion to approve the Standard Agreement for Professional Services-Scott Hanson made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Goebel, Otrembiak. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Recer, all in favor, all ayes. Time out 7:43 p.m.

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



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Larry Bloemker
Village President/Mayor