

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday June 13, 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 Justin Gerstner at 7:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Present: Justin Goebel, Jerry Gorzny, Randy Otrembiak, Dwynn Isringhausen, Shane Recer, Greg Withers

Absent: none

PRESENT:

Mayor: Justin Gerstner

Village Clerk: Debbie Belville

Village Treasurer: Jennifer Gehner

Village Attorney: T. Ryan Conner

Village Engineer: Bob Massa

Public Works Director: Don Grimm

Chief of Police: Alan Winslow

GUESTS:

Nathan Hutson (MCC)

Cord Stanley, Republic Services

Karen Luster, Route 66 Creamery

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Stanley is the General Manager of Republic Services for the Metro East. He thanked the Board for inviting him this evening, gave a brief background about himself and his job. He does handle trash services for the east side of the Mississippi. He said regarding yard waste, they have a 9-month contract or 12-month, there is not a lot of price difference, it depends on the need during winter months. Winter months are slower, they do pick up old real Christmas trees. If a storm happens and there are a lot of people with damage, down limbs, yard debris, the Republic can work with the Village and have containers set in certain areas for cleanup. Trustee Goebel said generally we only sign a 1-year contract. Mr. Stanley advised they can do a 1-year extension, but most municipalities sign for longer than that. They have 33 municipality accounts on this side of the river, Republic likes to sign for longer than 1-year but that can be addressed. Motion to pass **Resolution 23-29: A resolution granting the Village President authority to negotiate and enter into a waste hauling contract for the Village of Hamel, Illinois** was made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (6-0).

Karen Luster asked if there were any questions, she could answer with regards to the vote pertaining to a liquor license for the Creamery? She stated they have decided to scale back and will not be doing gaming in their establishment, however they do still want a liquor license. The items she went over are as follows:

Serve beverages at limited times, not during daytime, evening hours to coincide with special event concerts. Would not have a bar, would not serve out of the Creamery, would be out of coolers- outside of the Creamery, no glass, or bottles, only aluminum cans/bottles, Maybe specialty slushies. no gaming- do not want that on her property after seeing other local gaming businesses. They are willing to sign something for an extended period, not to be doing gaming. Whatever the Board is comfortable with 5 years or 10 years. Gaming is not on their radar anymore. Want/Need from March- Oct/Nov. Would only be for events on the patio, only be for special events, this would not be all the time, people cannot just come to the counter and get it. Would not be on the menu. Only for special events, like concerts.

Mayor Gerstner said the Board will get with the Village Attorney and discuss some of these issues and the Village will reach out to Mrs. Luster to set up a meeting to go over items discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, treasurer report, minutes from May 9, 2023, Board Meeting, May 16, 2023, Special Board Meeting, May 9 and May 16, 2023, Executive Session. Fiscal yearend report April 30, 2023. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Gorzny and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried. (6-0)

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Gerstner asked Bob with Juneau to look at estimates for phasing the sidewalk project into phase 1 & 2. Phase 1 would be from Hamel Avenue to Dollar General on the north side, and /south side from Creamery/Burkart property down Park Avenue. Phase 2 would be the intersection and east. We are still waiting for the final approval especially at the intersection. Phase #1 could potentially start in late fall once all steps have been completed. The Board asked Bob to get started on the permitting, bids, and get things moving for phase #1.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Winslow report access to the police training board has been gained, he is over halfway through the program. He should be on the street next week. The Chief did attend the Law Enforcement Advisory meeting hosted by Senator Plummer, and he had a meeting with the school principal as well. NIBRS training is beginning, the first draft of the PD expansion project has been completed. The Chief has been reviewing the proposal from Lexipol for the policy manual update along with a proposal for new officer testing services. One HPD Officer was injured on an EMS call. There was a need for medical care and brief recovery, this was turned over to workman compensation. Officer Ahlmeyer closed a fraud case in April and was able to secure full restitution from the suspect for the victim. The 2015 patrol vehicle has been repaired and is back on the road. Motion was made to approve the expenses/repairs for the 2015 patrol vehicle in the amount of \$2,286.66 to Roberts Ford by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried. (6-0).

Discussion was had regarding all the issues and problems with soliciting within the Village. After a period of discussion, a motion to pass **Ordinance 23-010: An Ordinance amending chapter 7, article II of the Village of Hamel Revised code of ordinance regarding solicitors** was made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried. (6-0). Motion to approve repairs/expenses for #3 2015 PD SUV, in the amount of \$ 2,286.66 to Roberts Ford made by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (6-0).

PARK REPORT:

Some of the trees at the dog park are suffering from the heat and no rain, we have been watering them twice a week. Don received a report from Bob regarding the topographic for the new park area, he is working with a company to get the ground level and to grade. Don spoke with the developer of Saddlewood and when he is cleaning out the detention areas, he will take that dirt/silt and will add it to the new park area.

WATER REPORT:

The lead line service survey is going out next month, samples will be collected this month. CCR is going out this week, on the 23rd it will be public and posted. Bob reported on the Hoxey water line project, we are in the holding pattern waiting for EPA, the scoring process, permits, etc., most likely we will not score high enough for this year. He will continue to work toward this and gain more points for next year.

SEWER:

Heavy bacteria dosing has been done at the plant, continuing to get quotes for manhole linings. Don and Bob have been working on the Solar specs for the plant, need to get a spec proposal and bid proposal together soon.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

The concrete repairs at Village Hall are complete, the area will be open tomorrow. Flags will go up tomorrow. MFT 2023 estimate is awaiting approval.

Don added the OSHA inspection list is being completed.

Motion to approve sewer plant electric required upgrades in the amount of \$18,140.00 made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried. (6-0).

TOURISM:

A subcommittee of the tourism committee will be formed by next month. Trustee Otrembiak will be meeting with the public for these meetings.

PERSONNEL:

Trustee Recer advised they meet with Chief Winslow, and everything is going well.

FINANCE:

Trustee Goebel reported he will have appropriation next month. He asked Trustee Recer if he could meet next week so they can go over everything and explain our procedure to him. Three of the certificates of deposits (cd's) are maturing tomorrow. We will be receiving checks for those, and will deposit them into our bank account, then reinvest the original principal back into Associate Bank for three 7-month cd's.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution 23-22: Trustee Goebel made a motion to postpone indefinitely, seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried. This will be going to public works for Don Grimm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to pass **Resolution 23-23: A resolution changing the meeting days for the Planning Commission for the Village of Hamel** was made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (6-0).

Motion to pass **Resolution 23-24: Release of executive session minutes** was made by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Isringhausen. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried. (6-0).

Motion to pass **Resolution 23-25: Resolution appointing Brett Eggemeyer to the position of Planning Commission Board Member for the Village of Hamel** was made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Goebel, Gorzny, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (6-0).

Motion to pass **Resolution 23-26: Resolution appointing Brandon Huff to the position of Planning Commission Board Member for the Village of Hamel** was made by Trustee Otrembiak and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried. (6-0).

Motion to pass **Resolution 23-27: Resolution appointing Matt Parish to the position of Planning Commission Board Member for the Village of Hamel** was made by Trustee Gorzny and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (6-0).

Motion to pass **Ordinance 23-007: An Ordinance establishing a park within the Village of Hamel, Illinois** made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (6-0). Mayor Gerstner currently said the planning commission will be putting something together, a public info session, for later in the summer or early fall so the residents can provide feedback about items for the park in addition to maybe a survey regarding the name.

Motion to pass **Ordinance 23-008: 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 Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried. (6-0).

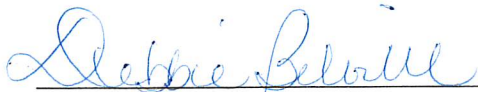
Motion to pass **Ordinance 23-009: An Ordinance amending chapter 1, article III, section 1 and chapter 1, article II, section 90 of the Hamel revised code of ordinances regarding the treasurer's salary and job duties** made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (6-0). Retroactive to May 1, 2023.

Motion to pass **Resolution 23-28: A Resolution approving compensation for Village employees** made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried. (6-0). Trustee Goebel advised this would be retroactive back to May 1, 2023.


Trustee Isringhausen raised some questions regarding the “concert venue” and specific questions that need to be answered prior to having a meeting with the Creamery. Questions such as ADA parking, proximity to 140 and IDOT property, current ordinances regarding noise, public safety with large crowds, zoning and building permits needed in addition to specific hours and days of the events to plan for police coverage. Mayor Gerstner said he will contact Mrs. Luster regarding some of these questions and have her submit answers before we call for a meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Recer seconded by Trustee Withers, all in favor, all ayes. Time out 8:09 p.m.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting July 11, 2023.



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Justin Gerstner
Village President/Mayor