

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday July 11, 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, Randy Otrembiak, Dwynn Isringhausen, Shane Recer, Greg Withers

Absent: Jerry Gorzny

PRESENT:

Mayor: Justin Gerstner

Village Clerk: Debbie Belville

Village Treasurer: Jennifer Gehner

Village Attorney: Phil Lading

Village Engineer: Bob Massa

Public Works Director: Don Grimm

Chief of Police: Alan Winslow

GUESTS:

Nathan Hutson (MCC)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, treasurer report, minutes from June 13, 2023. Motion to pass the consent agenda was made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (5-0)

MAYOR REPORT:

Discussions regarding outstanding projects, time allowance for the Mayor and response to emails sent, prioritizing projects that are currently open. The Mayor would like to discuss what type of resources we can bring in to help with the fast pace of growth within the Village. The Board suggested focusing on existing projects and giving a serious look at any additional projects, we need to complete the tasks at hand and finish outstanding projects. The Mayor discussed the contract for Republic Services, they are not interested in anything less than a three-year contract. Comments were made regarding services received, monthly charges, protection for the Village if a longer contract is signed. The Mayor will reach out to the general manager and ask these questions and report back to the Board. Update for the "dialer", we have received 125 information sheets back from the residents. We will continue to re-post on FB in hopes we receive more of these back in the office. Mayor Gerstner said he received a call from the Creamery, and he advised them they need to submit a new proposed parking plan. The Suhre's expansion area for camper/boat parking will be moving forward. There have been great strides made with the owners, Donny, Brian from Juneau, and the Mayor after a walking meeting was held at that location. Just an informational from the Mayor, Weezy's and The Other Place on the Hill are both for sale. She has them listed with a realtor.

POLICE REPORT:

There was a felony arrest for possession of controlled substance made by Officer Duke, along with a felony arrest for criminal damage to property related to a road rage incident. All recertifications for the Chief have been completed. He has been on patrol for the last three weeks. There were some updates for equipment and additions to items needed for the patrol car. The Chief reported he has started on nuisances' violations throughout the Village. He is making contact by phone, in person, or leaving a note on their door before sending notice to abate letters. Most of the violations have been remedied and he does have two or three certified notices to abate letter to be sent. Chief received a request for a ride along. After checking with risk management most things have remained the same as far as waivers and such, however, they now require a ride along to only be with a FTO (field training officer), which currently we do not have.

PARK REPORT:

Before Don started his park report, he made a comment regarding The Other Place on the Hill and wanted to remind the Board there is no entrance access to that property, on top of the hill. There are state rights-of-way on the north side of the concrete divider and the only entrance is in front of the hotel.

Moving onto park report, meet with Kamadaski on the new Hamel Park, drainage plan in the works, topography report being done. Continuing to water trees at the dog park. Spraying has been done for bag worms at the park.

WATER REPORT:

Lead line service survey is going out this month along with cross connection control survey. This will go to every resident in Hamel, and it is required that they return these surveys. The CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) has been published.

SEWER:

Talking with Bob and looking at specifics for the solar project to see if this is even feasible to do. Don has been doing heavy bacteria dosing at the plant.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) has been approved. Don and Bob will have everything together, we will have this on next month's agenda to go out for bid. Don is working on bids to get the sidewalks jacked up around the Village Hall. Bob advised there has been no feedback from IDOT regarding the sidewalks.

Regarding OSHA, Don said he has received the approval letter for work done, he is still working on the old shop wiring.

CPR training is scheduled for August 26, 2023, at 8:00 am till 12:00 noon. This is open to all the board members as well as staff.

Mayor Gerstner advised there is a park meeting tomorrow evening with Scott Hanson.

TOURISM:

Trustee Otrembiak reported the sub-committee meeting for tourism went well. Total of 6 people, a lot of discussion about upcoming events. For now, they will focus on Halloween in the Park and Santa in the Park. A car show in the spring. The meeting will be the 1st Tuesday of every month for the sub-committee of tourism.

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to pass **RESOLUTION 23-31**: A Resolution creating the community events subcommittee for the Village of Hamel, Illinois. Seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried (5-0).

PERSONNEL:

No report.

FINANCE:

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to pass **ORDINANCE 23-013: ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS 2023-2024** and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried (5-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to pass Committee Assignments and Pro Tem for the Village of Hamel made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried (5-0).

Motion to pass **Resolution 23-30:** A Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to enter into a subscription agreement with Lexipol for the purpose of maintaining a police training manual for the Village of Hamel was made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried (5-0).

After discussion regarding **Ordinance 23-011**, it was decided to re-draft and have this on next month's agenda.

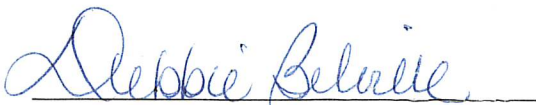
Motion to pass **Ordinance 23-012**, An Ordinance accepting findings of fact and recommendation of the zoning hearing officer to approve an application for a special use permit and setback variance submitted by Tardis Structures, LLC made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried (5-0).

Motion to move into executive session made by Trustee Goebel and seconded Trustee Recer. Roll call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (5-0).

Out of executive session at 9:15 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Recer seconded by Trustee Isringhausen, all in favor, all ayes. Time out 9:16 p.m.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting August 8, 2023.



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Justin Gerstner
Village President/Mayor