

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday August 8, 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, Dwyann Isringhausen, Shane Recer, Greg Withers

PRESENT:

Mayor: Justin Gerstner
Village Clerk: Debbie Belville
Village Attorney: Michael Geaschel
Village Engineer: Bob Massa
Public Works Director: Don Grimm
Chief of Police: Alan Winslow

GUESTS:

Nathan Hutson (MCC)
Amy Patton, Patton & Company
Jared Collier

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Patton gave an overview of the audit report for the Village of Hamel. She said, as always, it was very enjoyable to work with the staff of the Village and thanked them for all their help with compiling needed information. Amy did give an update regarding insurance and costs for the State of Illinois, she suggested we review our coverage and if her company can help with anything just let her know.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, treasurers report, minutes, and executive session minutes from July 11, 2023. Patton & Company Invoice \$10,000.00. Motion to pass the consent agenda was made by Trustee Gorzny and seconded by Trustee Goebel. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried. (6-0)

MAYOR REPORT:

The Mayor has been in discussion with the Creamery regarding the parking spaces. They are accepting the proposed 18 parking spaces out of the 20 that are needed. By October 1st, 2023, they will still have to submit a variance for the other 2 needed spaces.

The solar project will be put on hold until we can make meaningful progress on current projects, mainly the sidewalks.

The Mayor has been in talks with Republic Services, he has some concerns about the contract, it was a basic blanket contract. He will continue to review the contract and make changes that will help the Village. He posed the question to the Board if we would want to investigate another possible company for a contract or just get the contract with Republic corrected and go with them for three years. The conscience of the Board was to stay with the current working contract and make get the changes done, sign with Republic for three years, and

during that time we continue to look for other trash service companies. Once the contract is accepted on both sides, we will put a notice in the newsletter outlining the contract for the residents.

The sidewalk project phase 1 will be to find eight feet on the north side of 140 to Meyer Ave. and eight feet on the Park Ave. This will help with the connection for the South to the North on the bike trail. The other phases will continue but after we get this portion done.

POLICE REPORT:

Two Officers were off for a cumulative of three weeks for vacation during July, that is why activity was down. The Chief is still investigating leads on the stolen side by side from Sloan's. There are some promising leads, but the investigation is still ongoing. The Chief purchased some additional safety equipment for the squad cars, and he has also implemented a new case file reporting system. George alarm will be installing and upgrading our camera system memory from 20 days to 40 days.

The weekly training sessions with Lexipol will last for the next 5 weeks, after which he will begin the actual construction of the manual. There are five levels of policies, each level will be approved before moving onto the next.

The nuisance issues are going well, most of the residents are voluntarily complying, there are a few that are not. There will be two notices to abate sent out and one summons issued.

Chief Winslow did note; September 18th, the full safety act takes effect. The States Attorney's Office is meeting with numerous departments and department heads to go over all the rulings and changes and what the effects will be on everyone.

PARK REPORT:

The grading has been completed at the Hamel Avenue park, the grass seeding and cultivating will be done next month or soon, depending on the weather. There is CPR training at the Community Center on Saturday. Don put this training together to make sure the Village staff is trained, and this helps with OSHA as well. All Trustees are welcome in the training as well.

WATER REPORT:

Still receiving lead line service surveys, a little over half have been sent back. Don discussed the sewer breaks that have been given over the past years. This went from giving a break on one pool fill a year to people wanting breaks for water flowers, sprinkler systems to pressure washing their house. After discussion it was decided to end the sewer breaks at the end of this year. Don will continue to monitor and check all leaks or high reads and will decide based on the individual issue.

SEWER:

Motion to approve Spectra Tech invoice for \$9,120.00 was made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll Call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (6-0). The original invoice cost was \$8,320.00, but during the process they had to end up filling a 6-foot wide, and 20-feet deep void next to the manhole. That is why the price was higher.

All samples have been taken for the month. Don is working on the automatic start set up on the back up pumps. This will help with issues when there is a power outage.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

Don and Bob went over the MFT oil/chip bid process and requested approval to go out for bid and the award to the lowest bidder. Trustee Goebel made a motion to approve going out for bid on the MFT oil and chip, this was seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll Call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (6-0). Trustee Goebel then made a motion to approve the winner of the lowest bid for the MFT oil and chip bid, seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried. (6-0).

All the sidewalks around the Village Hall have been jacked up and leveled. We are good regarding safety issues. The brackets for the parking lot signs came in, the employee signs will be remounted this week. There will be solicitation signs posted in four locations at the Welcome to Hamel signs, this will inform everyone who comes into the Village that solicitors must be permitted.

TOURISM:

Trustee Otrembiak discussed the upcoming trick or treat in the park. He is hoping to have volunteers from community groups along with businesses in town. He said it has been brought up about having a petting area. After further discussion, it was decided to stay with only chick and rabbits.

PERSONNEL:

Motion made by Trustee Recer to authorize Chief Winslow to begin screening process for a candidate for a fulltime officer, seconded by Trustee Withers. Roll Call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (6-0).

Motion made by Trustee Recer for the personnel committee to put together the posting of the office administration position and post it this month, seconded by Trustee Goebel. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried. (6-0).

FINANCE:

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jared gave an overview of the Bike & Pedestrian Public Survey, this survey if approved will be put out to the public and once all the results are in, he will give them to the Board. This is a necessary first step to help with funding through MEPRD and ACT. This survey is not just about biking in Hamel, it also gets information about residents' activities including walking and exercising.

Motion to approve the completion and release of the Hamel Bicycle & Pedestrian Public Survey was made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion to pass **RESOLUTION 23-32**: Resolution appointing Jack Daugherty to the position of zoning hearing officer for the Village of Hamel made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried (6-0).

Mayor Gerstner read aloud the following: **A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF KEITH MORAN**, after the reading, a motion to pass **RESOLUTION 23-33**: A Resolution honoring the life of Keith Moran was made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll Call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried (6-0).

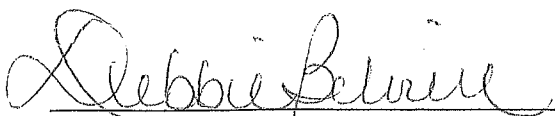
Motion to pass **ORDINANCE 23-015**: Public water supply loan program ordinance authorizing loan agreement non-home rule entity made by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Goebel. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion to move into executive session made by Trustee Goebel and seconded Trustee Recer. Time 8:26 pm. Roll call: Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (6-0).

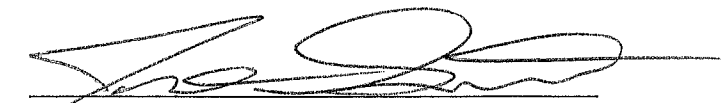
Out of executive session at 9:19 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Isringhausen seconded by Trustee Recer all in favor, all ayes. Time out 9:20 p.m.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting September 12, 2023.



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Justin Gerstner
Village President/Mayor