

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday September 12, 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: Jerry Gorzny, Randy Otrembiak, Dwyann Isringhausen, Shane Recer, Greg Withers

Absent: Justin Goebel

PRESENT:

Mayor: Justin Gerstner

Village Clerk: Debbie Belville

Village Attorney: Phil Lading

Village Engineer: Bob Massa

Public Works Director: Don Grimm

Chief of Police: Alan Winslow

GUESTS:

Nathan Hutson (MCC)

Jared Collier

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jared gave a breakdown of the final preparations for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. He went over the layout of the map, the photos that will be included in the plan, along with the results from the survey. Jared did share some of the feedback received from the survey. There was discussion about alternate routes, along with projects that could happen in the future if expansion or growth happens in the Village.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, treasurer report, minutes, and executive session minutes from August 8, 2023, the IEPA Water Tower payment # 26 in the amount of \$26, 923.08. Motion to pass the consent agenda was made by Trustee Gorzny and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny. Motion carried. (5-0)

MAYOR REPORT:

The mayor gave an update on the sidewalk project. There was extensive discussion regarding budgeting and financing options. Bob Massa did go over types of products that could be used, and if phases need to be expanded to include other areas. The Mayor also went over the funds we could receive through grants, and what the cost would be to the Village. After a lengthy discussion, the Mayor reminded the Board the Resolution up for a vote is to allow Bob Massa to complete and apply for this grant. Motion to pass **RESOLUTION 23-36: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY TRANSIT FOR A COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT THROUGH ITS CY23 COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM RELATED TO THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH IMPROVEMENTS**, was made by Trustee Recer, and seconded by

Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (5-0).

Continuing with his report, the Mayor advised Trick -or- Treat in Hamel will be on October 30th, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The annual Halloween event will now be called "HAMELween", this will take place on Saturday, the 28th from 12-3 at the Hamel Community Center. There will be more activities this year and it was decided to do a costume parade toward the end of the day, there will also be a "selfie station" inside. There will be activities indoors and outdoors.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Winslow stated there is an arrest warrant being issued stemming from a felony theft from a local retailer. Additional memory for the camera system has been ordered, this will double the daily capacity of storage. A new desktop computer was ordered for the Chief, the existing desktop is several years old, and it is not compatible with some of the programs and updates needed for his office. Lexipol training continues, there are 13 policies in place for finalization.

The Chief and Officer Ahlmeyer completed recertifications for 1st Aid, CPR, BBP & AED. The Chief gave a big thank you to Don Grimm for organizing this training session. Hamel, Worden, and Williamson PD's will be co-hosting the Madison County Police Chiefs monthly meeting.

PARK REPORT:

Don reported they have been working on the drainage at the new Hamel Avenue park. Don has been moving a good deal of dirt and reworking the area near the Breckenridge property.

WATER REPORT:

The lead line survey returns are going well. We are about 75% complete. Flushing is completed for the season. We dump approximately 30,000 gallons of water due to the flushing. All the THM sample results are within specification.

SEWER:

Don advised heavy bacteria dosing has been done this month. All samples have been completed for the month. He is still working on the automatic start up on the backup pumps.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

MFT 2023 oiling will be on Wednesday the 27th. Don will have signs posted and we will post this on social media as well.

Don advised the Board there is a large vault under the sidewalk at 122 W. State street. This is the property we just purchased. He will need to get this fill in.

TOURISM:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

There will be a personnel committee meeting following the meeting tonight. The agenda was posted as normal and on the website.

FINANCE:

Mayor Gerstner went over the email report Trustee Goebel sent out. All Trustees have received a copy of this email. There is continued work between Justin, Debbie, and Diamond Brothers Insurance to get them the information they need for a new insurance quote for the Village.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to approve Debbie to attend the MCI Conference October 11-13, cost up to \$850.00 for the seminar and hotel was made by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Gorzny.

Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny. Motion carried. (5-0).

Motion to pass **ORDINANCE 23-016**: An Ordinance enacting the adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances for the Village of Hamel, Il and declaring an emergency (supp 7) was made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (5-0).

Motion to pass **ORDINANCE 23-017**: An Ordinance amending chapter 1, article II of the Hamel Revised Code of Ordinances regarding creation of a part time office administrator position, was made by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny. Motion carried. (5-0).

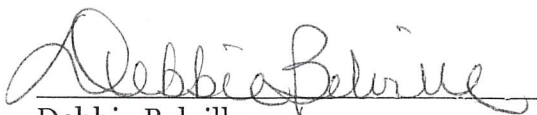
Motion to pass **RESOLUTION 23-34**: A Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application to the Metro East Park & Recreation District for community planning grant through its FY 24 Community Planning Grant Program, was made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (5-0).

Motion to pass **RESOLUTION 23-35**: A Resolution honoring the life of Laverne Bloemker. Mayor Gerstner read this resolution out loud for the board members, after which Trustee Recer made a motion to pass and it was seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (5-0).

Motion to pass the Amended Standard Agreement; CMT, Scope of Work was made by Trustee Recer and seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Gorzny seconded by Trustee Recer, all in favor, all ayes. Time out 8:20p.m.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting October 10, 2023.



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Justin Gerstner
Village President/Mayor