

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday October 10, 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, Dwyann Isringhausen, Greg Withers  
Absent: Jerry Gorzny and Shane Recer

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Justin Gerstner  
Village Clerk: Debbie Belville  
Village Attorney: Phil Lading  
Public Works Director: Don Grimm  
Chief of Police: Alan Winslow

**GUESTS:**

Nathan Hutson (MCC)  
Karen Luster

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Regular monthly bills, treasurer report, and minutes from September 12, 2023. Motion to pass the consent agenda was made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Withers. Motion carried. (4-0).

**MAYOR REPORT:**

The Mayor reported that Samantha Hoffman has started work, she will be taking over Daneen's position at the end of the year. Her training is going fine, she is working Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Mayor advised he just received good news, prior to the meeting, Scott Hanson said we have been awarded the MEPRD Planning Grant. This will be in the amount of \$10,000.00 towards the master plans for parks.

The Mayor briefly talked about the loss of one of our young Hamel residents, Gavin Miller. There has been overwhelming support for the family from our community, there will be a candlelight prayer ceremony at the park and community center on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Winslow advised Officer Ahlmeyer has completed mandated training session on; trauma informed response to sexual assault/abuse, cultural competency, and psychology of domestic violence. The Chief has completed online sessions on interstate crimes, and he has been working on the edits for the Lexipol updates. Chief Winslow discussed quotes for AED's, at this time there is one at the community center, and one in the patrol car. He is looking into additional funding and grants that are available. The search process is ongoing for additional full-time officers as well as part-time officers.

**PARK REPORT:**

Don has been working on a future expense plan for upgrades and needed repairs. The playground surface at the park and the north pavilion posts are at the top of the list.

**WATER REPORT:**

The lead line service report is due in December. Illinois America water is back to normal or levels. There are two service taps for next month and there was one done this month.

**SEWER:**

There has been heavy dosing of bacteria this past month, all the samples have been taken and delivered to the laboratory. Don has been working on repairs at the lift stations. The backup pumps are still needing extensive repairs, he will start this in spring.

**STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:**

Don reported the MFT overlay estimate for 4<sup>th</sup> and Trotter was \$94,000. The bid came in at \$93,797.33 from Christ Bros. Motion to approve NOTICE OF AWARD to Christ Bros. in the amount of \$93,797.33 was made by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Withers, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (4-0).

The MFT 2023 oiling is complete, hope to have the street sweeper next week for final cleanup of rock.

**TOURISM:**

Trustee Otrembiak stated the sub-committee meeting went well. Things are being finalized for the HAMELween Event. It is scheduled for October 28, Saturday from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. There will be a sundae bar, selfie station, crafts, snack, drinks, and a costume parade at 2:00 pm. There was also discussion at the meeting regarding a spring car show. The next event that will be discussed is a holiday event in December.

**PERSONNEL:**

No report.

**FINANCE:**

There was a visual overview memo provided by Moran Economics, regarding the possibility of combining the business districts. There was some discussion regarding several businesses that Trustee Goebel has spoken with regarding boundaries and possible impact to those businesses. He did advise these businesses; this is only being discussed and nothing has been decided. There will be further discussions regarding boundaries, how to incorporate the new park on Hamel Ave. and in which direction would best benefit the community along with the Village.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Goebel made a motion to pass **Ordinance 23-018: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A ZONING VARIANCE FOR REAL PROPERTY AT 11 S OLD US ROUTE 66, HAMEL, ILLINOIS**, seconded by Trustee Withers. Roll call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Withers. Motion carried. (4-0).

Trustee Goebel made a motion to pass **Resolution 23-37: APPROVING RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND AUTHORIZING CONTINUING RETENTION OF NON-RELEASED MINUTES**, seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Withers, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (4-0).

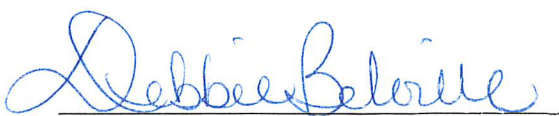
Trustee Goebel made a motion to pass **Resolution 23-38: ADOPTING A MASTER BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL**, seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Withers. Motion carried. (4-0).

There was discussion regarding the final contract with Republic Services, the cost per month to residents will be \$29.75, this will include weekly yard waste and every other week for recycling. This change in service will begin January 1, 2024. The increase to the resident will start on the October water/sewer/trash bill. A newsletter will be issued regarding the monthly increase and the service changes. We will also make a section on our website for trash. The small blue totes will no longer be serviced, each resident will receive a large recycle cart from Republic.

Trustee Goebel made a motion to pass **Ordinance 23-019: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A NON-HAZARDOUS SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ALLIED WASTE TRANSPORTATION INC., DBA REPUBLIC SERVICES OF EDWARDSVILLE**, seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Withers, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Isringhausen seconded by Trustee Goebel, all in favor, all ayes. Time out 7:55 p.m.

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



Debbie Belville  
Village Clerk



Justin Gerstner  
Village President/Mayor