

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday ~~October 10~~, 2023 November 14, 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: Dwyann Isringhausen, Jerry Gorzny, Greg Withers, Shane Recer
Absent: Justin Goebel, Randy Otrembiak

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Frank Dickerson
Nathan Hutson (MCC)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Madison County Board Member, Frank Dickerson introduced himself and gave a brief outline of his job with the County and shared information about himself. He is the newly elected representative for District 3, for Madison County. He discussed some possible future opportunities for funding with the Board of Trustees. Mr. Dickerson thanked everyone for their time and said he is looking forward to helping the Village of Hamel and serving in this area. Mr. Dickerson said he may look into a district newsletter to keep everyone updated on opportunities and news throughout the district. He will keep the Village informed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, Treasurer report, and minutes from October 10, 2023. RMA Insurance in the amount of \$28,513.50 (includes the 1% discount). Motion to pass the consent agenda was made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Gorzny. Motion carried. (4-0).

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Gerstner reminded everyone this Thursday the 19th is the public meeting at the Community Center for the Park Master Plan. There will also be a second meeting on Friday from 12-2 at the Community Center for those who are unable to attend on Thursday night. There will be a list of suggested names for the new park along with an opportunity to submit a new name that may not have been on the list. We are hoping for community input to come up with a name. Once all the ballots are turned in from the meetings, we will announce the name of the park on Hamel Ave.

This is the 7th year for the Hamel Giving Tree, they have given out over 800 gifts since this started, the Hamel Giving Tree continues to grow each year. This year Mayor Gerstner requested that Debbie make a box for additional gifts to be placed at the Village so that office

staff can monitor the gifts at the trees and add more when needed. This is in addition to the box that is located at Dollar General.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Winslow informed the board he received a resignation letter from Officer Sydney Ahlmeyer. She has accepted a job in the private sector but did request approval to remain part-time with the Village. Chief Winslow requested approval to start the interviewing and hiring process. Motion to approve request for Chief Winslow to start the hiring process for full/part-time officers was made by Trustee Withers and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Gorzny, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (4-0). The Chief advised the shift coverage for the month of October was 72%. HAMELween was a great success and trick or treating in Hamel went off without any problems. There was a large respectful crowd for the Miller Memorial service that was held in the park.

The Chief went over the current completed training. The DEA Drug Take Back collection was a great success. Hamel submitted two large boxes to DEA for destruction. Reminder there is a collection box in the lobby of Village Hall. There was a donation received by the Hamel PD from Mustache March 4 PD in the amount of \$1,000. Chief Winslow said he would likely put this towards the purchase of an AED, in conjunction with the SAM's Grant. Finally, the Chief said he is working with Fire Chief Johnson to develop a community crises response plan over the winter.

PARK REPORT: Don reported the restrooms at the park are closed for the season, and everything has been winterized. Don and Dave will be working on getting Holiday lights up once a lift is available to rent. He will also be checking banners and seeing if he needs to replace any for next year. Once Holly Jolly Hamel is over, Don will start his park repair list for the community center. There needs to be some upgrades such as new flooring and remodel in the kitchen along with painting. He will also be getting pricing for playground surface. The park on Hamel Avenue is draining rather well, no water standing anywhere. Donny spread about 180-200 pounds of seed, hoping we will have a good green area for spring.

WATER REPORT:

Don will get the final count on the lead line service survey that was sent out a few months ago. Any that have not been received will be contacted by public works. There were two service installations this month and one more will be done this week.

SEWER:

The final main cleaning for the year has been done. All samples have been taken for the month. Don is working on the cost estimates for the lift station. The station is approximately 10 years old and has about \$16,000.00 in possible repairs. He is checking into the cost of adding a generator instead of a rebuild on the old station.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

The MFT overlay project on 4th and Trotter is complete, it looks nice. This came in under the original estimated cost for MFT. Street sweeping will begin soon, once there is a sweeper available for rent. Banners will be taken down and holiday lights will be going up soon, while they have the lift rented, he will be checking banner inventory as well.

Miscellaneous items Don talked about; Ford has the government bid for vehicles. He is starting the process for a new public works vehicle. The 2008 truck we have has over 100,000 miles on it and there are issues starting to come up that will be expensive, so he will start a spec sheet for a new vehicle.

TOURISM:

Mayor Gerstner gave an update on the HAMELween event....it was a great turn out! There were more than 250 people throughout the day. The next event for Hamel will be HOLLY JOLLY HAMEL, this will be held on December 9th, at the Community Center, from 11-2. A lot of craft tables, of course Santa, a craft hot chocolate & coffee bar, a food truck, and a fire pit by the northside pavilion that will be manned by Donny. We are hoping to engage more adults and teens for this event as well as the kids. We look forward to everyone coming out for HOLLY JOLLY HAMEL!

PERSONNEL:

No report.

FINANCE: The CDs that are with CNB mature tomorrow, after checking other rate we will be rolling these over tomorrow on the maturity date with a slight increase in the interest rate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to pass amended proposal for on call agreement with CMT made by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Gorzny. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion made by Trustee Recer to pass the approval for replacement of tablets for Trustees, up to \$2,000.00, and seconded by Trustee Withers. Roll Call: Gorzny, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion made by Trustee Gorzny to approve payment in the amount of \$93,795.46 to Christ Bros. Asphalt, Inc., for 4th & Trotter project/ MFT, seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Gorzny. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion made by Trustee Gorzny to pass **RESOLUTION 23-29: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE HAMEL BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 2024**, seconded by Trustee Isringhausen. Roll Call: Gorzny, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (4-0).

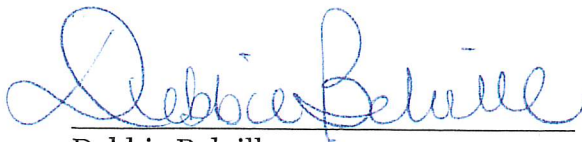
Motion made by Trustee Recer to pass **RESOLUTION 23-30: A RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTAIN UPDATES TO THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL**, seconded Trustee Gorzny. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Gorzny. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion made by Trustee Isringhausen to pass **ORDINANCE 23-020: ANNUAL TAX LEVEY 2023-2024**, seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Gorzny, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion made by Trustee Recer to pass **ORDINANCE 23-021: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL, ILLINOIS, AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGARDING JOINT PARTICIPATION IN A LICENSE PLATE READER PROGRAM**, seconded by Trustee Gorzny. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Gorzny. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Recer seconded by Trustee Gorzny , all in favor, all ayes. Time out 7:54 p.m.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Debbie Belville", written over a horizontal line.

Debbie Belville
Village Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Justin Gerstner", written over a horizontal line.

Justin Gerstner
Village President/Mayor