

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday April 13, 2021**  
**7:00 PM at Village Hall**  
**111 South Old US Rt 66, Hamel Illinois**

The Hamel Board of Trustee meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Bloemker at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Village Hall. All attendees were wearing face coverings during the entire meeting. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Trustee Goebel, Trustee Otrembiak, Trustee Salmi and Trustee Gorzny  
 Absent: Trustee Behrhorst & Trustee Isringhausen

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Larry Bloemker  
 Police: Chief Tim Connell  
 Public Works: Don Grimm  
 Village Clerk: Debbie Belville  
 Village Attorney: Phil Lading  
 Village Engineer: Bob Massa

**GUESTS:** Shane Recer

Cameron Luster  
 Karen Luster

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs. Luster addressed the Board with a few comments regarding the Rt 66 Creamery, Special Use Permit. She went back to her engineer; he reviewed and gave her recommendations. She went down the list of conditions that were discussed at the previous meeting.

1. No to the raised four-inch-tall crosswalk, this would conflict with drive isle and drive through lane. Do not feel they should be asked to do this.
2. The gates and cross-hatched area can be moved.
3. The lighting/illumination she said is not an issue. They will not be adding anymore, also she does not have the funds for this.
4. Pavement striping. Promised by her contractor and has already been paid for.
5. Northeast employee parking- she will only do in AM hours. Does not want employees walking across the lot at night, they will park in the back of the building.
6. The installation of a mountable curb, she said this not in budget and not required and no part of the codes.
7. 2 access points at the Northeast corner to be blocked off, she said this is not a Creamery issue it is an IDOT issue, and this is not even on her property.
8. Off street parking required to be paved. She said they will not pave that; it will be oil & chip.
9. ADA parking restrictions said she talked with County and they will send someone out.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Regular monthly bills, Minutes from March 9, 2021, and the monthly Treasurer Report. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Trustee Salmi and second by Trustee Goebel. Roll call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Salmi & Gorzny. Motion carried.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

The Director of the Route 66 Bi-Way Authority met with the Mayor. He will be taking her around to meet people and they will also be visiting with Edwardsville. They will be discussing doubling their efforts for the Southern parts of the route.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Connell had 5 case reports generated for the month. Driving while suspended, fraud, credit card fraud, identity theft and jack rocks violation. Someone throwing nails in front of a residences. With the camera system and the cameras at the 4-way the vehicle was identified. The person was contacted regarding this, the case is on-going, and charges have been filed. Chief will be attending CIT training the week of 4-19-21. This is one of the courses that is going to become a mandate. We currently have a part-time Officer in Hamel who may be interested in moving to full-time. Chief will keep the Board informed on this. Village camera update, all back on-line. We are looking into adding an additional camera on the North side of the Village Hall for added security.

Step Grant update, Chief sent a letter to the Grant Coordinator requesting a suspension for the month of April, due to staffing issues within the Department. She was happy to receive the request now instead of at the end of the month, this suspension has been approved.

The STEP grant is a hire back program. The grant liaison suggested to have the Village Attorney work up an Ordinance to pay officers time and half, this does not affect the Village, this is billed and paid by the grant. The rate would be \$30.81 an hour, this is less than the STEP Grant allows. This would also encourage parttime Officers to work the campaigns.

There is an 18 week hold out on new vehicles, Chief is still getting everything put together for the items needed for the unit. He will keep the Board advised.

**PARK REPORT:**

Walk in cooler has been serviced, Bush Refrigeration came out and gave 2 different types of fixes. One is to repair existing compressor other is to replace the whole unit. Trustee Goebel ask that the bids for work be put on the next agenda. Work on the basketball court is coming along, Don is working on the frame. The existing fence at the dog park will be removed once the ground dries out. The survey has been completed at the dog park. Depending on the weather, they could start next week.

**WATER REPORT:**

All EPA reports are completed, and samples are pulled. Don will be starting the 2020 CCR report this month.

**SEWER REPORT:**

Ameren Gas is replacing services lines from 140 to 4<sup>th</sup> Street. At the lift station #2 the pumps have been replaced. The back- up pump at Loves will need to be rebuilt.

Don will be getting costs put together to have manholes lined, this is due to infiltration issues.

The settling bags at the lagoon are gone, the ground will be dressed once everything has settled.

**STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:**

The 2020 MFT final expenditure statement will be going out. And the 2021 MFT application will need to be worked on.

Don will be working with IDOT to get the ditch cleaned from the rest area back to ramp. He is meeting with them in a few days.

Warning lights for the school zone has new brackets, the wind bent the old piping.

The fogging machine went in for testing and all the employees are licensed.

Banners will be put up in the next 2 weeks.

**TOURISM:**

No report.

**PERSONNEL:**

No report.

**FINANCE:**

Everything is going fine.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Pro-shred gave a price of \$55.00 for a 4-week cycle to have a locked tote here at the office. We would do away with the shredding day like what has been done over the last few years. This is something we can wait on since shred day will be in May. Clerk Belville will check into other companies and pricing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to approve **Ordinance 21-003**; Ordinance amending Chapter 21, Article 11, Section VI, Subsection (C) of the Village Code to modify certain liquor license fees for license year 2021-2022. Second by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Salmi, Otrembiak, Gorzny & Goebel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to approve **Ordinance 21-004**; Ordinance accepting finds of fact and recommendations of the zoning hearing officer to approve an application for a special use permit submitted by Karen Luster. Second by Trustee Salmi. Roll call: Salmi, Otrembiak, Gorzny & Goebel. Motion carried.

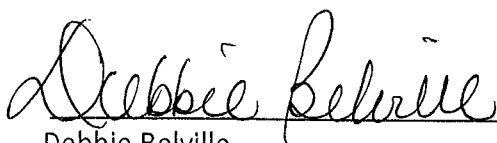
Trustee Goebel made a motion to approve **Resolution 21-8**: Approving modified compensation for Village Employees. Second by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Goebel, Gorzny, Salmi & Otrembiak. Motion carried.

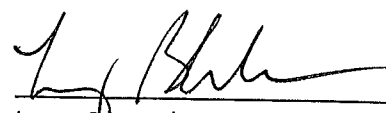
Motion made by Trustee Goebel to approve **Resolution 21-9**: Authorizing execution of a license agreement with the Madison County Mass Transit District to allow construction, operation, and maintenance of a walking trail to access Village of Hamel Dog Park. Second by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Otrembiak, Salmi, Goebel & Gorzny. Motion carried.

Trustee Rick Salmi thanked the Board and Mayor for his time with the Village. Wished everyone best of luck.

Trustee Salmi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7: 44 pm, all in favor, all ayes.  
Time out 7:45 pm

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting, held May 11, 2021.

  
Debbie Belville  
Village Clerk

  
Larry Bloemker  
Village President/Mayor