

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday August 10, 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. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

**GUESTS:**

Amy Patton  
Justin Gerstner  
Ashley Gerstner  
Nathan Hutson  
Keith Moran

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Amy Patton was recognized to speak. Ms. Patton gave a brief presentation and summary of the latest financial audit. She handed out to each Trustee the Annual Financial Report for April 30th, 2021.

Keith Moran was recognized to speak regarding the re-development of the Business District II. He went over the process for change. He advised a special public hearing will be set for August 31, 2021, at 6:30 at the Village Hall.

This public meeting is to explain and discuss the plan to extend the existing Business District II boundaries. The new suggested boundaries will include all addresses, business, and resident on West State Street to Dollar General and turning on to Park Avenue and ending at 157. Mr. Moran will have maps and informational paperwork for the public to review or ask questions.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Regular monthly bills, Minutes from July 13, 2021, and the monthly Treasurers Report. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Trustee Behrhorst and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Behrhorst, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Robert Sanders Waste Systems requested the trash pick-up time be changed to 6:00 am on Tuesday and Friday's. The current contract has a start time of 8:00 am. Mr. Sanders explained to Mayor Bloemker he is requesting this time change due to the hours changing at the landfill. The discussion was had that moving the start time to 7:00 am would be workable, however, this would not start until September 3, Friday. This will give Debbie and Daneen time to make a flyer for the Post Office and post the change on the website along with the Village Facebook. There will also be a notice put on the water bills that will go out on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August.

A public comment was made regarding the recycle trash containers. Madison County no longer provides these to us. The Village of Hamel has purchased recycle bins and they are given to new residents when they move into town. If residents wish to have an additional bin, they are \$25.00. If residents wish to use their own or buy a larger recycle container with a lid that is their choice. There could be a possibility of the environmental grant helping to purchase these in the future, but for now the residents will have to upgrade their own if they decide it is needed.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Connell reported there were 5 case reports generated for July, a disturbance, a hit and run traffic crash, one warrant arrest, a recovered motor vehicle theft and an aggravated battery.

All equipment that was been ordered for the new squad car is in. The new Police Unit will be a 2022 model and hopefully will be delivered by December of this year.

All Officers are following mandates required by the State of Illinois. SILEC is starting to get more training and working on the new mandates that will be required.

Chief advised the Board he was involved in a vehicle pursuit last Friday that started with a traffic stop. The pursuit ended in New Douglas when the suspects fled on foot into a corn field, after they wrecked the vehicle, they were in. There were multiple agencies involved looking for the suspects. This is still an ongoing investigation.

Chief has previously talk about getting an additional camera install on CC Food Mart. He soke with the District Manager and they have agreed. This will give additional coverage for vehicles that use the on and off ramps of I-55. The cameras at Accurate Underground have been recording and storing footage, however, they now have internet at that location so this will enable Chief to tie into their system and view footage in real time.

STEP Grant is going fine.

Chief gave an update on the vehicle thefts that have been in the area. He also put warnings on the PD Facebook page, reminding people to keep vehicles locked and do not leave valuables inside. Also keep garages locked. Some of the vehicle that have been stolen were taken out of unlocked detached garages.

**PARK REPORT:**

Once the basketball hoops and backboards are replaced the basketball courts will be completed. The dumpster enclosure at the park is finished. The final check list for the fence installation is being done. The dirt work at the dog park is on hold due to the rain. The rules and regulation sign for the dog park is being put together. There is work being done for an Ordinance regarding the dog park rules, regulations and policies once that is completed it will be brought before the Board. The dog park will be locked down until the grass is established and growing. Don is getting roof replacement costs and should have for the September meeting.

**WATER REPORT:**

Illinois American will be going to free chlorine. The injection pumps will be rebuilt. Preliminary engineering is being done for the water main extension on Route 66 and a new supply line for the dog park. Bob Massa is working on this.

There were 3 taps for this month.

**SEWER REPORT:**

Don is still working on the infiltration issues, manhole linings. He is also working on lift station improvements.

**STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:**

Continued work on drainage through out the Village. Received 200 ton of slag for the streets, MFT funds will be used for this. The smaller of the golf cart signs are up. We are waiting for the larger signs to be installed at the Village limits on 140 and 157. We will be working with IDOT on these.

**TOURISM:**

The Route 66 Bi-Ways is located at gate 2 at the State Fair.

**ORDINANCE:**

Trustee Behrhorst stated she is working on rules, regulations, and policies for the dog park.

**FINANCE:****UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Trustee Recer made a motion to approve **ORDINANCE 21-014: An Ordinance accepting findings of fact and recommendation of the zoning hearing officer to approve an application for a variance request for Justin Gerstner, 102 Colonial, Hamel Illinois.** Second made by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Behrhorst. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Trustee Behrhorst to approve Clerk Debbie Belville to attend MCI Academy in Bloomington, Illinois, October 13-15, 2021. Second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Behrhorst to approve the Redevelopment Plan for the Business District II, presented by Moran Economic Development, LLC. Second by Trustee Isringhausen. Roll call: Behrhorst, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Recer to approve **Resolution 21-17: Approval of payment of reimbursable redevelopment project cost incurred by Love's Travel Stops and County Stores, Inc. Pursuant to the Redevelopment agreement Hamel Loves Business District Redevelopment agreement and first amendment to the Business District.** Second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Otrembiak to approve **Ordinance 21-011: Authorizing pyrotechnic and consumer displays in the Village of Hamel, Illinois.** Second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Behrhorst, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Otrembiak to approve **Resolution 21-18: Approving a written agreement between the Village of Hamel and Extreme Pyrotechnics, LLC regarding a fireworks display.** Second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Isringhausen to approve **Ordinance 21-012: Ordinance pertaining to the coronavirus local fiscal recovery fund for the Village of Hamel, Illinois.** Second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Behrhorst, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried.

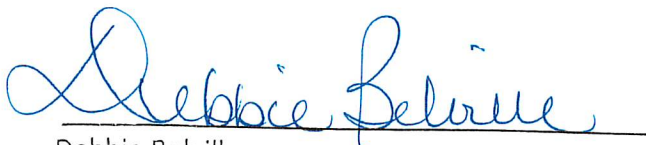
Motion made by Trustee Behrhorst to approve **Ordinance 21-013; An Ordinance of the Village of Hamel that sets the Public Hearing Date for the Amendment of Business District II in Hamel.** Second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Behrhorst to approve the Application #3 to DeLaurent Construction in the amount of \$42,429.90. (Dog Park project and resurfacing basketball court) second by Trustee Isringhausen. Roll call: Behrhorst, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. Motion carried.

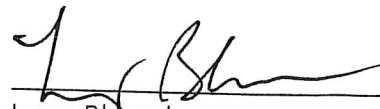
Motion made by Trustee Recer to approve the Application #4 to DeLaurent Construction in the amount of \$3,000.00 contingent on completion of work and final approval from the Village. Second by Trustee Isringhausen. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Trustee Isringhausen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm, all in favor, all ayes. Time out 7:55 pm.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting, September 14, 2021.



Debbie Belville  
Village Clerk



Larry Bloemker  
Village President/Mayor