

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday January 14, 2020
7:00 PM**

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamel was called to order by Mayor Larry Bloemker at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 111 South Old US Route 66, and Hamel, Illinois. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustee Behrhorst, Trustee Goebel, Trustee Short, Trustee Otrembiak & Trustee Salmi
Absent: Trustee Gorzny

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from December 10, 2019 and Treasurer Report. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Salmi.
Roll call: Behrhorst, Goebel, Salmi, Short & Otrembiak. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

Mr. Nathan Hutson (MCC)
Mr. Justin Gerstner

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Gerstner reported the Giving Tree was a huge success this season. The total for 2018 was over 70 gifts, this year there was over 145 gifts. Mr. Gerstner gave a big thank you to Dave Kalish with the Food Pantry. He made 3 trips a week to DK's to pick up food for the pantry and would then stop at Dollar General to get gifts from their "toy box". Pam, the manager with Dollar General gave in excess of 130 gifts from their toy box. Mr. Kalish also took care of having the gifts wrapped. There was a local family whose daughter had a house fire that was directly helped with gifts before Christmas for her children. Gladys, the Hamel School Nurse, was helpful in giving names of children who would benefit from gifts this year as well.

MAYOR REPORT:

POLICE REPORT:

There were 2 case reports generated for December, 63 traffic stops, with 35 citations issued and 39 warnings were issued. Equipment is all in order and everything is operating fine. The transition of the regular shotguns over to the less lethal (bean bag) will begin soon. The trainer was not available until now, all the training will be done in-house by Jeremy Hosto. There will be not charge to the

Village. All the cameras are doing fine, there were small maintenance issues, such as cleaning and readjustments. The cameras at the 4-way will be suspended for a bit until the new sign from Associated Bank is totally installed. The electrician for the bank will be mounting a new box for us and then we will have our cameras re-installed at the proper angle. Chief has been working the Suhre Gas on getting more cameras on their property. Ordinance violations have been issued in reference to last months' meeting about inoperable vehicles. Chief reminded everyone to let their neighbors know to keep their vehicles locked and closed garage doors. There have been a rash of burglaries and break-ins in surrounding towns. Also, he asked that we remind people not to leave any weapons in the vehicles, even in a gun safe. Motion made by Trustee Goebel for approval of Chief Connell to attend the Criminal Justice Summit in Mt. Vernon, second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Otrembiak, Salmi, Short, Goebel & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

PARK REPORT:

The 2020 Madison County Resource Management Grant (Environmental Grant) has been submitted. This grant will go for replacement of the HVAC system at the Community Center. This is the same grant we got last year for solar and windows.

The 2020 PEP Grant would include the dog park, basketball court and HVAC at the Community Center. This would use up 5 years of PEP. Bob Massa went over the plan for the dog park; concrete, fencing and parking. Basketball court project was also discussed, there is a 14-inch drop from one side to the other. This would need to be fixed prior to re-surfacing the court. If the Environmental Grant is received the additional money would come from the PEP Grant for that project.

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to approve Juneau Engineering Contract for Hamel Dog Park, second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Otrembiak, Salmi, Short, Goebel & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

WATER REPORT:

The EPA inspection letter was received and there were no violations. The line locator cost is under \$2,400. This will be delivered this week. There has been numerous locates throughout the Village.

SEWER REPORT:

Lift station upgrades and maintenance must be addressed at least 1 time per week. The pump needs to be pulled because of clogging from the truck stop, underwear being flushed down the toilet. Don will be making a basket to install as a catch basin for these items. The jet truck will be upfitted with a small pigtail so a 3" pipe can fit to clean meter boxes.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

Crack sealing will be revisited and completed once warmer temperatures are here. All the holiday lights and decorations have been taken down. There were 590 bulbs changed out, these average about 2.00-3.50 each. These decorations have the old-style bulbs not LED. It may be time to investigate getting new lights/decorations with the upgrade of LED lights.

The sidewalk project from Dollar General to Meyer up to Hamel Ave. is in the range of \$100,000. The current Business District #2 does not include that area so unless the BD #2 would be extended from CC Food toward Dollar General this money for the sidewalk project would have to come from other areas. The current BD# 2 is only for the street in front of CC and a sidewalk to the bank. The discussion of extending the current BD #2 will be discussed further.

TOURISM:

Mayor advised in February there is a conference in Springfield for Rural Development for Illinois. The Route 66 By-ways will be getting a new Executive Director next month.

PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Salmi to approve **RESOLUTION 2020-1: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL TO APPLY FOR MADISON COUNTY'S 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS PROGRAM.** Second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Salmi, Short, Goebel, Otrembiak & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

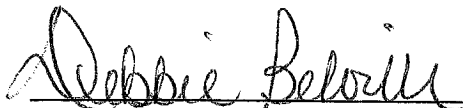
Motion made by Trustee Salmi to approve **RESOLUTION 2020-2: RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT OF THE GREAT RIVERS & ROUTES TOURISM BUREAU.** Second by Trustee Short. Roll call: Behrhorst, Otrembiak, Short, Salmi & Goebel. Motion carried.

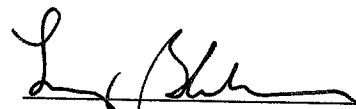
Motion made by Trustee Behrhorst to approve **RESOLUTION 2020-3: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL TO APPLY FOR PARK COMMISSION FUNDS FROM MADISON COUNTY(PEP).** Second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Short, Goebel, Salmi, Otrembiak & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Salmi to approve **ORDINANCE 2020-001: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 24-6-3 AND 4-6-9 OF THE HAMEL REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING PARKING VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL.** Second by Trustee Short. Roll call: Short, Goebel, Salmi, Otrembiak & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Trustee Goebel, all in favor, all ayes. Time out 8:22 pm.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting February 11, 2020, at the Village Hall.


Debbie Belville
Village Clerk


Larry Bloemker
Village President/Mayor