

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday January 8, 2019  
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 Otrembiak, Short, Behrhorst & Salmi

Absent: Trustee Gorzny and Trustee Goebel

Village Attorney: Phil Lading

Police Chief: Tim Connell

Public Works Director: Don Grimm

Village Clerk: Debbie Belville

Treasurer: Jennifer Gehner

Engineer: Bob Massa

**Consent Agenda**

Trustee Salmi made a motion and a second by Trustee Behrhorst to accept the consent agenda of the regular monthly bills and the monthly Treasurer's report from December 11, 2018. Roll call: Trustee Short, Otrembiak, Salmi & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

**Guests**

Mr. Rolly Walker, Mr. Jarrod Sprinkle and Mr. Nathan Hutson (MCC)

**Mayor's Report**

Still working on getting the last of the DECO money transferred over to the 319 Grant.

**Police**

There were multiple check forgery cases, there was one person who did two forgeries, and she is now in custody. The cameras at the park are up and running well. Within the next month officers will be measured for their vests. Chief ordered the 2019 Prosecutor Book; this is used by officers to assist in PD cases. Total numbers of vehicles entering Loves for month of December was 67,850.

**Park**

Bob Massa reported the pre-construction meeting went well. This was with WWCS for the restrooms and walking path. They will be getting the shop drawings soon. He spoke with McCann for the pre-cast and they are looking at March for possible delivery. They can start on sidewalk work earlier just depends on the weather. Typically, these types of restrooms only have cold water. They are going to plumb them for hot water if the Village wanted to add later. The contract has a working date of completion for May 1, 2019. The Notice to Proceed has been issued.

Don will be pulling core samples for the new restroom area to make sure the ground area is solid and to check the compaction for the new construction area for the restrooms.

All the Christmas decorations have been taken down from the Community Center and put into storage. The Mayor will be looking into a LED Wreath for the Community Center.

### Water

Bob Massa reported on the new meter project, the company that was being looked at for the new meters had some issues with set up and cost on some things. So, there were some addendums made and more research will be done. The bid opening for this project was rescheduled so that a new set of specifications and options could be looked at.

The existing system we have is Neptune, they are the best option. They can do modifications to the current system instead of adding on all the extra things which will be a savings to the Village. The only thing that would go out for bid is the meters. Bob recommend that the award of the bid go to Schulte Supply for the low and only bid of \$60,781.00. This is for the meters only. The software would be purchased, a refurbished Toughbook laptop, the DMX software for the reading program and the billing system is currently under a maintenance program which can be upgraded to the new system. With the new upgrade, computer towers, Toughbook laptop, all the meters, DMX software, installation and billing upgrade they can be all in for approximately \$132,000.00.

Motion made by Trustee Salmi for Notice to Award Bid to Schulte Supply and a second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Trustee Short, Otrembiak, Salmi & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Salmi and a second by Otrembiak for approve purchase of PC's, laptop/tablet, software and invoices that reflect \$869.00 each for towers and Toughbook Laptop \$1674.96. Roll call: Trustee Short, Otrembiak, Salmi & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Don discussed the new water bill that we are having made. They are the same card stock that is currently used, however now there are only 2 bills printed per page, with the new bills we can get 3 bills per page. This will cut down on the cost per page for the bills. The new bills will also be color coded in red and blue.

### Sewer

The rock filter is 99 % complete, there was an additional 250 ton of rock to get the grade level that is needed. All the dredging is completing done, all air lines are in except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> cell. Don will be getting the boat back to get the final air lines installed. Only thing left to do is hang air lines and the covers with the peat moss.

Public works employees put in posts and installed a chain link fence to seal the lagoon area.

There is a 10% retainage for the payment to Rhino Industries. There will be study done and once completed the 10% will be forwarded to him. Approval of payment to Rhino Industries for \$35,892.06 and the change order #2. Motion made by Trustee Salmi and a second by Trustee Short. Roll call: Trustee Short, Otrembiak, Salmi & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Motion made for 2<sup>nd</sup> payment for 10% retention payment to Rhino Industries for \$19,007.18 contingent on the final study results made by Trustee Short and a second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Trustee Short, Otrembiak, Salmi & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Don has had a few comments about the sewer project, all the feedback has been positive. We originally looked at borrowing money for this project, there was no money borrowed. After this project is completed, we will still have over \$300,000 in the sewer account.

### Streets

Street banners have been removed for the season. All the Christmas lights have been taken down as well.

### Tourism

### Personnel

## Finance

## Old Business

## New Business

Motion made by Trustee Salmi to approve ORDINANCE 19-01; ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ANIMALS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL, ILLINOS. Second made by Trustee Short. Roll call: Trustee Short, Otrembiak, Salmi & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

A motion was made at 7:34 to go into executive session by Trustee Salmi with a second by Trustee Short.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Short all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting February 12, 2019, at the Village Hall.



Debbie Belville  
Village Clerk



Larry Bloomker  
Village President/Mayor