

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday August 13, 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 Behrhorst, Trustee Otrembiak, Trustee Salmi, Trustee Goebel & Trustee Short
Absent: Trustee Gorzny

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Regular monthly bills, Minutes from July 9th, 2019 and Treasurers Report. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Short, Salmi, Behrhorst, Goebel & Otrembiak. Motion carried.

GUESTS

Ms. Amy Patton
Mr. Nathan Hutson (MCC)
Mr. Scott Boeker

PUBLIC COMMENT: Guests were welcomed. Ms. Amy Patton was recognized to speak. Ms. Patton gave a brief presentation and summary of the latest financial audit. She handed out Annual Financial Report for April 30th, 2019.

Mr. Boeker was recognized to speak. He said he was here for the New Business District Public Hearing. He was informed that meeting was at 6:30 pm and was over, he then left the Board Meeting.

MAYOR REPORT:

POLICE REPORT: Total cases generated for the month were 4. Criminal damage to property, recovery of stolen vehicle from Loves, disturbance at the day care and a theft over. There were 43 traffic stops, 29 citations issued and 18 warnings. The laptop in the older squad needs to be updated from Windows 8 to Windows 10. This upgrade has been done free of charge. There was a solid-state hard drive put in for \$65.00. The laptop is now in compliance and security issues are completed. Grant for the Vest Reimbursement has been submitted, we should receive \$1669.25 in approximately 3-6 months. The Grant for the MM4PD has been submitted, this will be for 2 APX Radios for a total of \$5456.44. This Grant will be awarded on August 27, 2019.

Madison County IT will be charging departments \$100.00 per year for their New World connections. We currently have two but will be going down to one.

The PD office will be getting a face lift, with fresh paint and shelving put in to accommodate the Chief and officers. The extra desk and bookshelf that are currently in the office will be relocated to the Public Works shop.

Discussion about adding another LPR (license plate reader) camera for \$4,500. This camera could possibly be added to our existing system if the software works in conjunction with our system. After further discussion, Chief believes the money would go to better use throughout the Village for other types of cameras. It was decided not to pursue an additional LPR camera at this time and investigate adding two extra cameras North of Route 66.

PARK REPORT: All solar dusk to dawn lights have been installed. The hand dryers have been installed in the new restrooms along with the smaller room in the Community Center. The large side restrooms are concrete block walls and there is a problem with phishing the electric through them and up to the attic. If the solar panels are to be installed on the Community Center the membrane on the roof needs to be re-coated. Mr. Grimm will be getting estimates for this new coating. The water fountain from the South pavilion has been relocated to the front of the Community Center close to the basketball court. The large air conditioner and furnace units need to be replaced soon. These are from 1996, and there are continued problems with compressors going down and units not heating and cooling.

Bob Massa from Juneau did submit the reimbursement paperwork for MEPRD. We should have our reimbursement check within the next month.

WATER REPORT: There were two services installed last month. Still working on meter boxes, there are about 15-20 risers to still be installed. There will be a system wide flushing this month by Illinois American. The Village will be doing a system flushing also after Illinois American is finished.

SEWER REPORT: Cleanup continues at the plant; Madison County SWAP Program will be here on August 16th. They will be working on rock pickup around the lagoon area along with trimming and general ground cleanup. Repaired two major infiltration problems in manholes. The bridge project is completed. The excess asphalt from this was given to the Village and a wash pad was put in along with updating the road around the waste-water area.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT: Mosquito abatement and fogging is still being done. Constant work on storm sewer and drainage issues throughout the Village. The Motor Fuel Tax bid date should be set by the next Board Meeting.

IDOT has not mowed ditches along Route 66 at all this summer. They have given the Village permission to mow or maintain those ditches. The Village does not have a batwing mower for the ditches, so Public Works will look into other equipment or growth spray that may be used. The windows for the Village Hall will be install this month, Wilke Windows will be putting these in. Update on the water issues here at Village Hall in the basement records room. There may be cracks behind the paneling, not sure at this point. The water is coming in over the sill and down the North wall, but this was the first time there was water in the records room. There is 2 foot of clean rock around the building and all the drain tiles and downspouts are in the right location. Public Works will contact companies to have them come and investigate.

TOURISM: The new Website is up and going. We have done a soft launch since there are still a few items that need to be added or corrected, also looking into having the code book but on the website.

PERSONNEL: No report

FINANCE: Motion made by Trustee Goebel to approve 2018-2019 Audit Results and Findings, second by Trustee Salmi. Roll call: Otrembiak, Short, Salmi, Behrhorst & Goebel. Motion carried.
Motion made by Trustee Salmi and second by Trustee Behrhorst to approve payment to Patton & Patton for payment in the amount of \$8,300.00. Roll call: Otrembiak, Short, Salmi, Behrhorst & Goebel. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion of electronic packets and purchase of Samsung Tablets for the Trustees and the Mayor. These would be used for the PDF packets to be sent to the Board, they would be property of The Village of Hamel and would be returned to the Village when a member's term is up or when they resign a position. Motion made by Trustee Short to approve purchase of 7 tablets not to exceed \$120.00 per tablet, second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Otrembiak, Behrhorst, Salmi, Goebel & Short. Motion carried.

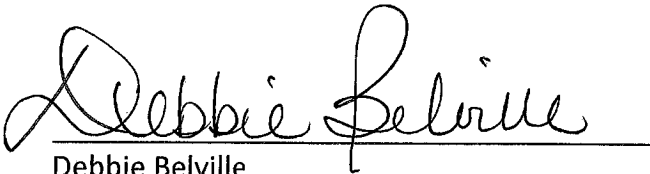
NEW BUSINESS: Motion made by Trustee Behrhorst to approve Clerk Belville to attend MCI Conference in Springfield, Illinois, October 13-18, 2019. Second by Trustee Short. Roll call: Goebel, Short, Salmi, Otrembiak & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Salmi to approve **Ordinance 19-09; Amending section 27-2-7 of the Village Code to prohibit tobacco possession, use and consumption by persons under twenty-one years of age within the Village.** Second by Trustee Short. Roll call: Salmi, Behrhorst, Salmi, Goebel & Otrembiak. Motion carried.

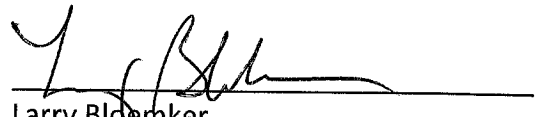
Discussion point: Legalization of marijuana in the State of Illinois. The Village Trustees will need to decide by October as to where the Village of Hamel will stand on this. The topic will be discussed at the September meeting.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:39 pm by Trustee Salmi and second by Trustee Behrhorst, all ayes. Time out 8:40 pm.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting September 10th, 2019, at the Village Hall.



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Larry Bloemker
Village President/Mayor