

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday October 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 Behrhorst, Trustee Otrembiak, Trustee Gorzny, Trustee Goebel, Trustee Short & Trustee Salmi

Mayor: Larry Bloemker  
Attorney: Phil Lading  
Engineer: Bob Massa  
Police: Sgt. Brent Stewart  
Public Works Director: Don Grimm  
Treasurer: Jennifer Gehner  
Village Clerk: Debbie Belville

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Regular monthly bills, IEPA Semi-annual payment, Minutes from September 10, 2019 and Treasurers Report. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Behrhorst, Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Salmi & Short. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:**

Mr. Nathan Hutson (MCC)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**MAYOR REPORT:**

The public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan was held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. There were approximately 55 people in attendance. The feedback was very positive and there was a lot of interaction among the residents. Another meeting will be schedule, in the winter months. That presentation will be done by Scott Hanson as well.

We have received permission from the State of Illinois to close out the bank account for the DCEO Fund. The check received from the State will be deposited in the account 5040 street maintenance and the money from the account will be put back into the general account.

Trick or Treat hours for the Village of Hamel will remain 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. The Trick or Treat in the Park will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October from 1:00-3:00 pm. We will be decorating small pumpkins this year with stickers and paint pens.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Sgt. Stewart gave the PD report for the month. There were 2 case reports generated, one for assist other agency, Marine PD, and the other for disorderly conduct. 64 total traffic stops with 40 citations issued and 25 warnings issued. The vehicle count into Loves' Travel Stop was 74,268 for the month.

One of the portable radios has gone out, PD is researching to see if this can be fixed. It is an older radio and we are unsure if it can be repaired. The two cameras being installed on North Old US 66 should be up by the middle of the month.

#### **PARK REPORT:**

Roof coating was completed on the Community Center and the solar panel installation was finished today. The company will be back to give a walk-thru for the panels and answer any questions. All the internet equipment, routers and wiring upstairs at the Community Center will be re-done and put on a newly built shelf.

There are some maintenance issues and repairs that need to be address in the playground area. There are some pieces that need to be fixed and a lot of painting needs to be done. The walk surface inside the play area needs to be resealed in areas. The South pavilion needs painting as well. PEP funds will be used for the basketball court for the next project which will be in for 2020.

#### **WATER REPORT:**

Two service taps were installed this month. Our EPA inspection was October 3, all went well. Illinois American will go back to normal this week after all their flushing. Our system wide flushing is completed as well. The 3-year lead and copper samples have been completed and sent. With the new water billing software, it is more difficult to make pool adjustments and sprinkler systems adjustments. The Village needs to come up with a specific time frame for pools and sprinklers for the adjustments. EPA has new guidelines and rules regarding chlorine requirements and the residual percent.

#### **SEWER REPORT:**

Clean up is continuing at the plant, there were 82 dump truck loads of dirt haul away from the cell tower area. The 12 pine trees haven been planted. The road and parking lot was completed that goes around the plant and the shop. This was excess product left over from the milling around town and extra oil and rock.

#### **STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:**

The parking lot at the Village and the Park were double coated, they turned out great. All the mill work through out town is finished. The Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) oiling is complete through out town. Crops are coming out so the ditch on the back side of Meyer Avenue is going to be reworked. The Schroeder Avenue drainage is complete. The ditch areas have all been reworked in hopes that winter snow and water will flow correctly.

There are 3 different locations around town that need to be addressed. These "bad spots" were not here 2 years ago. The street repairs will consist of removing/cutting out the bad concrete and doing a re-pour of those section. Public Works would like to have these repairs done before winter.

The repairs needed for the Village basement water issues have been identified. When the building was built there were concrete blocks set on top of the basement walls, so when it rains the water comes in, down the walls under the blocks. Motion made by Trustee Goebel to **Approve Heilitech repairs to foundation of Village Hall not to exceed \$9,962.20**. Second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Behrhorst, Goebel, Gorzny, Short, Salmi & Otrembiak. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to **Approve purchase of John Deer 4052R Compact Tractor/with trade-in \$17,075.00**. Second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Behrhorst, Otrembiak, Short, Gorzny, Goebel & Salmi. Motion carried.

#### **TOURISM**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hamel School is the third weekend in October.

**PERSONNEL:**

No report

**FINANCE:**

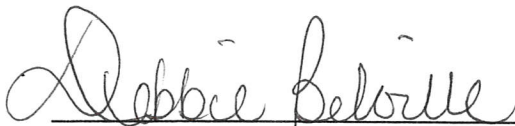
With 5 months in, Trustee Goebel stated the income and expenses are tracking a bit higher. Sales tax is trending upwards along with income tax. Trustee Goebel wanted to make sure all utilities are split between water and sewer.

**OLD BUSINESS:****NEW BUSINESS:**


Motion made by Trustee Goebel to approve **Resolution 19-12**: Resolution waiving competitive bidding requirements and accepting bid with Stutz Excavating, Inc. for the repair of certain streets within the Village. Second by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Otrembiak, Salmi, Short, Gorzny, Goebel & Behrhorst. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:08 by Trustee Goebel, all in favor, all ayes. Time out 8:09 pm.

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



Debbie Belville  
Village Clerk



Larry Bloemker  
Village President/Mayor