

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday March 12, 2024
7:00 PM at Village Hall
111 South Old US Rt 66, Hamel Illinois

The Village of Hamel Board meeting was called to order by Mayor Justin Gerstner at 7:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Present: Justin Goebel, Randy Otrembiak, Shane Recer, Greg Withers
Absent: Jerry Gorzny and Dwyann Isringhausen

PRESENT:

Mayor: Justin Gerstner
Village Clerk: Debbie Belville
Village Attorney: Phil Lading
Public Works Director: Don Grimm
Chief of Police: Alan Winslow
Village Engineer: Bob Massa

GUESTS:

Nathan Hutson (MCC)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, Treasurers report, minutes from February 13, and February 27, 2024. Motion was made to pass consent agenda by Trustee Goebel and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (4-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Samantha will be sending each staff member an email regarding the Village of Hamel clothing. The Mayor would like everyone to pick one item of their choice and email back to her by the 21st of March. If anyone would like to purchase more items, they are free to do so at their own expense.

POLICE REPORT:

Shift coverage was at 60% for February. Officer Buck is doing great; he had 3 days of orientation and on-the-job training and was released on his own. He has over 20 years of experience, so this is working out great. The Chief, Officer Duke, and Officer Buck have completed training. Chief Winslow gave an update on the car burglaries that were discussed last month. Some of the property has been recovered, the suspect is currently in jail, there were several departments looking for this subject.

There was a cocaine recovery at Loves' Travel Center, we are currently waiting on the video from Love's. There was another theft last week, the property has been tracked to a house in Edwardsville, the identity of the suspect is known to the PD. The subdivision south of the Village on 157 going toward Edwardsville, there were several break ins of vehicles, along with peoples' garages been entered and doors trying to be opened. Officer Hurst was able to locate the suspects' vehicle coming into the Village and he notified Madison County Sheriff along

with Edwardsville PD and utilized the LPR Camera. Edwardsville Police got all three suspects, and they were arrested.

The Chief advised he will have 35-40 policies for the meeting next month, he is also working on proposals for the body cameras. He did find out we are not eligible for the grants regarding the body cameras because we are too close to St. Louis. He will continue to look for other grants, he did check with the State Board and was told there will be other grants available starting in April or May. We do have a couple of options regarding storage, he will continue to investigate and advise the Board.

Lastly, the portable radios that were approved for purchased in late 2022, the invoice for these was never received. The invoice was going to a dead email account from 2022, Debbie received a call regarding the invoice amount, and Chief confirmed we do have these radios, however the invoice was never received or paid. The Chief just wanted to explain why the invoice is being paid now. Motorola has been given the correct email addresses for the Village.

Bob Massa with Juneau gave an updated report on their projects prior to Don Grimm's Public Works report.

Bob advised he is working on the bidding documents for the IEPA water main project, and these will be submitted prior to March 31. Also, the scoring numbers will be released July 1st. Nothing new on the sidewalk project, this is all in the hands of IDOT. We are waiting on them, this is in the permit sector. The question was asked about the drop-dead date for the DCEO Grant. That date is next year.

There is nothing additional we are waiting on from IDOT except the permits. Bob said once permits are received, it could be 60-90 days before breaking ground on the sidewalks. This again, all depends on IDOT schedule and when they approve the permits.

Regarding the easements for the IEPA project, Bob stated this spring they will be completed.

PARK REPORT:

One of the dead trees taken down at the park, there are more that will need to be removed. The large tree behind the Village Hall was taken down as well, at the owner's expense. Donny will get a burn permit in the fall. He is also getting roofing quotes for the community center issue. After meeting with several contractors and hearing the same idea for a fix to the problem and what the expense will be, Donny has decided he can do the work in house to save money and time. At the beginning of April, the project will begin on the parking lot and the multi-use path. The gum ball tree in the front yard of the Village was topped as well.

Trustee Withers went over the discussions from the park committee meeting. The upgrades and repairs in the community center could be as high as \$80,000. Not that all the projects would be done at one time, the committee is trying to prioritize each upgrade or repair. There has not been an increase in the rental and deposits for over 7- years. Regarding the rentals for the small room, large room, and entire building it was discussed to increase the rentals and deposits for each area. The committee advised an increase for the small room to \$100, the large room to \$200, and the entire building to \$600. The deposits would go up to the same as the rental price for each area. There was discussion about some organizations using the center on the weekends without paying. This practice needs to be addressed, they either need to pay for a Friday, Saturday or Sunday rental or use the free time allocated Monday-Thursday if they can be worked into a schedule for all the community groups. It was suggested a contract for all groups and organizations to complete, this way there is transparency of each group, name, community, type of group and request of days and how many meetings. The Board Members did agree the increase was something that needs to be done, but some research would be needed if a contract is to be put in place. There will be more discussion with the park committee about these suggestions and this will be brought to the Board of Trustees next month, along with an ordinance to increase the prices.

WATER REPORT:

The lead line service report will be finalized this week. Due to the weather change, there have been numerous line leaks next to foundations throughout the Village.

One water service tap was completed this past week. It has been an issue for a long time, the property is two separate parcels and owned by two different people. The tap-on fee has been paid and the owner will be getting an easement to the other property owner.

SEWER:

All the samples have been taken for the month. There was a manhole cover/lid repair that was completed on 140. There were three home sewer lines replaced, these were older houses that did not pass inspection because there were no back check valves in place. They have them now. The lift station pumps have been ordered; it will take 12 weeks.

Next month we will be doing heavy bacteria dosing. Don is working on a rate study for sewer pricing.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

The crack seal quantity; 3,700 has been ordered. This is the last expenditure MFT for this year. Looking into placing school bus stop signs.

Don is working on a government surplus application for backup power.

TOURISM:

The Mayor reminded everyone about the June 1st car show. He hopes to have a good push in the next 30 days on this project. Good news, the domain HamelRoute66.com has been purchased. This is where registration can be done for the car show. We will utilize this site for other events as well.

PERSONNEL:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE:

Trustee Goebel said Debbie has been checking rates regarding the upcoming maturing CDs. Once the CDs have matured at Associated Bank, they will be cashed out and placed in another institution. Depending on the rates, they may all be in one facility.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to approval loan payment IEPA #27, in the amount of \$26,923.08 seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to pass **ORDINANCE 24-004: AN ORDINANCE DISSOLVING EXISTING HAMEL BUSINESS DISTRICT I; APPROVING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND DISCONTINUING THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF A SALES TAX WITHIN SUCH BUSINESS DISTRICT**, seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (4-0).

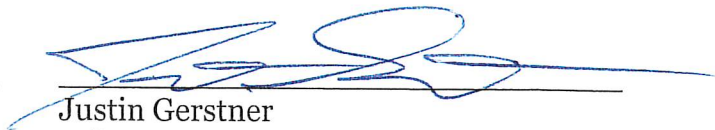
Motion made by Trustee Recer to pass **ORDINANCE 24-005**: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.19-11, ESTABLISHING THE HAMEL BUSINESS DISTRICT II; APPROVING A BUSINESS DISTRICT PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF SALES TAX WITHIN SUCH BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND APPROVING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH BUSINESS DISTRICT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Recer seconded by Trustee Withers all in favor, all ayes. Time out 7:54 p.m.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting April 9, 2024.



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Justin Gerstner
Village President/Mayor