

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday January 9, 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: Randy Otrembiak, Dwyann Isringhausen, Shane Recer, Greg Withers
Absent: Jerry Gorzny, Justin Goebel

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Mike Ward, Bank of Hillsboro
Emily Calderon, Moran Economic Development
Nathan Hutson (MCC)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, Treasurer report, and minutes from December 12, 2023. Motion made to pass consent agenda by Trustee Withers and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak. Motion carried. (4-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Gerstner acknowledged guests, Mike Ward, and Emily Calderon. He asks to have the new business regarding the Bank of Hillsboro and Moran Economic Development to be moved to the beginning of the meeting to honor their time and with the weather conditions not being great, this will give them ample travel time to get home.

Mayor Gerstner read the finding of fact that was sent by the zoning hearing officer, Jack Daughtery. Motion made by Trustee Isringhausen to pass **ORD 24-002: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ZONING HEARING OFFICER TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT SUBMITTED BY BANK OF HILLSBORO**, seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak. Motion carried. (4-0). Mike Ward thanked the Board for their support and exited the meeting.

The Presentation of Blight Analysis & Amended Business Development District Plan, Emily Calderon went over the next steps regarding the Business District amendment. She advised there are specific items that will need to be followed to comply with the state statute. There will be a notice for public hearing posting two times in the paper, Emily will be in attendance for the public hearing on the 13th of February. MED will walk us through the process step by step. Emily said anything in the plan can be amended up until the public hearing date.

Trustee Recer made a motion to pass **ORD: 24-003: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL THAT SETS THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF A BUSINESS DISTRICT IN HAMEL**, seconded by Trustee Withers. Roll Call: Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (4-0).

MAYOR REPORT:

Chief Winslow along with the Mayor have been investigating IT contractors. The police side has certain requirements that must be met regarding federal regulations. We have been in contact with two companies. They will submit quotes after they have visited our offices to see what equipment we have and if we need to add or update existing equipment. Once the quotes and correspondence are returned to the Chief and Mayor these will be forwarded to the Board.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Winslow reported the patrol coverage for December was 51%, there were two interviews completed in December for full time positions. The Chief has changed his work schedule to accommodate the completion of work on the policy manual. There will be a larger pack ready for the February board meeting with policies. He has finished the reorganization of the police office as well. Officer Reckman participated in a training K-9 search near the fire department. The Chief also met with the private group that puts on this training. He said this private group would be great to utilize when searching for lost or missing people. There was a substantial fraud case reported, this was regarding a check that was sent to the Chicago area. There was an armed encounter between two drivers at Loves. When it was all said and done a knife was brought to a gun fight, one party left the area and there was nothing further to be reported.

PARK REPORT:

Don has been getting pricing for appliances, flooring, upgrades, and paint for the community center. He is also getting quotes for a ceramic electrometric roof coating for the community center. He will have the quote for the horse barn as well. All the holiday decorations have been put away and stored. Don is working on a parking plan along with a material list for additional parking at the community park.

Mayor Gerstner added a comment regarding the second Park Master Plan Public meetings will be held on February 22nd at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. The Mayor will also be meeting with Hamel Public School and the kids to get some feedback from the children, we will also be sending home a flyer for the parents regarding the time and place of the second meeting.

WATER REPORT:

The lead line service report #2 is due soon. The tap on for the temporary bank location has been completed.

SEWER:

The tap on for the temporary bank has been completed. All samples have been taken for the month. Don is still waiting on the final cost for the "muffin monster" for the lift station.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

All equipment is ready for the upcoming snow season. A lift was rented for one day to take down Christmas lights and other holiday decorations.

TOURISM:

Tuesday the 16th at 6:00 pm is the next sub-committee meeting.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

FINANCE:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Gerstner said he spoke with Trustee Goebel, Chairman for the Finance Committee, and he agrees. Motion made by Trustee Recer to approve hiring part time staff, Leisa Grimm, in the Treasurer Department at a rate of \$17.00 per hour, pending background investigation, seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion made by Trustee Recer to pass **Resolution 24-1: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GREAT RIVERS & ROUTES TOURISM BUREAU**, seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion made by Trustee Recer to pass **Resolution 24-2: A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN SAMSUNG TABLETS MODELS SM-T5600NU AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSITION**, seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak. Motion carried. (4-0).

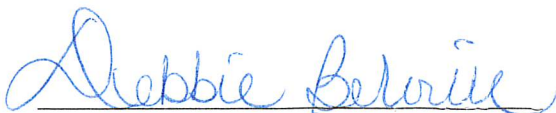
Motion made by Trustee Isringhausen to pass **Ordinance 24-001: AN ORDINANCE NAMING A PARK WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL, ILLINOIS- 210 HAMEL AVE. HAMEL HEROES PARK**, seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion made by Trustee Isringhausen to pass **Ordinance 24-002: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING HEARING OFFICER TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE SUBMITTED PERMIT BY BANK OF HILLSBORO**, seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion made by Trustee Recer to pass **Ordinance 24-003: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL THAT SETS THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF A BUSINESS DISTRICT IN HAMEL**, seconded by Trustee Withers. Roll Call: Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (4-0).

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Recer seconded by Trustee Isringhausen all in favor, all ayes. Time out 7:47 p.m.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting February 13, 2024



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Justin Gerstner
Village President/Mayor