

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday December 12, 2023
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, Dwyann Isringhausen, Shane Recer, Greg Withers

Absent: Jerry Gorzny

PRESENT:

Mayor: Justin Gerstner

Village Clerk: Debbie Belville

Village Attorney: Michael Geaschel

Public Works Director: Don Grimm

Chief of Police: Alan Winslow

GUESTS:

Nathan Hutson (MCC)

Raymie Isringhausen

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, Treasurer report, and minutes from November 14, 2023. Motion made to pass the consent agenda by Trustee Isringhausen and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (5-0).

MAYOR REPORT:

Holly Jolly Hamel was a REMARKABLE success! The food truck almost doubled the minimum sales amount required for the event. The marketing game plan worked to get residents without children to attend, there was all positive feedback regarding the changes made in the event and great response to the food truck, and the craft hot drink bar. There were so many volunteers in addition to our staff, everything was a remarkable success.

There will be a special use permit hearing next month regarding the Bank of Hillsboro. The Mayor reminded the Board the office will be closed on the 25th and 26th for

Christmas/Christmas Eve observation as well as January 1st for New Years Day.

We are investigating potential IT solutions with Daneen's departure nearing. There are a few companies we will reach out to in hopes of getting some quotes. Debbie and Samantha have been a great help for the Hamel Giving Tree this year. We added another gift drop area at the Village Hall along with Dollar General. The Giving Tree has exceeded 100 presents received to date. There is a deadline with Juneau regarding sidewalks and completion of Phase 1 over by the park being June 1, 2024. Juneau will be submitting the change order to IDOT no later than December 15th.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Winslow reported the shift coverage for November was 55%, the projected shift coverage for December is 55%. The Chief completed an interview for a fulltime officer, Jerry Buck. He has excellent work experience, and references. Pending the results of the background check, and other testing, these should be completed by next week, Chief Winslow would like to offer him the position. Motion to pass, authorization for Chief of Police to hire fulltime officer, Jerry Buck, pending background investigation; was made by Trustee Goebel, and seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (5-0).

Chief Winslow gave great reviews on the Holly Jolly Hamel Event. The residents were great to deal with and the event was a great success. The Hamel Officers really enjoyed coming to the event. The Chief also attended the Hamel School Superheroes Luncheon.

Training classes were attended by both Chief Winslow and Officer Duke. The radar units have been certified for another year.

PARK REPORT:

Don advised the Board that he along with Debbie will be looking into the park digital sign. It is "down" again even after the new bridge was put on last year. The sign is over 15 years old and there is no longer updated compatible software for this unit. He will keep the Trustees updated. Winter spikes have been put on all the trees; holiday decorations have been put up throughout the Village along with the community center. Don is working on a park/community center maintenance estimate list. Some of the items he will be looking into will be appliances, flooring, and counters for the community center, along with much needed maintenance for pavilions.

The parking situation at the community center/park is a growing concern. He will put some ideas and plans together and present them to the Board along with locations for the additional parking.

WATER REPORT:

The lead line service report #2 will be going out at the end of the month. All the quarterly reports came back fine. There were two service taps for the month.

SEWER:

Regarding the lift stations, we are still waiting on the muffin monster, all the pumps are fresh and working correctly. There were some airlines that needed to be replaced.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

Don will be looking into other avenues regarding slag, we currently get all this from the steel mill, and with the closing of that this could be an issue when we oil and chip. Working on ditches and culverts and some replacements were needed. There were also some meter tops that needed to be raised.

Don gave an update on the public works vehicles and the maintenance issue with them. In last month's meeting he advised the Trustees he would get numbers together regarding a new service truck. After looking at local pricing, various vehicles, and types, the State bid will come in the lowest, but this could still take up to a year to get even after an order is put in. There was an addition to the service truck, it is a plow. Our plow has been on 3 different trucks, and if a new plow is bought it would be cheaper to get new and then we could apply the mounts on the vehicles opposed to switching out the old plow with new truck. There will be a trade vehicle, the 2008. Trustee Goebel made a motion to approve the request to purchase a service truck with additional equipment; snowplow and utility bed not to exceed \$80,000. Seconded by Trustee Withers. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak,

Goebel. Motion carried. (5-0). Trustee Goebel advised Debbie he wants 40% out of sewer, and 40% out of water, and 20% out of general.

TOURISM:

Trustee Otrembiak stated the Holly Jolly Hamel was a success, and he appreciated all the help given by the staff and all the volunteers. Mayor Gerstner also added, since Samantha started our views on FB are up over 10,000 views.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

FINANCE:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to approve payment to City of Edwardsville in the amount of \$4000.00, regarding the annual contribution for the ice rink; seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried. (5-0).

Trustee Recer made a motion to suspend indefinitely the hiring of part time staff person, Marietta Skerston, seconded by Trustee Goebel. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (5-0).

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to pass **RESOLUTION 23-41: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT- MORAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LLC.**, seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Goebel, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Withers. Motion carried (5-0).

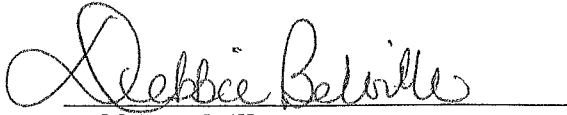
Motion made by Trustee Isringhausen to pass **ORDINANCE 23-022: AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ILLINOIS PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS ACT FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL, ILLINOIS.**, seconded by Trustee Recer. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried (5-0).

Motion made by Trustee Goebel to pass **ORDINANCE 23-023: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL, ILLINOIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**, and seconded by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll Call: Withers, Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Goebel. Motion carried. (5-0).

Regarding the year-end compensation, Resolution 19-15 authorizes the Clerk to have the bonus list prepared and directed prior to December 31 of each year. Debbie forwarded the list to Mayor Gerstner and Trustee Goebel for review and all three agreed. These will be issued prior to the 31st of December.
Trustee Goebel advised Debbie to create a new line item for "special events" to track expenses for future events.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Recer seconded by Trustee Isringhausen all in favor, all ayes. Time out 7:37 p.m.

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting January 9, 2024

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debbie Belville", written over a horizontal line.

Debbie Belville
Village Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Justin Gerstner", written over a horizontal line.

Justin Gerstner
Village President/Mayor