

VILLAGE OF HAMMOND BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Village Hall, 105 East 1st Street, Hammond, IL 61929

Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: President Marsha Burgener-here, Don Chenoweth-here, Kim Gee-here, Lauren Molby-here, John Drummond-absent, Kelsey Wells-absent, Billie Larkins-absent.

Acknowledgement of videographer: To the Board's knowledge, no one was videoing.

John Drummond entered the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Adopt agenda: Lauren made the motion to adopt the agenda, with a 2nd by Kim. All in favor; motion carried.

Public Comment: Brandy Smith was present to discuss the recent ordinance violation letter she received. The items in question have been picked up by WM and she states the tires are being used as planters. She asked about possibly looking into some sort of yard waste removal. Seth Downs wanted to speak about a resident's ordinance violations and court proceedings. The board cannot discuss with him.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 13, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes made by Don, with a 2nd by Kim. All in favor; motion carried.

Financials: Motion to approve along with addition of Parks Sewer payment out of the Sewer Fund for \$185.00, made by John, with a 2nd by Kim. Roll call vote: Don-yes, Kim-yes, Lauren-yes, John-yes, 4 ayes, 2 absent; motion carried.

Village Clerk Report: Went over the list Ronnie left of everything he's been working on. Went over the Ordinance Violation listing. Emailed Dave at WM to set up our annual clean up day. Dates for our annual sales are May 9th and 10th. I will look into the cost of having a shredder truck for a few hours. The tapping of maple trees on Village property is not allowed. If they want to approach a homeowner, they'll need a solicitor's permit.

New Business:

- John made the motion to donate \$200.00 for the Hammond Methodist Church's annual Easter Egg Hunt, with a 2nd by Don. John also suggested putting in the Village's newsletter to help the church with donations. Roll call vote: Kim-yes, Lauren-yes, John-yes, Don-yes. 4 ayes, 2 absent; motion carried.

- Clark could not make this meeting to discuss the recent rate study with the board. Brenda is to invite him to the March meeting. Once he has explained the survey with the board along with his recommendations, Brenda will make the survey public.
- Kim will audit January and February finances.

Old/Unfinished Business: None

Executive Session: Don made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:45 pm, with a 2nd by Kim, to discuss the following:

5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11): Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

5ILCS 120/2(c) (1): Discuss employee issues- the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.

Lauren made the motion to exit Executive Session at 8:39 pm, with a 2nd by Kim.

Action on Executive Session: Kim made the motion to continue litigation, with a 2nd by John. All in favor; motion carried. Brenda is to get Ronnie's pay information and job duties description to the Board.

President/Trustee Comments: None

Adjournment: Lauren made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm, with a 2nd by John. All in favor; motion carried.

Marsha Burgener
Village President

Brenda Sebens
Village Clerk