

**VILLAGE OF HAMMOND BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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, Sarah Cox-here, Chip Moore-here, John Drummond-absent, Kelsey Wells-absent.

Acknowledgement of videographer: No one was videoing.

Adopt agenda: Don made the motion to adopt the agenda, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. All in favor; motion carried.

Others present: Kevin Buckley, Ken Yeakley, Ramona Lowder, Lauren Molby, Tom Sanders, Seth Downs, Mary Downs, Rick Van Vleet, Steve Davis, and Mark Adcock.

Public Comment: Kevin Buckley with McGuire, Yuhas, Huffman, & Buckley, was present to go over FY23 audit. Trustee John Drummond came in at 7:02 and Trustee Kelsey Wells came in at 7:03. Kevin continued to go over the accounts, recommendations, and the adjustments to be made. Members of the Zoning Board present: Tom Sanders, Ken Yeakley, Rick Van Vleet, Steve Davis, and Mark Adcock. Marsha advised them of a complaint the board received about two properties possibly being out of compliance. Tom will go to each property to recheck and make sure all is in compliance. Going forward, if there is a complaint made to the Board of Trustees, the person will be directed to the Zoning Board. When a new building permit is issued and after a foundation has been laid, the building inspector will go to ensure it matches the permit before anything else can commence on the property. This will be added to the Zoning Ordinance. Brenda asked them to please review the current ordinance and let her know of any revisions that need to be made.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 10, 2024 Committee Minutes made by Don, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. All in favor; motion carried. Motion to approve the January 10, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes made by Sarah, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. All in favor; motion carried.

Financials: Kim made the motion to accept the financials, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chip. Roll call vote: Don-yes, Kim-yes, Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, John-yes, Kelsey-yes. 6 ayes; motion carried.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie was absent, but left a listing of what has been done. The 7<sup>th</sup> Street lift station and the lift station at the ponds went down. Both had lots of wipes around the impeller. The furnace has gone out at the Village Hall twice, plowed snow and salted, big leak at the firehouse-new meter to be installed, cleaning pile-someone keeps throwing treated lumber there, will put together the storage shed.

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Village Clerk Report: Report for the Video Gaming for December 2023 and January 2024. Otto's came back out and gave an estimate for the front of the building. Rummage sales set for May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Annual clean up will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Still waiting on all the info before I put anything out. Court Money is up and running. The Garbage Ordinance will be revised to add wording regarding the totes.

New Business:

- Kim made the motion to approve Ordinance #2024-01, "An Ordinance Regarding ARPA Funds for the Village of Hammond, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. Roll call vote: Kim-yes, Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, John-yes, Kelsey-yes, Don-yes. 6 ayes; motion carried.
- Brenda to get more estimates for the Community Building roof.
- Brenda to contact IDOT for guidelines on speedbumps. There are six bus stops in the Village where these will be placed.
- Ronnie will be addressing the sidewalks in the spring.

Old Business:

- Don made the motion that a warranty for the new meters/pits be one year from installation or six months from repair, whichever comes last, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. Roll call vote: Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, John-yes, Kelsey-yes, Don-yes, Kim-yes. 6 ayes; motion carried.

Executive Session: Don made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:22 pm with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. All in favor; motion carried. Sarah made the motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:08 pm, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. All in favor; motion carried.

Action on Executive Session: Chip made the motion to continue litigation, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Roll call vote: Chip-yes, John-yes, Kelsey-yes, Don-yes, Kim-yes, Sarah-yes. 6 ayes; motion carried. Chip made the motion to continue to pursue the imposed fine, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Roll call vote: John-yes, Kelsey-yes, Don-yes, Kim-yes, Sarah-yes, Chip-yes. 6 ayes; motion carried.

Adjournment: Sarah made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. All in favor; motion carried.

Marsha Burgener  
Village President

Brenda Sebens  
Village Clerk