

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

Monday, January 13, 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-absent, Kim Gee-here, Lauren Molby-here, John Drummond-here, Kelsey Wells-here, Billie Larkins-here.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the December 11, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes made by John, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lauren. All in favor; motion carried.

Financials: Motion to approve made by Billie, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lauren. Roll call vote: Kim-yes, Lauren-yes, John-yes, Billie-yes, Kelsey-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.

Village Clerk Report: Shut Off Listing for December 2024, Ordinance Violation Listing. Water and Sewer Rate Study is being done by Clark Cameron of Illinois Rural Water. He will be attending the February meeting to go over the study. Ron Miller has recently had hip replacement surgery. Kelsey made the motion to gift a \$100.00 gift certificate to Ron Miller for the Ribeye in Champaign, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lauren. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, John-yes, Billie-yes, Kelsey-yes, Kim-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried. This is as a "get well" gesture after his surgery and to also express the Board's gratitude for all he does for this community.

New Business:

- Kim made the motion to approve Ordinance #2025-01, "An Ordinance Establishing Compensation for Attending Village Board Meetings", with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Billie. Roll call vote: John-yes, Billie-yes, Kelsey-yes, Kim-yes, Lauren-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business: None

Executive Session: Kelsey made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:45 pm, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim, to discuss the following:

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**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 8:42 pm, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by John.

Action on Executive Session: Billie made the motion to continue litigation, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelsey. All in favor; motion carried. John made the motion to separate the duties of the Village Clerk and the Treasurer. The Treasurer will also be Supervisor over the Clerk. Village Clerk hours will be Monday 9-1, Wednesday 3-7, and Friday 9-1, paid at \$15.00/hour, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lauren. Roll call vote: Billie-yes, Kelsey-yes, Kim-yes, Lauren-yes, John-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried. Brenda is to draft the job description.

President/Trustee Comments: Marsha read the following from the Village attorney, “Yes, a municipality may enter private property to remove garbage, debris, and graffiti from any parcel of private property. The statute reads as follows: The corporate authorities of each municipality may provide for the removal of garbage, debris, and graffiti from any parcel of private property within the municipality if the owner of that parcel, after reasonable notice, refuses or neglects to remove the garbage, debris, and graffiti. The municipality may collect, from the owner of the parcel, the reasonable removal cost.” (65 ILCS 5/11-20-13) After discussion, the “Meet the Candidates” will be held March 1, 2025, at 1:00 pm at 105 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hammond, IL.

Adjournment: Lauren made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. All in favor; motion carried.

Marsha Burgener  
Village President

Brenda Sebens  
Village Clerk