

VILLAGE OF HAMMOND BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

7:00 p.m.

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

Call to Order at 7:01 pm

Roll Call: President Marsha Burgener-here, Don Chenoweth-absent, Kim Gee-here, Sarah Cox-here, Chip Moore-here, John Drummond-absent, Kelsey Wells-here.

Acknowledgement of videographer: No one was videoing.

Adopt agenda: #9 on the agenda re: Renewal of Liquor License will be moved to after Executive Session. Chip made the motion to adopt the agenda, with the noted changes, with a 2nd by Sarah. All in favor; motion carried.

Others present: Seth Downs entered at 7:03. Mary Downs entered at 7:04.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the February 21, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes made by Sarah, with a 2nd by Kim. All in favor; motion carried. Motion to approve the March 6, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes made by Kim, with a 2nd by Kelsey. All in favor; motion carried.

Financials: Kelsey made the motion to accept the financials, with a 2nd by Sarah. Roll call vote: Kim-yes, Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, Kelsey-yes. 4 ayes, 2 absent; motion carried.

Water Superintendent Report: Marsha stated there is a rolled-up wire hanging between two homes on Lake Street, possibly Frontier's wire. Ronnie will talk to the Frontier tech that comes to the building on 2nd Street. There are 35 meters left to do: Burdick's to do 10 pits plus the firehouse in the spring; Ronnie will do the 12 that are meter change only; 10 big meters; and there are three in residences. With the new technology, 20+ leaks have been detected. EPA is expecting more compliance, more samples. Continuing to clean up pile. People are still putting items that don't belong. Getting a listing of sidewalks to be done and will be getting some bids. The sidewalk that dead ends at First Street needs addressed. The school busses and the garbage truck are cutting into the yard at the west end of Third Street. Had annual training in Effingham in February. Look into part-time summer help. Possibly put away the money from the State from the Gaming Funds in a separate account to be used as needed.

Village Clerk Report: No current report for the Video Gaming available. The Attorney General's website keeps freezing-Brenda to check into. Still waiting on info from WM regarding annual clean up day. Several webinars re: FOIA, OMA, and the ARPA funds have been watched. Received letter from USDA on items needed to finish up with them. I've received several complaints regarding WM billing and pickup. I continue to email WM as I get these complaints.

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Ross has drawn up a contract with the owners of 102 West 7th Street and the Village. Audit recommendations gone over and will be followed.

Action on Village Clerk Report: Sarah made the motion to approve the agreement between the Village of Hammond and Edgar Sanchez, Karen Rodriguez, and Federica Rodriguez, with a 2nd by Kim. Roll call vote: Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, Kelsey-yes, Kim-yes. 4 ayes, 2 absent; motion carried.

New Business:

- After discussion, it was decided to table the passage of Ordinance #2024-03, “An Ordinance Requiring the Mandatory Use of the Village Authorized Solid Waste Hauler”, until further revisions could be made. Chip made the motion to table, with a 2nd by Kelsey. All in favor; motion carried.
- The Designation of Funds per the Audit has been tabled until next meeting. Kelsey made the motion to table, with a 2nd by Chip. All in favor; motion carried.
- Discussion held regarding the guidelines for the Village’s FB page. The only postings should be items that will promote the Village and be beneficial to the residents of the Village. Draft an ordinance to cover the website and FB page.

Old Business:

- Table discussion for the Village Hall/Community Building roof until more estimates can be obtained. Sarah made the motion to table with a 2nd by Kim. All in favor; motion carried.
- Kim made the motion to reject speedbumps, with a 2nd by Kelsey. All in favor; motion carried. Suggestion made to look into the solar lights that go around the stop signs.

Executive Session: Sarah made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:24 pm to discuss 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11): Discussion of pending, probable threatened or imminent litigation, with a 2nd by Kelsey. All in favor; motion carried. Sarah made the motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:09 pm, with a 2nd by Kelsey. All in favor; motion carried.

Action on Executive Session: Litigation to continue. Chip made the motion to renew the liquor license based on attorney’s recommendation, with a 2nd by Kelsey. All in favor; motion carried.

President/Trustee Comments: Discussion held as to what can be done to make the school bus stops safer. Discussion held as to what needs to be done to have residents slow down and stop at all stop signs. Sarah Cox will be resigning from the Board as soon as she gets her letter of resignation to Brenda. We hate to see her go as she has brought a fresh perspective to the board. Her time served has been much appreciated and she will be missed.

Adjournment: Sarah made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm, with a 2nd by Kelsey. All in favor; motion carried.

Marsha Burgener
Village President

Brenda Sebens
Village Clerk