

VILLAGE OF HAMMOND BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, October 9, 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, 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: Kim made the motion to adopt the agenda, with a 2nd by Don. All in favor; motion carried.

Public Comment: Tony Kirkman with the Piatt County Mental Health Center was present to discuss the Center's referendum to be on the fall ballot. The Center offers support systems to those that need them. The Center's been open over 50 years. This referendum is needed if only to sustain the current services offered. Melissa Miller was present asking what to do about raccoons that are terrorizing her neighborhood. She needs to contact Piatt County Animal Control to see if they have any suggestions. Kevin and Cody Buckley were present to review the FY24 audit. The General and Water Funds need attention.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the September 11, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes made by Don, with a 2nd by Kim. All in favor; motion carried. Motion to approve September 16, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes by Kim, with a 2nd by Don. All in favor; motion carried.

Financials: Don made the motion to accept the financials, with a 2nd by Kim. Roll call vote: Don-yes, Kim-yes, Lauren-yes, John-yes, Kelsey-yes, Billie-yes. 6 ayes; motion carried.

Water Superintendent Report: EPA samples came back good. Cleaned up the tree behind the post office that the storm knocked over. Took the brush from 303 South "H" Street to the yard waste pile. The truck had broken down, but has since been fixed. The hydrants will cost \$10,000+ times four that need replaced. Labor is not included in the cost. ARPA funds will be obligated to replace these-at least three of them. There are still 10 pits to be done.

Village Clerk Report: Shut Off Listing for September 2024 was reviewed. Review of the Ordinance Violation Listing. Jason will be installing another trail cam for us at the ponds. Went over the license plate readers. The need does not outweigh the cost. We may look into them in the future.

New Business:

- Discussion/Action re: Possible revisions of the current Zoning Ordinance – No action taken.
- Discussion/Action re: IML Handbooks (2021 is current version available) – Order one handbook for Kelsey.
- Discussion/Action re: Closing 1st Street October 26th – John made the motion to close 1st Street from the corner of the post office or “C” Street to the corner of Don Ryan Street from the hours of 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, with a 2nd by Kelsey. All in favor; motion carried.
- Discussion/Action re: A-H Christmas Needy Fund Donation – John made the motion to donate \$700.00 from the Memorial Fund, with a 2nd by Kim. Roll call vote: Kim-yes, Lauren-yes, John-yes, Kelsey-yes, Billie-yes, Don-yes. 6 ayes; motion carried.
- Discussion/Action re: Passage of Ordinance #2024-14, “An Ordinance Establishing the Rates and Charges for Services Supplied for the Sewerage System and Water System of the Village of Hammond, Illinois ” – Discussion held re: raising the minimum rate of water by 5%, which would be \$1.11, and decrease the minimum rate of sewer by 2%, which would be \$0.42. The 3% difference could be used to pay back the interfund loan to the sewer fund. Revisit this in six months to see how the numbers look. John made the motion to make the water minimum \$23.11 up to 1,000 gallons and the sewer minimum \$20.42 up to 1,000 gallons, which will take effect November 1, 2024, with a 2nd by Billie. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, John-yes, Kelsey-yes, Billie-yes, Don-yes, Kim-yes. 6 ayes; motion carried.
- Discussion/Action re: Passage of Ordinance #2024-16, “An Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale or Giving Away of Intoxicating Liquor Without a License” – Discussion held re: the addition of the 14-day notification if need a renewal license and the annual completion of the application. Also, discussion held re: adding the need of a food permit and also each employee must have a food handler’s certification. Kelsey made the motion to pass this ordinance with the above additions, with a 2nd by Lauren. All in favor; motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- Discussion/Action re: Estimate for Community Building Roof – After discussion, tabled for another month. Contact I-57 Roofing to see if we can make a deposit and have them come in the spring to fix. Also, contact Keith Hastings to see if he can give us an estimate, but not fix until the spring.

Executive Session: Kelsey made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:34 pm 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. with a 2nd by Billie. Billie made the motion to exit Executive Session at 9:10, with a 2nd by John.

Action on Executive Session: COLA to be considered. Litigation to continue.

President/Trustee Comments: Noise complaint of dogs barking in the middle of the night. Speed limit sign on north road is crooked-have Ron look at. Draft letter with conditions of new Liquor Ordinance to be in place at end of 30-day suspension.

Adjournment: Don made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm, with a 2nd by Kelsey. All in favor; motion carried.

Marsha Burgener
Village President

Brenda Sebens
Village Clerk