

VILLAGE OF HAMMOND BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

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-here, Kim Gee-here, Sarah Cox-absent, Chip Moore-here, John Drummond-here, Scotty Hayes-absent

Acknowledgement of videographer: None

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

Others present: Jo Ann Leevy, Lauren Molby, Sharon Robertson, Freda Pantier, Seth Downs, Ken Yeakley, Ryan Yeakley, Steve Yeakley, Heidi Yeakley, Julie Campbell, David Robison, Melissa Miller, Mary Ann Downs

Public Comment: Steve Yeakley received violation letter re: pallets blocking sidewalk. He stated he'd already contacted someone about picking those up. He stated that a lot had been going on after the storm went through that left damage to his shop and home. He was without power for five days at the shop, so was backed up with work. He'd also recently lost his father. Why didn't someone just come speak with him? His family has done business and lived in Hammond for over 50 years. He brought up sidewalks weren't safe; A & R had left ruts in his property on Route 36 when they were working in town. He feels it's a personal vendetta against him by someone on the board. States he hears the issues with the Village at the restaurant. Stated he may take business elsewhere. Jo Ann Leevy has purchased the Don Ryan apartments next to the laundromat. She is not extending leases and will eventually open a restaurant in its place. She wanted to know how to go about getting a liquor license. Freda Pantier invited everyone to go to her church or any church in town. Julie Campbell asked about the sidewalk in front of her house. She stated she's spoken with an attorney about her water deposit and where the money from these deposits is kept. She wants Don to stop driving by her house. She asked for his resignation. Ryan Yeakley asked about a fundraiser to put new hoops up at the basketball court by the ball diamond. Also asked if it was possible to maybe get lighting there. Brenda is to contact Ameren to see what can be done and the cost. Mary Ann Downs commented that Don drives by her house and would like him to stop. Seth Downs stated they've gotten dirt from uptown to put in the hole on Jason Mann's property.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the July 12, 2023 Board Minutes made by John, with a 2nd by Kim. All in favor; motion passed. Motion to approve the July 26, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes made by John, with a 2nd by Kim. All in favor; motion passed.

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

Village Clerk Report/Public Works Superintendent Report: Report for the Video Gaming for June 2023. Reminded everyone to make sure to do the FOIA and OMA training and get their certificates to me for their file. Ronnie and I will be meeting with Nick Clark of Beacon, Thursday, August 10, 2023 for training on the new meters. Brenda has asked for September 25 – September 29 off. I've been working on drafting a listing of the Zoning Board members with their phone numbers and e-mail addresses. I've been in contact with the auditors and they continue to work on FY22. I've also been in contact with Shawnee and have completed Village Board Minutes

everything I can of the application. I forwarded it to Jason for help completing. We should be able to keep the same phone numbers for the office and fax.

Ronnie-Thanks to the storm today, Ronnie is out cleaning up and continues to keep the brush pile cleared. The replacement of meters continues.

New Business: Scotty Hayes's resignation has been tabled until we hear from him. Kim made the motion to pass Ordinance #2023-05, "An Ordinance Regulating Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs", with a 2nd by John. Roll call vote: Kim-yes, Sarah-absent, Chip-yes, John-yes, Scotty-absent, Don-yes. 4 ayes, 2 absent; motion carried. Kim made the motion to pass Ordinance #2023-08, "An Ordinance Regulating Motor Vehicles", with a 2nd by Don. Roll call vote: Sarah-absent, Chip-yes, John-yes, Scotty-absent, Don-yes, Kim-yes. 4 ayes, 2 absent; motion carried. Kim made the motion to pass Ordinance #2023-09, "An Ordinance Providing for the Definition and Abatement of Nuisances in the Village of Hammond, Piatt County, Illinois", with a 2nd by John. Roll call vote: Chip-yes, John-yes, Scotty-absent, Don-yes, Kim-yes, Sarah-absent. 4 ayes, 2 absent; motion carried.

Old Business: Went over the draft contract from Waste Management. Kim made the motion to table until we know more, with a 2nd by John. All in favor; motion carried. Don made the motion to table discussion regarding a Gaming Ordinance, with a 2nd by Kim. All in favor; motion carried.

Executive Session: Don made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:52 pm with a 2nd by Kim. At 9:48 pm, Kim made the motion to adjourn Executive Session with a 2nd by Don. All in favor; motion carried.

Action on Executive Session: Litigation to continue.

There will be no grandfathering in of pools and/or hot tubs, as this is a safety issue. Brenda is to put in next newsletter.

Adjournment: Kim made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm, with a 2nd by John. All in favor; motion carried.

Marsha Burgener
Village President

Brenda Sebens
Village Clerk