

# **VILLAGE OF HAMMOND BOARD MEETING**

## **Minutes**

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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-here, Kelsey Wells-here

Acknowledgement of videographer: No one was videoing.

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

Others present: Freda Pantier, Linda Brown, Mary Ann Downs, Debby Waldrop.

Public Comment: Freda asked for an update on the lighting at the basketball court. This is on the agenda to discuss under New Business. Linda inquired on the status of the garbage situation. This is on the agenda to discuss under Old/Unfinished Business.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the September 13, 2023 Board Minutes made by Don, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. All in favor; motion passed. Motion to approve the September 19, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes made by Kim, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chip. All in favor; motion carried.

Financials: Kim made the motion to accept the financials, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. Roll call vote: Don-yes, Kim-yes, Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, John-yes, Kelsey-yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Village Clerk Report/Public Works Superintendent Report: Report for the Video Gaming for August 2023. Reminded everyone to make sure to do the FOIA and OMA training and get their certificates to me for their file. Revision of all ordinances changing how to notify a resident if they have an ordinance violation. Sarah made the motion to place liens on properties for mowing, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. Roll call vote: Kim-yes, Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, John-yes, Kelsey-yes, Don-yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried. Motion made by Kim to accept the 2024 Holiday Schedule, with the addition of the day after Christmas, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. All in favor; motion carried. The office will be closed October 17<sup>th</sup> through October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ronnie-The new street signs for "D" Street are up. There are still several streets to go for the new signs. Asked to have the board look at the tow sign and where to put on the building. The meter installers will be back 11/06/23 – 11/10/23 to install the last 10 meters and to check on a few previously installed. The Beacon website is checked every day to see where, if any, leaks are at. Need to check who runs the Eye on Water app, as it has been messing up. The old office's suspended ceiling is about to collapse. There are records and maps that need to be gotten out. Brenda is to check into how much a sealed storage container would cost to house these things.

New Business: Discussion held regarding a warranty time on the newly installed meters. This has been tabled until more information can be obtained. Chip made the motion to accept Crist Termite bid for six bait boxes to be installed at the shed on First Street, at an initial cost of \$185.00 for the first three months, and \$65.00 each quarter thereafter, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. Roll call vote: Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, John-yes, Kelsey-yes, Don-yes, Kim-yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried. These will be installed at the concession stand as well. The above price

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will double for the initial install to \$370.00 and \$130.00 each quarter thereafter. Sarah made the motion to have Crist Termite annual “Full Season Residential Insect Prevention” at a cost of \$360.00, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. The cost will be split between the General Fund and the Community Building Fund with \$180.00 coming out of each account annually. Roll call vote: Chip-yes, John-yes, Kelsey-yes, Don-yes, Kim-yes, Sarah-yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried. Discussion held regarding the estimate from Harris Electric to install lighting at the basketball court. In addition to this estimate, we still need to find a pole. This has been tabled until Brenda can contact Ameren regarding getting a pole. Don made the motion to allow Brenda to advertise for an Animal Control Officer, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. All in favor; motion carried. Don made the motion to renew the Depot East’s liquor license, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. All in favor; motion carried. Sarah made the motion to donate \$600.00 to the A-H Christmas Needy Fund, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. The donation will be split between the General Fund and the Memorial Fund. Roll call vote: John-yes, Kelsey-yes, Don-yes, Kim-yes, Sarah-yes, Chip-yes. 6 ayes; 0 nays; motion carried. The Abatement of Nuisance Ordinance is to be revised. The Liquor Ordinance will be revised and sent to Ross with the changes. The Board will email any changes to Brenda for inclusion in the ordinance. Kim made the motion to pass Ordinance #2023-10, “An Ordinance Establishing the Rates and Charges for Services Supplied for the Sewerage System and Water System of the Village of Hammond, Illinois”, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. All in favor; motion carried.

Old Business: We received one bid regarding the Community Building roof. This has been tabled until Brenda can get another bid. The Burn Ordinance will be revised with suggested changes. The Board went over the answers from Dave Schaab from WM to our concerns in the latest contract draft. Brenda is to email Dave in the morning. There will be a Special Board Meeting held Tuesday, October 17, 2023, to discuss final issues with the contract and to hopefully get it signed.

Executive Session: Kim made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:52 pm with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. At 9:27 pm, John made the motion to adjourn Executive Session with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. All in favor; motion carried.

Action on Executive Session: Kim made the motion to continue litigation, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. Roll call vote: Kelsey-yes, Don-yes, Kim-yes, Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, John-yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Adjournment: Sarah made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. All in favor; motion carried.

Marsha Burgener  
Village President

Brenda Sebens  
Village Clerk