

# **VILLAGE OF HAMMOND BOARD MEETING**

## **Minutes**

Wednesday, September 13, 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

Acknowledgement of videographer: Mike Jones announced he is videoing the meeting.

Adopt agenda: Under New Business, there is removal of a bush on Don Ryan Street. Move this item to the Water Superintendent's Report. Under New Business, add Set Trick or Treat hours.

Others present: Mike Jones, Ramona Lowder, Freda Pantier, Kelsey Wells, Mary Ann Downs.

Public Comment: Marsha stated that each person wishing to speak will be held to the 5-minute period, due to the many issues to be discussed. Mike Jones addressed the board regarding the letter he received regarding the violations on his two properties. He stated the toilet is a "potty planter" and has flowers planted in it. The issue of the canopy tent was brought up-this is to be discussed with the Village attorney. He stated the toilet is a matter of interpretation of whether it is art or not. He also stated he had been sick and unable to do anything with the yards. The Village was unaware of this. Freda Pantier stated there is a fund set up at the bank to help purchase backboards for the basketball court. The lighting will be discussed in the Village Clerk report.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the August 9, 2023 Board Minutes made by Don, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. All in favor; motion passed.

Financials: Kim made the motion to accept the financials, with the addition of Ron Miller's check for mowing, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. Roll call vote: Don-yes, Kim-yes, Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, John-yes. 5 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Village Clerk Report/Public Works Superintendent Report: Report for the Video Gaming for July 2023. Updated phone listing. Reminded everyone to make sure to do the FOIA and OMA training and get their certificates to me for their file. Brenda is to take the remaining paperwork to the auditor's office and they will complete the FY22 audit in their office. Shawnee will be here September 19, 2023, to change over the phone and fax lines. Mediacom will stay at the water plant. We need to find an animal control person. Brenda is to meet with Nicole Ashenfelter of Ameren Wednesday, September 20, 2023, to discuss lighting at the basketball court. Brenda can give information to those who wish to order a 150<sup>th</sup> banner, as is on the poles.

Ronnie-There have been 166 meters installed so far. There are 10 that need to be dug up, 10 big meters that need changed, three inside the home that need to be moved outside. One of the 150<sup>th</sup> signs has been installed at the east side of town. Josh Ponder has spoken with the owner of the property on the west side of town and has stated he is okay with the Village putting the other sign on his property. Ron is to get with Josh regarding this. The 8<sup>th</sup> Street signs are here and ready to be put up. Ron is to get a couple of estimates for sidewalk repair. He will be manicuring the yards that were dug up to install the new meters. He's letting it settle for now. Has been

cleaning up the yard waste pile. Discussion held regarding the bush on Don Ryan Street. It was the consensus of the board to have Ron get rid of it.

New Business: John made the motion to accept Scotty Hayes' resignation, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. All in favor-motion carried. Sarah made the motion to approve Ordinance #2023-11, "An Ordinance Regulating Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs", with the correction on page 4, paragraph 2-removal of the word hot tub, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chip. Roll call vote: Kim-yes, Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, John-yes, Don-yes. 5 ayes; motion carried. Sarah made a motion to donate \$125.00 to Piatt County Soil and Water for Electronic Recycling 2024, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. Roll call vote: Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, John-yes, Don-yes, Kim-yes. 5 ayes; motion carried. John made a motion to void the penalty due to receiving the bill late, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chip. Roll call vote: Chip-yes, John-yes, Don-yes, Kim-yes, Sarah-yes. 5 ayes; motion carried. Kim made the motion to pass on the Sam's Club Membership, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. All in favor; motion carried. Brenda is to contact Keith Hastings and Roofs by Otto regarding the Community Building roof possibly leaking. Don made the motion to have Kinert Land Services, LLC, place white rock around the Community Building & between said building and the old office, with funds to come from the Memorial Fund, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. Roll call vote: John-yes, Don-yes, Kim-yes, Sarah-yes, Chip-yes. 5 ayes; motion carried. The new notification of violation, which will become effective as of October 1, 2023, is as follows: 1. Place phone call to homeowner notifying them of the violation on their property and giving them 10 days in which to fix the violation. 2. If compliance is not met in the 10 days, send a non-certified violation letter reiterating the violation that needs to be corrected. Allow another 10 days. 3. If compliance is still not met, a certified violation letter is mailed to the homeowner. The first fine will also be charged in this letter for non-compliance and is due within 10 days. Sarah made the motion to accept this new notification of violation, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. All in favor-motion carried. Discussion was held regarding the current burn ordinance. There needs to be specific guidelines in what constitutes a recreational fire. There have been some seen with flames as high as 8-10 feet. This has been tabled until next meeting. Kim made the motion to set trick or treat hours for Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. All in favor-motion carried.

Old Business: We received an email today from David Schaab of Waste Management wanting to meet with the Board again regarding a contract. A Special Board Meeting has been scheduled for September 19, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Executive Session: Sarah made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:06 pm with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. At 8:59 pm, Sarah made the motion to adjourn Executive Session with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. All in favor; motion carried.

Action on Executive Session: Litigation to continue. John made the motion to fine Mark Kaufman/Depot East LLC \$500 and to suspend the liquor license for 30 days. Roll call vote: Don-yes, Kim-yes, Sarah-yes, Chip-yes, John-yes. 5 ayes; motion carried. Marsha will convey this to the Village attorney. Kim made the motion to approve Kelsey Wells for the trustee vacancy, which runs until April 2025; with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. All in favor; motion carried.

Adjournment: Sarah made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. All in favor; motion carried.

Marsha Burgener  
Village President

Brenda Sebens  
Village Clerk