Village of Hammond, Board Meeting

January 8, 2020

7:00 pm at the Village Hall

Call to order at 7:00 pm

Roll call: President Debby Waldrop-here, Marsha Burgener-in at 7:01 pm, Kim Gee-here, Mike Brown-here, Brad Frantz-here, Donnie Chenoweth-here, Jon Parsons-absent

Resignation: Brad made the motion to accept Jonathan Parsons resignation from the Board of Trustees, with a 2nd by Mike. All in favor? Motion carried.

Public Comment: Harold Key was present to discuss the ordinance violation letter he received for derelict vehicle(s). He states they are all licensed, all run, and one is up for sale. He just received the plates/sticker for one and will put on vehicle first thing in the morning.

Brad made the motion to accept the minutes of the December Board Meeting, with a 2nd by Kim. All in favor? Motion carried.

Jordan Pfeiffer came into the meeting. He inquired as to what the Zoning Ordinance was that was on the Agenda for passage. It was stated that the Village is updating ordinances and that this is one that needed revisions. He thought it had to do with his property. If in Village limits, it has to do with everyone’s property. Jordan was given a tentative copy of Ordinance #2020-01, Zoning Ordinance.

Brad made the motion to accept the financials, with a 2nd by Mike. Roll call vote: Marsha-yes, Donnie-yes, Mike-yes, Kim-yes, Brad-yes. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent Report: The engineer has been here several times to go over/discuss items for the upcoming USDA funds. The company that has provided the ultrasonics for the ponds is still working with him to get them going. The company that was to inspect the well will have to come back in the spring to find the valve to isolate the water so it can be looked at. Ron thinks he’s found the valve to do so. Ron is working on a “priority list” of things that need to be done around the Village. This will be presented at the May Board meeting, the beginning of the Village’s fiscal year. He suggested that the Board do a tour of the water plant and the ponds to understand how things work. This will be done in the spring or summer. Ron regenerates the tower every day. He comes up on days off, holidays, etc. to do so. If he happens to be out of town, there are several backups that can do this.

Village Clerk Report: Discussion regarding the draft of Tree Trimming Ordinance. Looking for input. Have ready for passage at February meeting. Regarding the old workshop-the owner of the building attached to ours should have her own inspection done. Per IML suggestion, I will be checking into changing our website domain to .gov as opposed to .us. Need input for job descriptions. Have ready for approval at February meeting. Resident letter addressed regarding another request for chickens and other issues. Response to resident was okayed by board and Debby is to sign. Discussion held regarding possible purchase of building next to ours. He’s to get back to me as soon as he can. USDA funds update: Mark Dwiggins, the Village’s engineer, is working on plans and bids for projects. Ball diamond purchase: I’m to check to make sure this ground is covered on our insurance and to double check with Andrew regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement.

Old/Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion held regarding payment due to Davis Construction for past work. Mike wants to pay bill in full. Marsha feels a precedent will be set if paid. She feels if he’d been made aware of the situation, we wouldn’t be discussing at this time. No bad intentions on either side. A contract should’ve been signed before work started. Debby doesn’t like this hanging over the Board’s head. The building that this work was started for is now on hold indefinitely. Mike made the motion to pay Davis Construction for past work for $6,237.41, no 2nd made. Motion failed. Would Davis Construction possibly take a portion of the balance due? Both parties at fault, no signed contract. Material cost $4,237.41-would he settle for this? Table this issue until the February meeting. Debby is to call and see if he’s open to this idea.

New Business:

1. Policy #2019-03, “Community Building”. Some changes need to be made. Signs need to be ordered for the front of building. Table until February meeting.
2. Policy #2019-04, “Drug and Alcohol Policy”. Marsha made the motion to approve, with a 2nd by Kim. Roll call vote: Donnie-yes, Mike-yes, Kim-yes, Brad-yes, Marsha-yes. 5 ayes, motion carried.
3. Policy #2019-05, “Expense Reimbursement Policy”. Brad made the motion to approve with a 2nd by Marsha. Roll call vote: Mike-yes, Kim-yes, Brad-yes, Marsha-yes, Donnie-yes. 5 ayes, motion carried.
4. Ordinance #2020-01, “Zoning Ordinance”. Table until February meeting. E-mail to board members.

Executive Session: In at 8:17pm-roll call: Debby, Marsha, Don, Mike, Brad, Kim. Out at 8:37pm roll call: Marsha, Don, Mike, Brad, Kim, Debby.

1. Continue to proceed with new/current litigation. Several new letters to go out.

Village President/Board of Trustees Comments: Donnie stated he feels the board members should respect each other’s opinions. Whether you agree or not, need to still respect each other. Debby asked Donnie what he meant by his comment regarding the board packets being delivered. He stated “not to act like third graders” when picking up packets. Debby stated she didn’t care for this comment towards her or the rest of the Board. He stated he understood.

A conference is coming up regarding Rural Community Economic Development. Brenda is to get in touch to see if this is something that would benefit the Village.

Brad made the motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm, with a 2nd by Kim. All in favor? Motion carried.

Deborah Waldrop Brenda Sebens

Village President Village Clerk