Village of Hammond, Board Meeting

October 9, 2019

7:00 pm at the Village Hall

Call to order at 7:00 pm

Roll call: President Debby Waldrop-here, Marsha Burgener-here, Kim Gee-here, Mike Brown-here, Brad Frantz-here, Don Chenoweth-absent, Jon Parsons-here

Public Comment: Attorney James Ayers, representing Chris Kerns, Jordan & Amanda Pfeifer was present to discuss the upcoming petition to be filed by the homeowners to detach from the Village. He presented a map which shows where the property is located and sits on 2.25 acres. It is not in a subdivision. At this time, there were no questions from the Board. If any future questions, please contact either James or Chris.

Terry and Gene Reed were present to discuss the violation letter they received in regards to the race track they’ve built behind their property. They have taken steps to minimize the dust by watering the track and also are using quieter mufflers to keep the noise to a minimum. It was built for the kids and a chance for the families to get together. It takes place every other Sunday and usually from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm or before dark. Getting ready to quit with winter coming. They stated they’ve talked to almost everyone in the neighborhood and have been told it doesn’t bother them. Is there anything else they can do?

Piatt County Sheriff David Hunt was present to address the continuing speeding in town. Vehicles continue to speed down “D” Street and Don Ryan Street. There are also a number of vehicles running the stop signs. There are two bus stops at that end of town and this is a safety concern. Sheriff Hunt asked for specific times when this seems to happen and to begin documenting license plates.

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

Brad made the motion to accept the financials, with a 2nd by Jon. Roll call vote: Kim-yes, Brad-yes, Jon-yes, Mike-yes, Marsha-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

1. The speed limit signs have been put on hold until further information is obtained.
2. The old workshop is needing to come down. It is attached to an apartment building on the west side. Andrew is to send a letter to the owner of the building to make her aware of the situation.
3. Not feasible to add the garbage bill to the water bill.
4. Brenda spoke with the apartment owner in question of a new business to be put in. The owner stated that there is not anything new going in.
5. It was decided that a quarterly mailing would be a good idea to keep the Village residents informed. The previous mailing was $12.75 over the previously approved $100.00. Jon made the motion to approve the additional $12.75, with a 2nd by Brad. Roll call vote: Brad-yes, Jon-yes, Mike-yes, Marsha-yes, Kim-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.
6. Kim made the motion to approve the proposal from Cahoy Pump Service to do the well inspection, with a 2nd by Marsha. Roll call vote: Jon-yes, Mike-yes, Marsha-yes, Kim-yes, Brad-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.
7. Brenda has been in contact with the Superintendent regarding the ownership of the ball diamond. Their board meeting is 10/16/19 and he is to contact Brenda to let her know what their board has decided.
8. The No Parking signs are up at the landscape pile and the Blink Security System is up and running.

New Business:

1. Brenda is to check into leasing a copier/scanner for the office. Marsha is to send information on the one she’s leasing for the library. Brenda is to try oiling the current shredder. If that doesn’t help, she is to look into a better one for the office.
2. Brad made the motion to continue the ServLine Contract, with a 2nd by Kim. Roll call vote: Mike-yes, Marsha-yes, Kim-yes, Brad-yes, Jon-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.
3. Mike made the motion to approve Ordinance #2019-10, “An Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Business Establishments in the Village of Hammond”, with a 2nd by Marsha. Roll call vote: Marsha-yes, Kim-yes, Brad-yes, Jon-yes, Mike-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.
4. There will be more revisions to make to the Water/Sewer Ordinance; therefore, passage of 2019-11 has been tabled. There are three homes currently receiving water, two of which the Village does not receive tax money on. Possibly add a maintenance fee to help offset repair/maintenance cost to lines that others tax money covers. Brenda is to check into the percentage of tax money per household that goes to the repair/maintenance of the water lines to assess a fair maintenance fee.
5. Mike made the motion to open a new Construction checking account for the USDA funds with a $100.00 deposit, with a 2nd by Jon. Roll call vote: Kim-yes, Brad-yes, Jon-yes, Mike-yes, Marsha-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.
6. The purchase of a storage unit has been tabled until further information is gathered. Jon is to check into and Brenda is to go to Arthur to check prices.
7. Ron has several Village items stored in his garage due to condition of workshop. Per the insurance, these items are covered and there is no additional charge.
8. The CIMOA meeting is coming up. It’s $20.00 to attend. Let Brenda know if interested in going.
9. Brad made the motion to waive the charges on Sandra Suhling account, with a 2nd by Mike. Roll call vote: Brad-yes, Jon-yes, Mike-yes, Marsha-yes, Kim-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried. Waiving the minimum amount for unrented apartments is not approved.

Brad made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:54 pm, with a 2nd by Jon. Roll call: Debby-here, Mike-here, Marsha-here, Kim-here, Brad-here, Jon-here. Village attorney Andrew Hall is also present. Jon made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:33 pm, with a 2nd by Brad. Roll call: Mike-here, Marsha-here, Kim-here, Brad-here, Jon-here, Debby-here, Andrew-here.

Jon made the motion to adjourn at 9:48 pm, with a 2nd by Brad. All in favor? Motion carried.

Deborah Waldrop Brenda Sebens

Village President Village Clerk