

Village of Hammond, Board Meeting
September 11, 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-here, Jon Parsons-absent

Public Comment: Jordan Pfeiffer and Chris Kerns were present to discuss the Ordinance violation letter Jordan received. Jordan states he spans his dog when needed to keep him from running loose; states he's never beaten or punched his dog. He states he'll comply with the ordinance. Chris stated that he owns this property and wanted to know why it's annexed into the Village limits. Piatt County Tax Office has been contacted and couldn't give a date when the actual annexation took place; it's been that long ago. If this property is in Village limits, he feels that sewer should be ran to it. Otherwise, leave this property alone. He also inquired about speed limit signs needing to be posted on this road. The Board will discuss all of his concerns and get back in touch with him.

Kevin Buckley was present to discuss the audit for FY19. He went over the numbers and also the recommendations to the Village.

Discussed the complaint regarding a racetrack in a residential neighborhood. There's a lot of dust and it's noisy. Seems to happen on the weekends. If it's supposed to be a residential neighborhood, something like this should not be allowed. There are a few in the neighborhood that have breathing problems. The dust affects them. There have also been cans left in a neighboring yard. The safety of the children has been addressed. Worried if something happens to the car, they wouldn't know what to do. This resident stated that she doesn't like to complain, but feels this is not right.

President/Trustee Comment: Mike brought up the issue a neighboring town is having. Stated that he's been asked his opinion on it, and feels this Board needs to refrain from commenting. Debby stated that she tries to stay out of other's issues and feels the Trustees should do the same. Marsha has been told of a business being put in what is now being used as apartments. Brenda is to contact the owner and discuss.

August 14, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes: Brad made the motion to approve, with an amendment to state that speaking with Ken Crossman is on hold until after the first of the year, with a 2nd by Marsha. All in favor; motion carried. Discussion held to add New Business and Old Business to the Agenda. All in favor? Motion carried.

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

Executive Session: Brad made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:24 pm, with a 2nd by Kim. Roll call: Brad-here, Mike-here, Marsha-here, Debby-here, Donnie-here, Kim-here. Brad

made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:49 pm with a 2nd by Kim. Roll call: Mike-here, Debby-here, Marsha-here, Donnie-here, Kim-here, Brad-here. Brenda is to contact the Village attorney to see if we can do several ordinance violations cases on the same person at the same time. A resident does not have a verified mailing address. Brenda has been sending all correspondence to her place of business. She has been asked to provide a viable address and has not responded.

Village Clerk Update: Specs for the workshop have been sent to Springhaven for an estimate. Letters sent to two residents re: the cat issue. Sheriff Hunt will be attending the October 9, 2019 Board meeting. Things still moving forward with the USDA re: the loan and grant money. Spoke with Upchurch re: the ball diamond property. Per the Piatt County Map, this is owned by the school district. Brenda is to see what needs to be done.

For the Good of the Village:

- Discussion re: trees possibly on Village property: the tree line is on top of a water main. A previous board had okayed the trees to be planted. Need to verify who owns the property the trees are on. Need to determine the actual right of way for the Village.
- Discussion re: the upcoming marijuana legalization: The Prohibition of Cannabis Ordinance will be passed at the October Board Meeting.
- Kim made the motion to purchase a Blink Security System not to exceed \$260.00, with a 2nd by Marsha. Roll call vote: Marsha-yes, Donnie-yes, Kim-yes, Brad-yes, Mike-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.
- Mike made the motion to purchase a blue tooth and holder for the Village truck not to exceed \$50.00, with a 2nd by Brad. Roll call vote: Donnie-yes, Kim-yes, Brad-yes, Mike-yes, Marsha-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.
- Discussion re: purchase of speed limit signs for west of town. This has been tabled until price of signs has been determined.
- Discussion re: old workshop/office building. Something needs to be done as it continues to deteriorate. Brenda is to contact Joe Pharis for a bid to demo said building.
- Kim made the motion to hire Evans, Froehlich, Beth, & Chamley as Bond Counsel for the USDA loan/grant money, with a 2nd by Mike. Roll call vote: Kim-yes, Brad-yes, Mike-yes, Marsha-yes, Donnie-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.
- Brad made the motion to approve \$100 to be spent on Every Door Direct Mail, with a 2nd by Mike. Roll call vote: Brad-yes, Mike-yes, Marsha-yes, Donnie-yes, Kim-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.
- Trick or Treat hours have been set for Thursday, October 31, 2019, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
- Mike made the motion to approve Policy #2019-02, “Employee Protection (Whistleblower) Policy, with a 2nd by Kim. Roll call vote: Brad-yes, Mike-yes, Marsha-yes, Donnie-yes, Kim-yes. 5 ayes, 1 absent; motion carried.
- Brenda is to contact Justin Wierman, a school board member, re: the ball diamond.
- No new news on the well inspection. Put on October Agenda for approval.
- Debby stated that there is to be no calling someone if they’re on the shut off list.
- Look into adding garbage bill to water bill. Brenda to look into Tuscola’s Water Ordinance.

Brad made the motion to adjourn, with a 2nd by Mike at 9:53 pm. All in favor.

Deborah Waldrop
Village President

Brenda Sebens
Village Clerk