

**Village of Herscher Board Meeting
February 22, 2022 7:00P.M.**

Village President Shannon Sweeney called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following Trustees were present: John Branz, Mike Bruner, Bob Voss, Jacob Wagner, and Andy Cotter. Skip Grigas was absent. Also present, Police Chief Chad Scanlon, Public Works Employee Keith Witheft, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Janet Mau from The Herscher Pilot (Zoom), and Attorney Chris Bohlen.

Bob Voss moved to approve the Regular minutes of February 7, 2022; John Branz seconded. All in favor; Motion carried.

John Branz moved to approve the Executive minutes of February 7, 2022; Bob Voss seconded. All in favor; Motion carried.

STREETS:

Bob Voss said the last snowstorm went well with plowing. We had Tony Webster help with his own equipment and Corey Eich drove our equipment.

FINANCE:

John Branz presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$17,823.16 to the Board for payment. John Branz moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Mike Bruner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$15,724.09. John Branz moved to accept payroll as presented, Mike Bruner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Bob Voss-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and John Branz-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

John Branz added:

- Telecom Tax is in from November is in the amount of \$1,113.48
- Local Share of the Cannabis Use Tax is in from January 2022 in the amount of \$211.27.
- Local Share of the Video Gaming Tax collected in January 2022 is in at \$2,560.34.
- Local Share of the State Use Tax is in from November in the amount of \$5,457.99.
- Local Share of Income Tax collected in January 2022 is in at \$25,840.84.
- The Village Boundary map has been updated with the Illinois Department of Revenue
- Passed out Budget Performance 5/1/21 thru 1/31/22
- Will be mailing the quarterly MFT Funds report which includes Rebuild Illinois Funds
- Waiting on Insurance breakdown from ICRMT to pay the annual bill
- Administration Budget meeting went well. Will start working on Parks Budget tomorrow

PARKS:

Andy Cotter presented a quote from Feller Construction totaling \$7,805 for a new roof at the Pilot Park Concession Stand. Andy Cotter moved to accept the quote as presented. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Andy Cotter handed out a picture of the proposed walking path stages. He explained the order he plans on doing the stages and said an initial quote for stage one was \$45,000.

Andy said that we are looking to hire 2 seasonal Parks/ Public Works employees with the potential to become full time for one of them. The pay rate will be \$15 an hour.

WATER AND SEWER:

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE:

Jacob Wagner moved to suspend the rules which would interfere with the passage of Ordinance #22-01 an ordinance which amends the delinquent water accounts section. Mike Bruner seconded the motion. Roll call taken Skip Grigas-absent, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Jacob Wagner moved to place Ordinance #22-01 on its final passage and pass, amending water delinquent accounts. Mike Bruner seconded the motion. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

The new firewall will be installed on Friday and emails will be set up as well. We received a bill in the amount of \$1,400 from Carol Riefsteck for the web page setup.

POLICE:

Chief Chad Scanlon presented a quote totaling \$20,211 for a new body camera from GTac. This includes 6 warn body cameras, 3 squad cameras, training, and cloud storage. The Chief said that cameras will be mandated by 2025 and a fee approximately \$15 per camera will be billed monthly for cloud storage. Bob Voss moved to accept the quote as presented. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jacob Wagner moved to hire Vanessa Weaver as Water/Deputy Clerk with a start date of March 1, 2022, for \$17 per hour. Mike Bruner seconded. Roll call taken: John Branz-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, Bob Voss-aye, and Skip Grigas-absent. All in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Janet Mau asked a few questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

John Branz made a motion to enter Executive Session (7:45pm) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Village of Herscher and Potential Litigations. Bob Voss seconded. Roll call taken Skip Grigas-absent, Andy Cotter-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, John Branz-aye, Bob Voss-aye, and Jacob Wagner-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Bob Voss motioned to exit Executive Session at (8:15) pm. Jacob Wagner seconded. All in favor motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by John Branz. Seconded by Bob Voss. All in favor. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk