

Village of Herscher Board Meeting
March 7, 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, Bob Voss, Jacob Wagner, Mike Bruner, Skip Grigas, and Andy Cotter. Also, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Police Chief Chad Scanlon, Public Works Employee Keith Witheft, Andy King from The Herscher Pilot, Attorney Chris Bohlen and resident Scott Landeck.

Bob Voss moved to approve the Regular minutes of February 22, 2022; John Branz seconded. Motion carried. 4-0-1. (Skip abstained.)

Mike Bruner moved to approve the Executive minutes of February 22, 2022; John Branz seconded. Motion carried. 4-0-1. (Skip abstained.)

STREETS:

Bob Voss informed the Board that we will go ahead and put Elm Street repaving project out for bid. According to Al Deany he budgeted enough that it should cover the rising oil cost. If the bids come in to high, we don't have to accept any. We can pass on the asphalt project and wait until oil prices come down. Bob said that he plugged 50% of the sidewalk cost in the budget for Elm Street.

FINANCE:

John Branz presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$39,717.04 to the Board for payment. John Branz moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, John Branz-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$18,980.51. John Branz moved to accept payroll as presented, Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Bob Voss-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and John Branz-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

John Branz added:

- The Treasurer's Report for February 2022, the total in all accounts is \$1,944,331.10.
- Personal Property Replacement Tax collected in January and February of 2022 coming in at \$20,898.28
- Passed out Balance Sheets for all Funds as of 2/28/22
- Passed out Revenue and Expense Reports 5/1/21 thru 2/28/22
- Passed out Budget Performances 5/1/21 thru 2/28/22
- Meeting with Don Devereaux tomorrow morning at 9 A.M. on the Village Insurance
- Still working on Budgets

Village President Sweeney asked if we wanted to have a committee of the whole to discuss budget as its finished.

PARKS:

Andy Cotter said that the grant application was submitted on Friday for the grant offered by the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley.

He is waiting on some quotes for the fence at Pilot Park that will be located between the parking lot and Solar Town Apartments. He has received one in the amount of \$8,530 from A Fence Above the Rest.

The job posting is on Facebook and in the paper.

Ran through the Budget with John already and its looking good.

WATER AND SEWER:

Mike Bruner set up a Budget Meeting for Water and Sewer for Saturday March 12th at 9am. He mentioned we have \$30,000 in the current Budget and he would like to spend this on a new generator. If we don't get billed for it until next FY we will roll over to the new budget. Mike handed out a draft of some water and sewer rate increases that we need to discuss and think about.

ORDINANCE:

Jacob Wagner said that IT is done with firewall install and computer switch over. Advanced Computer agreed that we could pay the remaining balance in next FY. We will need to get Andy and Mike Village emails. Since Bob and John will not be running for another term next year, we will not require them to get one.

We will be doing some more training on the website tomorrow and hope to have it active this week. Vanessa Weaver is doing well and catching on quickly. We will be getting her set up with a laptop so that she will have access to work remotely if needed.

Jacob presented an updated Building Permit Application that has been approved by Charlie. He said that Steve Spencer Code Officer has been ill so he will follow up once he is well.

POLICE:

Skip Grigas moved to accept resignation of Officer Randy Barber. Jacob Wagner seconded. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Chief Scanlon said the new squad car is in and we will get it after the start of the next FY.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Chris Bohlen gave an update on the insurance claim at the sewer plant. He said that the insurance is reconsidering the offer of the air grid payment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Chris Bohlen explained the new Statement of Economic Interest Form. He said that assets such as home, savings, cars, and retirements do not need to be listed. Anything else over \$10,000 does. It doesn't need to be specific. By listing the firm that holds it is suitable. We are all transparent being a Government Official. If we don't fill out the form, we could be removed from office. If we make a mistake on the form, you can fix it.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Nothing to report

Motion to adjourn by Mike Bruner. Seconded by Jacob Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk