

Village of Herscher Board Meeting April 4, 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: Jacob Wagner, John Branz, Mike Bruner, Andy Cotter, Bob Voss, and Skip Grigas. Also, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Police Chief Chad Scanlon, Public Works Employee Keith Witheft, Andy King from The Herscher Pilot, and Attorney Chris Bohlen.

Bob Voss moved to approve the Regular minutes of March 21, 2022; John Branz seconded. All in favor; Motion carried.

STREETS:

Bob Voss said that the garbage truck had a hydraulic fuel line break and leaked hydraulic fluid down Second Street. It is cleaned up as good as to be expected. Bob received an updated quote for sidewalk work on Elm Street. It has increased as some older, round storm water drains need to be updated.

FINANCE:

John Branz presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$39,556.67 to the Board for payment. John Branz moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$17,657.59. 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:

- Still tying up the loose ends on the Budget and beginning work on the Appropriations Ordinance.
- Meeting of the Committee of the Whole is not necessary. We can have budget review in the regular meeting.

PARKS:

Andy Cotter moved to hire Derek Wishon, Dick Cotter, and AJ Cotter as a seasonal park's employees with an hourly rate of \$15 per hour. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken: John Branz-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-abstain, Jacob Wagner-aye, Bob Voss-aye, and Skip Grigas-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Andy Cotter made a motion to purchase 2 loads of Ball Field Mix in the amount of \$5,113.30. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Bob Voss-aye, and Skip Grigas-aye All in favor, motion carried.

WATER/SEWER:

Mike Bruner said that the application was sent to the EPA for Oak Street water main replacement permits. If approved, we are looking at a July start date. He said that we are looking at replacing the generators yet this year at the water plant and the wells. We received an estimate for \$43,000.

Mike Bruner moved to place Ordinance #22-02, an ordinance to increase water rates, on its final passage and pass. John Branz seconded the motion. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Mike Bruner moved to place Ordinance #22-03, an ordinance to increase water rates, on its final passage and pass. John Branz seconded the motion. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE:

Jacob Wagner said that Charlie issued 9 permits the month of March. He had a report from Steve Spencer. He was happy to report that the problem trailer on Oak Street has found a new spot to park off the Street.

Jacob Wagner explained the proposed updated Building Permit fee schedule.

Jacob Wagner moved to approve the new Building Permit Fee Schedule effective May 1, 2022. Mike Bruner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Bob Voss-aye, and Skip Grigas-aye All in favor, motion carried.

POLICE:

Skip Grigas made a motion to purchase a new squad car in the amount of \$35,614. John Branz seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Bob Voss-aye, and Skip Grigas-aye All in favor, motion carried.

Skip Grigas made a motion to approve the updated School Resource Officer Agreement. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Bob Voss-aye, and Skip Grigas-aye All in favor, motion carried.

Skip Grigas made a motion to accept the resignation of Rick Gilbert. Mike Bruner seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Chief Scanlon said that we will probably need to look at hiring some part time officers as our roster is slimming down.

OLD BUSINESS:

The CCR is at the Pilot and will be published in a couple weeks and then we will have it on the website and available at Village Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Andy asked Attorney Bohlen if we as a Village can do anything about the high gas prices that we see here in Herscher when everyone's else is .30 to .40 lower than here. Attorney Bohlen said you can try by starting with the store managers.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Andy King asked if the Village had food truck restrictions. The only restrictions we have are no selling on Village Streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

John Branz made a motion to enter Executive Session (7:38pm) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Village of Herscher and potential Litigations. Also, to review the last 6 months Executive Minutes. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Bob Voss-aye, and Skip Grigas-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner motioned to exit executive session at 8:26p.m. Jacob Wagner seconded. All in favor motion carried.

John Branz made a motion to hold the minutes of October 18, 2021, November 1, 2021, November 15, 2021, January 4, 2022, February 8, 2022, and February 22, 2022. Mike Bruner seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mike Bruner moved to approve 5.75% raises starting May 1, 2022, to eligible employees less the new hires. Jacob Wagner-seconded. Roll call taken: Bob Voss-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, John Branz-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, and Andy Cotter-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner moved to approve an additional 4.25% raise for Heather Meredith starting May 1, 2022. Jacob Wagner-seconded. Roll call taken: Bob Voss-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, John Branz-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, and Andy Cotter-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

John Branz moved to approve to increase the Village Treasurer salary to \$1,200 annually. Mike Bruner-seconded. Roll call taken: Bob Voss-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, John Branz-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, and Andy Cotter-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk