

**Village of Herscher Board Meeting  
March 21, 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, Andy Cotter, and Skip Grigas. Also present, Police Chief Chad Scanlon, Public Works Employee Keith Witheft, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, and Andy King from The Herscher Pilot.

Bob Voss moved to approve the Regular minutes of February 22, 2022; John Branz seconded. All in favor; Motion carried.

**STREETS:**

Bob Voss said that he and John worked through the Streets Budget, and everything looks good. He added that he has been working with Al Deany on the S Elm Street project.

Village President Shannon Sweeney asks if he had any trees in the new budget. Bob replied that he does and that we shouldn't need to remove any more but maybe start replanting.

**FINANCE:**

John Branz presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$156,369.81 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 \$20,589.58. 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 moved to approve an MFT Disbursement to Andrews Engineering in the amount of \$6,110.19. Bob Voss 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.

John Branz added:

- Telecom Tax is in from December is in the amount of \$1,042.79
- Local Share of the Cannabis Use Tax is in from February 2022 in the amount of \$223.55.
- Local Share of the Video Gaming Tax collected in February 2022 is in at \$2,522.22.
- Local Share of the State Use Tax is in from December in the amount of \$6,918.27.
- Local Share of Income Tax collected in February 2022 is in at \$11,200.51.
- Regular Sales Tax in from December 2021 in the amount of \$30,709.91
- 1% Non-Home Rule Sales Tax is in from December in the amount of \$12,605.70

**PARKS:**

Andy Cotter presented quotes from Osterhoff Fence in the amount \$11,099 and A Fence Above in the amount of \$ 8,530 for a new fence for the North side of Pilot Park parking lot. Andy Cotter moved to accept the quote from A Fence Above as presented. Jacob Wagner 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.

**WATER AND SEWER:**

Mike Bruner moved to place Ordinance #22-02 Water Rate Increase on file which increases water 9% each year for the next 5 years. Skip Grigas 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 Sewer Rate Increase on file which increases sewer 3% each year for the next 5 years. Skip Grigas 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 we received a variance request for 300 S Main. It will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Jacob is working on updating the building permit fee schedule and is waiting on a quote that is needed for budgeting so that we can begin camera installation at the Sewer Plant. Jacob has new emails for Andy and Mike that need to be set up. He was happy to report that the new website will go live tonight.

**POLICE:**

A budget meeting was set for Saturday at 9:30am. John Branz said that he and Chad will get together and talk this week.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Skip Grigas said the renewal for the School Resource Officer is due in August. Chief Scanlon said that not much needs to change except dates. The salary increases are figured in the contract already.

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR:**

Nothing to report

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

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk