

Village of Herscher Board Meeting July 5, 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 arrived at 7:12, Jacob Wagner, Andy Cotter, Bob Voss, Mike Bruner, and Skip Grigas. Also, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Village Attorney Chris Bohlen and Janet Mau from the Herscher Pilot were also present.

Bob Voss moved to approve the Regular minutes of June 21, 2022; Skip Grigas seconded. Motion carried. Jacob Wagner abstained as he was absent from the last meeting.

STREETS:

Bob Voss said the cross walks are done on Elm Street. He has also drafted a letter to the residents about sidewalk replacement reimbursement program. We need to let residents know about the program. We are waiting on striping. The seeding on Elm Street and N Oak will hopefully be done in the fall.

FINANCE:

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$37,503.82 to the Board for payment. Mike Bruner 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-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$19,148.77. Mike Bruner 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-absent. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner moved to approve the Budget for FY 22-23. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll Call taken: Bob Voss-aye, John Branz-absent, Andy Cotter-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Skip Grigas-aye. All in favor: motion carried.

Mike Bruner moved to approve the Appropriations Ordinance #22-07 for FY 22-23. Seconded by Jacob Wagner. Roll Call taken: Bob Voss-aye, John Branz-absent, Andy Cotter-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Jacob Wagner, and Skip Grigas-aye. All in favor, motion carried.

The Illinois Funds have higher rates now, so we want to send some more money there. The State of Illinois cannot touch these funds.

PARKS:

Andy Cotter said he is talking with Al Deany about the nature walk and dog park. The fence at Leiser Field is finished. Softball and Baseball is done for the year. Mowing has slowed down so the parks guys will paint stuff, clean up the landscaping at Village Hall and we may do a stick day.

WATER AND SEWER:

Mike Bruner said that the water main replacement project has begun on N Oak Street. Also, he said Keith found the parts to the scale to fix verses buying new one. He said Keith will be on vacation next week.

ORDINANCE:

Jacob Wagner said that we had \$5,000 in building permits the month of June. The corner easement on Vernon and Third has been mowed and the homeowner was asked to put rock or mulch to avoid the mowing. He said Steve has been working with the guy on North Park Road about cleaning up his property. Jacob suggested we make the sidewalk reimbursement 50% of total cost of project. The Board concurred. Attorney Bohlen will have it for the next meeting.

POLICE:

Skip Grigas said that the new squad is in use. We are waiting for a few more lights. The in-car cameras are installed just need to do some training before implementing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Voss asked if we have a color scheme for downtown. He says the Historical Society wants to add a canopy. We do not have one that is known about.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Janet Mau asked if we have heard anything about the Downtown Grant. President Sweeney says he hopes to hear in the next few weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

John Branz made a motion to enter Executive Session (7:32pm) to discuss appointment, employment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Village of Herscher and Potential Litigations. Mike Bruner seconded. Roll call taken Skip Grigas-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Bob Voss-aye, and Jacob Wagner-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:51pm. John Branz seconded. All in favor motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Bruner. Seconded by Andy Cotter. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk