

**Village of Herscher Board Meeting  
August 1, 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, and Skip Grigas. Andy Cotter and Mike Bruner were absent. Also present, Public Works Employee Keith Witheft, Village Deputy Clerk Vanessa Weaver, Attorney Chris Bohlen, and Janet Mau from The Herscher Pilot.

Bob Voss moved to approve the Regular minutes of July 18, 2022; Jacob Wagner seconded. All in favor; Motion carried. Skip Grigas abstained since he was absent from the last meeting.

**STREETS:**

Bob Voss presented the Bid Tabulations for HMA Overlay for S Elm Street. The lowest bidder was from Kankakee Valley Construction in the amount of \$127,810.50. John Branz moved to accept the bid from Kankakee Valley Construction for HMA Overlay on South Elm. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-absent, Andy Cotter-absent, John Branz-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Bob Voss mentioned getting letters mailed out to the residents on Elm about doing the new sidewalks and being reimbursed 50%. He also mentioned that the tree on South Elm was cut down for the new crosswalk.

**FINANCE:**

John Branz presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$157,689.74 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-absent, Andy Cotter-absent, John Branz-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$18,944.84. John Branz moved to accept payroll as presented, Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-absent, Andy Cotter-absent, Bob Voss-aye, and John Branz-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

John Branz moved approve an MFT Disbursement to Ruben E Smith Construction and R&R Inc. in the amount of \$31,107.24 for first payment on sidewalk work on south Elm Street. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-absent, Andy Cotter-absent, John Branz-aye, Bob Voss-aye, and Skip Grigas-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Received first distribution of 2021 real estate taxes in the amount of \$55,210.16. Also passed out history of the 1% NHMR sales tax received since we started collecting it.

**PARKS:**

John Branz stated he was told that the hot water heater at the park building isn't working, it wasn't working last year neither, he called Joe Peterson to come and look at it.

Jacob Wagner presented that we have Jeff Fieldman look at all the buildings/roofs that the Village owns to make sure they are all in good shape.

**WATER AND SEWER:**

Nothing to report

**ORDINANCE:**

Jacob Wagner gave an update on Steve that he has had knee surgery, The Village will be sending out more letters for code violations.

**POLICE:**

Nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Shannon Sweeney stated there is nothing new on the grant money and thinks a plan should be made up about what will happen if we do not get approved for the grant. He will be scheduling a Committee meeting to discuss.

Jacob Wagner presented the totals for the new roof at Village Hall, quote came in at \$13,029.00 plus \$50 per sheet of plywood. He is estimating total cost to be around \$15,000-\$17,000 for everything. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken: Bob Voss-aye, John Branz-aye, Skip Grigas- aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-absent, and Andy Cotter- absent. All in favor; Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

John Branz moved to raise the mileage reimbursement to 62.5 cents per mile to match the IRS reimbursement rate. Bob Voss, seconded. Roll call taken: Bob Voss-aye, John Branz-aye, Mike Bruner-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye. Andy Cotter-absent. All in favor; Motion carried.

John Branz moved to donate \$8,000 to the Herscher Legion Community Center. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken: Bob Voss-present, John Branz-aye, Mike Bruner-absent, Skip Grigas-present, Jacob Wagner-aye. Andy Cotter-absent. All in favor; Motion carried.

Bob Voss mentioned that there is a large pile of clay that came from Oak Street, wanted to know what we should do with it. Shannon Sweeney said he will reach out to Larry Hendrix to see if they would be interested in it.

John Branz let everyone know that there will be a food truck, Candy and Cake, that will be outside the Anderson house for Labor Day. They will be serving water and ice cream plus will have activities for the kids.

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR:**

Nothing to report

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vannessa Weaver, Deputy Clerk