

**Village of Herscher Board Meeting  
December 19, 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: Mike Bruner, John Branz, Bob Voss, Andy Cotter, and Skip Grigas. Jacob Wagner was absent. Also present, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Village Attorney Chris Bohlen, and Police Chief Chad Scanlon.

Bob Voss moved to approve the Regular minutes of December 5, 2022; John Branz seconded. All in favor; Motion carried.

**STREETS:**

Bob Voss reported that everything is ready for the expected blizzard coming Thursday. He is thinking that January 3<sup>rd</sup> we will return to regular hours for the sewer plant gates to be open for yard debris and Christmas tree disposal.

**FINANCE:**

John Branz presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$27,280.62 to the Board for payment. John Branz moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-absent, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$14,429.04. John Branz moved to accept payroll as presented, Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-absent, 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 November 2022 shows a total of \$2,187,813.15 in all accounts.
- The Personal Property Replacement Tax collected in October and November is in at \$10,504.77
- The Regular Sales Tax is in from September in the amount of \$31,420.68
- The 1% Non-Home Rule Sales Tax is in from September in the amount of \$16,328.79
- The Telecom Tax is in from September in the amount of \$1,315.45.
- The Local Share of Income Tax collected in November is in at \$13,939.86.
- The Local Share of the State Use Tax from September is in at \$5,454.26.
- The Local Share of the Cannabis Use Tax collected in November is in at \$185.33.
- The Local Share of the Video Gaming Tax collected in November is in at \$3,022.72.
- The total received from the above shared revenues is \$82,171.86
- Received the Final Distribution and Interest from the 2021 Real Estate Taxes. The total received which includes \$75.06 in interest and \$18,975.60 from Pilot Road and Bridge is \$102,264.62
- Passed out Budget Performance for May 1, 2022 thru November 30, 2022.
- The Illinois Funds Rate for today is 4.048%
- The Tax Levy has been filed with the County Clerk

**PARKS:**

Andy Cotter presented the Walking Path Bid Tabulations worksheet. The lowest bidder was Tobey's Construction in the amount of \$29,632.00. Andy Cotter moved to accept the bid from Tobey's Construction for the Walking Path/ Dog Park at Lions Park. John Branz seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-absent, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, John Branz-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried

Andy added that the next phase will be the Dog Park bid request.

**WATER AND SEWER:**

Mike Bruner said he received an estimate from Midco Diving about water tower maintenance. He and Keith met with Darin Clark from Maguire Iron about setting up a maintenance program for the water tower. It has been 20 years since the tower has been built. Mike is going to have Darin come give a presentation in front of the Board. Mike said that we may need to increase water and sewer rates again or consider selling the water plant.

**ORDINANCE:**

Nothing to report

**POLICE:**

Chief Scanlon says that he received an application for a person that he would make part time, who is also certified to be full time eventually if needed. He is waiting on the background check before presenting to the Board with a recommendation to hire.

Chief also said that he and Sargent Meister participated in Shop with a Cop this past weekend and it was a successful and rewarding day.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Andy Cotter said that gas price letter to Casey's had no effect on the prices coming down. He is going to send another letter.

Attorney Bohlen reached out to The Village of Dwight's Attorney about the windfarm counteroffer. He was told they have never received an official proposal yet. Attorney Bohlen suggest we wait a few weeks before counteroffering anything. John Branz said that he will reach out to Kevin McNamara the Village of Dwight administrator.

Attorney Bohlen handed out the Raffle Ordinance for discussion. We will vote on the Ordinance at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Debbie Jensen is the Legion contact if we need to have a warming center.

Mike Bruner moved to approve Bruce Meredith to carry over 40 hours of vacation time to be used by May 1, 2023. Bob Voss seconded. All in favor motion carried.

Mike Bruner mentioned that Bruce Meredith is planning on retiring around April 1<sup>st</sup>. He will need to write a letter with his date of retirement. Then we can put his job out for applicants.

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR:**

Nothing to report

Motion to adjourn by Bob Voss. Seconded by Skip Grigas. All in favor. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk