

Village of Herscher Board Meeting
March 6, 2023, 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, Mike Bruner, Andy Cotter, and Skip Grigas. Also, Deputy Village Clerk Vanessa Weaver, Police Chief Chad Scanlon, Public Works Employee Keith Witheft, Janet Mau from The Herscher Pilot, Attorney Chris Bohlen, Residents Marjorie Daly and Deb Daly.

John Branz moved to approve the Regular minutes of February 21, 2023; Mike Bruner seconded. Bob Voss Abstained. Motion carried. 5-0-1

John Branz moved to approve the Executive minutes of February 21, 2023; Jacob Wagner seconded. Bob Voss Abstained. Motion carried. 5-0-1

STREETS:

Bob Voss spoke on how he is putting together a packet for whomever takes over for him once he retires from the Board.

Bob Voss stated he is still working on the budget.

FINANCE:

John Branz presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$54,446.70 to the Board for payment. John Branz moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, John Branz-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$17,003.70. 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:

- The Treasurer's Report for February 2023 shows a total in all accounts of \$2,297,928.76
- The Personal Property Replacement Tax collected in January and February is coming in tomorrow at \$11,479.17
- Continuing to work on Budgets for FY 23-24. Recently worked through police with Chief Scanlon.
- Sent an email to Carmen Huizenga at SKDO asking her to prepare the Engagement Letter for 2023 Audit.
- The Illinois Funds Daily rate today is 4.610%

John Branz moved to approve EFT payments to vendors but invoices will still need to be approved in normal matter with checks and balances. Make sure EFT match bank states. Jacob Wagner 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.

PARKS:

Andy Cotter made a motion to purchase a Grasshopper rider lawn mowers from All Power Equipment in the amount of \$16,144.00. 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.

Andy Cotter made a motion to purchase a Hundi push mower in the amount of \$549.00. Skip Grigas 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.

Andy Cotter spoke to the Board about hiring 2 new seasonal employees and will be running an ad in the Pilot for these positions.

Andy Cotter spoke about the bleachers and said he has a few other options that he would like to look into before making a decision about the bleachers at Village Park.

WATER AND SEWER:

Mike Bruner met about his budget about a week ago and is all finished with it.

Mike Bruner spoke about waiting to do something with McGuire until another inspection can be done on the water tower.

ORDINANCE:

Jacob Wagner said that permits and inspections are down and he stated he is still looking for a new plumber inspector but isn't having much luck.

Jacob Wagner spoke about the camera guy stopping by and speaking with Chief Chad Scanlon and he will be sending over some information about the cameras.

The new printer has been delivered and will be installed tomorrow morning.

He is looking into other places for the insulation as he hasn't heard anything back from the original company.

Budget meeting has been set up for March 16th at 6:30 pm.

POLICE:

Chief Chad Scanlon informed the Board that the tickets for the Back the Blue Gala have been dropped if anyone on the Board is interested in coming. It will be held on March 25th at Quality Inn.

OLD BUSINESS:

Village President Sweeney presented The Athletic Clubs revision for less money (\$28,460) on the grant submission. Mike Bruner moved to approve the new amount. Skip Grigas second. Roll call taken: Bob Voss-aye, John Branz-aye, Mike Bruner-abstained, Skip Grigas-aye, Andy Cotter-abstained, Jacob Wagner-abstained. 3-0-3; Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Shannon Sweeney let the Board know that Senator Patrick Joyce will be giving the Village of Herscher \$100,000.00 in a State Grant.

President Shannon Sweeney presented the Board with the information about Fortitude and how they were asking for a donation. The Board discussed and decided to pass on doing a donation at this time.

John Branz talked about the meeting he went to at Jackie Haas's office and that they spoke about HB 4412 and her staff will be sending over more information about this bill.

John Branz told the Board that we drove by the building that the Wind Turbine company is in and saw the light was on so he stopped in and spoke with the lady there about who our new representative is. She informed John that someone would be in contact with the Village.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Residents Marjorie Daly and Deb Daly were at meeting and asked about rezoning of a property from residential to commercial.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vannessa Weaver, Deputy Village Clerk