

Village of Herscher Board Meeting April 3, 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, and Mike Bruner. Andy Cotter and Skip Grigas were absent. Also, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Police Chief Chad Scanlon, Public Works Employee Keith Witheft, Janet Mau from The Herscher Pilot (Zoom), Attorney Chris Bohlen, and Lift Fitness owners Logan VanAllen and Jill Fulton.

Bob Voss moved to approve the Regular minutes of March 20, 2023; John Branz seconded. Motion carried. 4-0-2 Mike and Jacob abstained since they were absent from the last meeting.

STREETS:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE:

John Branz presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$21,370.36 to the Board for payment. John Branz moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Bob Voss seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-absent, John Branz-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$38,380.36. John Branz moved to accept payroll as presented, Bob Voss seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Bob Voss-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and John Branz-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

John Branz added:

- Still working on Budgets for FY 23-24.
- Waiting on charts from SKDO to work on unemployment
- The Illinois Funds Average rate for March 2023 was 4.696%
- The Illinois Funds Daily rate today is 4.832%
- Working on getting March in Balance

PARKS:

Mike Bruner motioned to allow Andy Cotter to purchase bleachers up to \$30,000. Jacob Wagner second. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-absent, John Branz-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

WATER AND SEWER:

Mike Bruner says that we are receiving bids for Maple Street Water Main replacement. The bids will be opened on April 14, 2023, at 2:30 pm.

Mike said that Keith Witheft would like to remove the fence at the wells since we have the new building, and everything is enclosed. Some discussion was had about the protection from a car hitting the new building and maybe we need to have another guard rail.

ORDINANCE:

Jacob said we are still waiting on an estimate for insulation for village hall. He asked if anyone has any ideas on who we could call to please let him know.

POLICE:

Chief Scanlon said that they had an issue at the school that has since be resolved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Village President Sweeney said we received bids for the tractor, and we will award the winner at the next meeting. The lowest bid came from Al Block.

Grant resubmission from Lift Fitness for an additional \$4,700 for a garage door and sliding glass door and Leiser Furniture for \$45,000 for windows.

Mike Bruner moved to approve the additional \$4,700 to Lift Fitness and \$45,000 (requested amount only \$25,000 will be awarded) for Leisers. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-absent, John Branz-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Bob Voss-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

John Branz made a motion to enter Executive Session (7:20pm) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Village of Herscher and Potential Litigations. Mike Bruner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, John Branz-aye, Bob Voss-aye, and Skip Grigas-absent. All in favor; motion carried.

John Branz motioned to exit executive session at 7:49p.m. Jacob Wagner seconded. All in favor motion carried.

We will have a Police Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm on April 12th, and a Finance Committee Meeting on April 17th at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Voss. Seconded by Jacob Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk