

Village of Herscher Board Meeting September 18, 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: Jeremy Bauer, Mike Bruner, Gayle Landeck, and Jacob Wagner (Remote on Zoom), Andy Cotter and Skip Grigas were absent. Also present, Police Chief Kurt Quick, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Attorney Chris Bohlen, Public Works Keith Witheft, Village Accountant Carmen Huizinga (arrived at 7:30) and Janet Mau from the Herscher Pilot (arrived at 7:40).

Mike Bruner moved to approve the Regular minutes of September 5, 2023; Jacob Wagner seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0-1 Gayle Landeck abstained as she was absent from the last meeting.

STREETS:

Jacob Wagner moved to approve an MFT Disbursement to Andrews Engineering in the amount of \$6,750.00 for The Engineering Inspection for 2023 MFT Work. Jerney Bauer seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jeremy Bauer-aye, and Skip Grigas-absent. All in favor; motion carried.

Jacob Wagner said that he spoke with the property owners next to the Quonset hut about selling and they weren't interested in selling but if we sell the Quonset, they would be interested in purchasing.

FINANCE:

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$54,268.34 to the Board for payment. Mike Bruner moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Jerney Bauer seconded. Roll call taken: Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$17,384.97. Mike Bruner moved to accept payroll as presented, Jerney Bauer seconded. Roll call taken: Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner added:

- The Regular Sales Tax from June is in at \$32,435.76
- The 1% Non-Home Rule Sales Tax is in from June at \$11,679.36
- The Telecom Tax is in from June in the amount of \$1,112.56
- The Local Share of Income Tax collected in August is in at \$13,635.59
- The Local Share of the State Use Tax is in from June in the amount of \$3,455.20
- The Local Share of Cannabis Use Tax collected in August is in at \$180.93
- The Local Share of Video Gaming Tax collected in August is in at \$1,811.11
- The Illinois Funds Daily rate today was 5.515%
- Spoke with Midland States Bank and State Bank of Herscher and they will increase our interest rates. MSB will be at 4.20% and SBH will be at 4.50%. With the increase in rates, we will not be moving any more money to the Illinois Funds at this time.

PARKS:

President Sweeney said the new Press box at Village Park was back in to. He also says that when we do the next phase of the walking path, he would like to see native grass and wildflowers planted along Horse Creek. He suggests that we burn down the creek and spray with round up this fall.

WATER AND SEWER:

Jerney Bauer said that the Maple Street Water Main Replacement on Maple Street has begun on South Maple and will continue North next week. The work on Well #8 is complete. All the electric is updated to meet OSHA standards.

ORDINANCE:

Gayle Landeck said that 9 permits were issued for a total of \$1,100 in August. She said the Sara has spoken with the residents on South Elm about all the vehicles they have on the property.

POLICE:

Chief Quick said that they found the person who backed into the press box. The Safety Act went into effect today. All our officers are trained on handling arrest with the new rules. Sara has worked out a schedule for code and police work. He explained they had to remove someone from the football game on Friday. St Margret Mary will be holding a blessing of the squads and we plan on having all of our squads present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jacob Wagner presented the quote for new camera system from MDI Security LLC totaling \$24,997.80 to the Board for payment. Jacob Wagner moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Gayle Landeck seconded. Roll call taken: Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Jacob Wagner presented the quote for trenching the wiring for the new camera system from MDI Security LLC totaling \$1,534.11 to the Board for payment. Jacob Wagner moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Gayle Landeck seconded. Roll call taken: Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

President Sweenet presented Resolution #23-14. Mike Bruner moved to approve Resolution #23-14 Wind Turbine Construction in Corporate Limits. Jeremy Bauer seconded. Roll call taken: Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

President Sweeney presented Resolution #23-15. Mike Bruner moved to approve Resolution #23-15 Community Benefit Agreement. Jeremy Bauer seconded. Roll call taken: Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Carmen Huizenga presented the FY 2022-2023 Audit, including the annual financial statements, general fund cash, and business (utilities) types of activities. The beginning utilities were off from last year. We will compare the end of year figures to current figures. No issues were found while doing the audit. The AFR is completed. She said that there is nothing special to note. The Management Letter should be made available if requested. Carmen asked if there were any questions.

Motion to adjourn by Gayle Landeck. Seconded by Jeremy Bauer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk