

Village of Herscher Board Meeting December 4, 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, Andy Cotter, Skip Grigas, Gayle Landeck and Jacob Wagner. Also present, Police Chief Kurt Quick, Village Deputy Clerk Vanessa Weaver, Attorney Chris Bohlen, Public Works Keith Witheft, Janet Mau from the Herscher Pilot, resident Lauren Ruel.

Andy Cotter moved to approve the Regular minutes of November 20, 2023; Jeremy Bauer seconded. All in favor; Motion carried. 4-0-2 Jacob Wagner and Gayle Landeck abstained as they were absent from the last meeting.

Jeremy Bauer moved to approve the Special Board minutes of November 20, 2023; Gayle Landeck seconded. All in favor; Motion carried. 5-0-1 Skip Grigas abstained as he was absent from the last meeting.

STREETS:

Jacob Wagner let the Board know that the cameras are almost done and the company was just waiting for a few parts to finish.

Jacob Wagner said that he had spoken with the Village's Engineer Al Deany about Third and Maple Street and how water always pools on Third Street to see if there was anything that could be done about it. He also stated that Al Deany would like to pave around 8-10 blocks next fiscal year.

FINANCE:

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$152,828.30 to the Board for payment. Mike Bruner moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$25,062.23. Mike Bruner moved to accept payroll as presented, Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Mike Bruner moved to Approval of 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance #23-16. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

PARKS:

Andy Cotter let the Board know that he is waiting for more information about burning the creek at the new walking path.

Andy Cotter let the Board know that Tobey's has started working on the water line at Village Park.

WATER AND SEWER:

Public Works Superintendent Keith Witheft informed the Board about the Lead and Galvanized pipe at 261 N Maple and that the Village is responsible for replacing the lines according to the IDPH under the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act, Public Act 102-0613. The Board agreed that we need to replace the line, Keith will be sending a letter to the homeowner to inform them about this.

Jeremy Bauer let the Board know that the new water main should be done this week on North Maple.

ORDINANCE:

Gayle Landeck informed the Board that there was 3 permits issued in November totaling \$ 400.00.

Gayle Landeck said that she had spoken with Code Officer Meister about the mud in the alley on Elm Street to see if there is anything that could be done about this. Public Works Superintendent Keith Witheft said they can tailgate some gravel down the alley to help with this problem.

POLICE:

Skip Grigas moved to donate \$250, \$125 from Village and \$125 from Police to Shop with a Cop. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Skip Grigas moved to donate the cost of 2 bicycles to Bonfield Grade School Christmas giveaway. One from the Village and the other from Herscher PD. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Chief Kurt Quick let the Board know that they have started patrolling in Buckingham and so far, everything is going smoothly.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andy Cotter gave an update on Alliance Grain dust reduction, he said that he has spoken with JB from Alliance and they are working on a few different things to help reduce the dust. He stated they are discussing a sock that added so when they are unloading carts in would go inside the carts to help and also talking about a mineral oil that can go on the grain when being unloaded.

Jacob Wagner spoke to the Board again about the alley off of Main Street and how the new homeowners would like the Village to put gravel down. After discussion the Board decided it would be on the homeowner to put down gravel if they want it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Resident Lauren Ruel spoke to the Board about Alliance Grain and how the dust is sticking to their homes, cars and yards making it impossible for their daughter to play outside. She started that the dust from the concrete bins was worse than last year and would like to know why this is. She stated that something needs to be about the dust that comes from the bins and that the Village needs to be worried about the quality of air in Herscher.

Motion to adjourn by Gayle Landeck. Seconded by Jacob Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vannessa Weaver, Village Deputy Clerk