

## **Village of Herscher Board Meeting February 20, 2024, 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, Jacob Wagner, Mike Bruner, and Andy Cotter. Jacob Wagner was remote by Zoom. Also, Attorney Chris Bohlen, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Police Chief Kurt Quick, and Public Works Employee Keith Witheft.

Andy Cotter moved to approve the Regular minutes of February 5, 2024; Jeremy Bauer seconded. All in favor; Motion carried.

### **STREETS:**

Jacob informed the Board that he received more budget numbers for sidewalk compliance per the state ADA requirements. The estimated price is \$76,000. He also said he is hoping to get some spray patching done yet this fiscal year.

### **FINANCE:**

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$18,287.84 to the Board for payment. Mike Bruner moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$19,921.55 Mike Bruner moved to accept payroll as presented, Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner added:

- The Regular Sales Tax from November is in at \$36,521.49.
- The 1% Non-Home Rule Sales Tax is in from November at \$11,370.67.
- The Telecom Tax is in from November in the amount of \$1,553.33.
- The Local Share of Income Tax collected in November is at \$22,954.43.
- The Local Share of the State Use Tax is in from November in the amount of \$5,433.36.
- The Local Share of Cannabis Use Tax collected in January is in at \$213.33.
- The Local Share of Video Gaming Tax collected in January is at \$4,217.03.
- Before the end of the Fiscal Year we will need to move money into water to make water a positive balance per Accountant Carmen Huizenga.

### **PARKS:**

Andy said he is meeting with a gentleman from Pheasants Forever and IDNR to discuss the walking trail. He says that Herscher Resident Bob Massey is willing to help us as he is a retired IDNR employee.

Andy says that we need to replace the score board at Pilot Park and that baseball is wanting help with upgrading the dugouts at Village Park.

Andy is still working with the girl scouts on their project plans.

President Sweeney wanted to make sure Andy budgets for tree removal as we have some dead trees in the parks.

A Parks Budget meeting was set for February 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

### **WATER AND SEWER:**

Keith Witheft said that a resident on S Oak has a blocked sanitary sewer line.

**ORDINANCE:**

Gayle Landeck shared that Attorney Bohlen has drafted a letter to be sent to the property management company that owns 203 N Oak with a repair/ demolish request. She is also going to ask Sara to start writing tickets for the trucks at 265 S Elm since they are not covered as required.

**POLICE:**

Chief Quick said that the new squad truck is here. He is starting the process of decals and lights and getting it on the road, he is getting a donation from States Attorney Jim Rowe for help pay for lights. The Sherriff Association donated 3 tactical plates. We are ordering AEDs and the fire department wants to order with us so we get a cheaper rate, and they will reimburse us. Kurt is planning to do a car and tractor show with the Squeals cook off in July. He said that Buckingham has been quiet and he would like to pay for a camera to put in Buckingham.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Sweeney said that Lakeland Capital reached out to him regarding the lease on the Verizon Antenna on the water tower. He says they would buy the lease out for a lump sum and seek out other vendors to put an antenna on the water tower.

He also said that he met with an independent pharmacy owner about the possibility of getting a pharmacy here in Herscher because of CVS closing. He said that the pharmacist said that it would be a tele pharmacy meaning techs would fill the scripts and have a pharmacist check it or answer questions via video chat. The owner is looking to own a property not rent.

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR:**

Nothing to report

Motion to adjourn by Andy Cotter. Seconded by Gayle Landeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk