

Village of Herscher Board Meeting April 15, 2024, 7:00P.M.

Village President Shannon Sweeney called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following Trustees present were Gayle Landeck, Jeremy Bauer, Mike Bruner, and Andy Cotter. Trustees Skip Grigas and Jacob Wagner were absent. Also, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Police Chief Kurt Quick, and Public Works Employee Keith Witheft.

Jeremy Bauer moved to approve the Regular minutes of April 1, 2024; Mike Bruner seconded. Andy Cotter abstained. 4-0-1 Motion carried.

Mike Bruner moved to approve the Executive minutes of April 1, 2024; Jeremy Bauer seconded. Andy Cotter abstained. 4-0-1 Motion carried.

STREETS:

Clerk Meredith said that we are waiting on updated MFT information before getting a bid package together for paving Maple Street. President Sweeney wanted to make the Board aware of a complaint he had from a resident on the 100 block of N Oak. The complaint was the easement was not brought back to standard after the water main replacement last year. Trustee Landeck asked if we had plans of redoing some alleys. Public Works Keith Witheft said it is on the list of things to do.

FINANCE:

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$51,855.32 to the Board for payment. Mike Bruner moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Jeremy Bauer seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Jacob Wagner-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$31,866.09. Mike Bruner moved to accept payroll as presented, Jeremy Bauer seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-absent, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner added:

- The Treasurer's Report for March shows a total in all accounts of \$1,922,472.25.
- The Personal Property Replacement Tax collected in March is in at \$7,157.14.
- The Regular Sale Tax is in from January 2024 in the amount of \$29,914.20.
- The 1% Non-Home Rule Sales Tax is in from January 2024 in the amount of \$10,278.09.
- The Telecom Tax is in from January 2024 in the amount of \$1,208.93.
- The Local Share of Income Tax collected in March is at \$23,555.17.
- The Local Share of State Use Tax is in from March 2024 in the amount of \$3,774.22.
- The Local Share of Cannabis Use Tax collected in March is \$228.07.
- The Local Share of Video Gaming Tax collected in March is in at \$2,755.79.
- Passed out Budget Performance May 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

Mike Bruner moved to approve the GASB levels for FY 24-25; Gayle Landeck-seconded. Roll call taken: Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, and Andy Cotter-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner informed the Board that we will be transferring funds in the next week or so before the end of the Fiscal Year so that water cash can have a positive balance. Auditor Carmen Huzinga recommends we do this.

President Sweeney suggested we have a meeting of the whole to review budgets. It was decided we would hold a meeting of the whole at 6:15 on Monday May 6th before our 7pm regular board meeting.

PARKS:

Andy Cotter mentioned he ordered a spreader and sprayer. He said Chad got his applicators license so he can apply chemicals safely. Andy ordered mulch for the playgrounds that he will have Blaze spread. The scoreboard for Leiser Field has been ordered and a new sound system will be installed by Ruder Electric. Andy budgeted \$10,000 for tree removal and new trees. He is having 4 trees put in at the Dog Park. He updated the Board on the girl scout project. They plan on installing 2 benches paid for by the Village, they will build 2 benches and a small pavilion at the dog park. They will also do a butterfly garden at Lions Park. We should know about the grant for the Trails and recreational paths soon. He said we plan on applying for the OSLAD Grant in August.

WATER AND SEWER:

Jeremy Bauer says that he is working on getting new quotes for cleaning the water tower sphere on the outside. He says that the North Elm Street project is progressing and should be done in a week. Jeremy Bauer informed the Board of the increase of rates for water(9%) and garbage (3%) as of May 1st. Letters have been sent out for the Lead Service Line survey. We need to update this annually. They have Grants that we can apply for to help replace lead service lines.

ORDINANCE:

Gayle Landeck talked about the Bid Award Preference suggestions. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Gayle Landeck moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #24-1. Mike Bruner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-absent, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Gayle said that she is getting a quote from Blaze to redo the landscaping at Village Hall.

POLICE:

Chief Quick told the Board that Sara Meister will be awarded officer of the year at KCC next week. He added that he has received complaints form the Bonfield Board of Trustees about school traffic blocking the road. They think that because Sara is the resource officer that we can do something about it. Quick said he was going to speak to the school administration about a solution.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gayle Landeck moved to approve a Building Permit Extension for 195 N Elm with the same stipulations as last time and it needs to be totally framed and shall have plywood on for roof. Andy Cotter seconded. All in favor; Motion Carried.

President Sweeney says we are still looking for a pharmacist for the proposed new pharmacy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Bruner moved to approve FY 24-25 Meeting Schedule. Gayle Landeck seconded. All in favor; Motion Carried.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Janet Mau had a few questions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk