

## **Village of Herscher Board Meeting August 5, 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: Skip Grigas, Mike Bruner, and Jeremy Bauer. Gayle Landeck and Jacob Wagner on Zoom. Andy Cotter was absent. Also, Deputy Village Clerk Vanessa Weaver, Police Chief Kurt Quick, and Public Works Employee Keith Witheft, Janet Mau from The Herscher Pilot, and Attorney Chris Bohlen. Resident Lisa Shover

Gayle Landeck moved to approve the Regular minutes of July 15, 2024; Jacob Wagner seconded. Motion carried. 4-0-1 Skip Grigas abstained as he was absent from the last meeting.

### **STREETS:**

Jacob Wagner motioned to suspend regular Board Meeting to do the first reading on the bid acceptance for the sidewalks and street work for Chicago, Maple, and Fourth. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Jacob Wagner let the Board know that he spoke to the camera people and said he knows what is going on to make them not work their full potential and he will be reaching out about upgrading the internet.

### **FINANCE:**

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$89,351.47 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-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$23,366.38. Mike Bruner moved to accept payroll as presented, Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner spoke to the Board about how much money he would like to keep in the General Account, he thinks there may be a few projects that could wait until next fiscal year.

### **PARKS:**

Nothing to report.

### **WATER AND SEWER:**

Jeremy Bauer let the Board know that Well 7 needs to be pulled and replaced and we received a proposal from Layne. Jeremy Bauer motioned to approve proposal from Layne with adding a charge order up to \$10,000. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Jeremy Bauer let the Board know that the floors at plant will be finished soon and that Chad Scanlon has been using the new GPS mapping system for the Village and it seems to be going well.

Keith Witheft said the new exerciser for the water valves is working well and they can start working valves around the Village.

**ORDINANCE:**

Gayle Landeck told the Board that Attorney Chris Bohlen wrote a new ordinance for the Brew Pub that will be voted on at the next meeting. She also stated that she would like the overnight parking ordinance updated to state no overnight parking at any Village parking lot. Chris will have this ordinance at the next meeting as well.

Gayle Landeck stated that Sergeant Sara Meister has tried to mail letters and knock on the door at 574 N Park to let them know of their code violations, but they will not accept the letters nor answer the doors. Attorney Chris Bohlen stated that Sergeant Meister can put the letter on the door and if they don't know it then we can start to fine them.

**POLICE:**

Chief Quick let the Board know that they raised over \$12,000 in the golf outing and he is thinking about using this money to buy a used squad from Kankakee County but is waiting on a price from Sheriff Mike Downey. He added that with school getting ready to start and that he and Sergeant Meister have meetings with the schools this week. Chief Quick said they are all set up for officer coverage for Labor Day.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mike Bruner motioned to give 195 S Elm Building permit a 90-day extension while keeping all the same restrictions as last time. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried. Lisa Shover stated that by August 29, 2024 all windows and doors will be in.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mike Bruner motioned to approve a \$8,000 donation to the Herscher Legion Community Center. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR:**

Janet Mau said he just really wants to encourage everyone to attend the School Board meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Gayle Landeck made a motion to enter Executive Session (8:00pm) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Village of Herscher and potential litigation. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Mike Bruner motioned to exit executive session at 8:32p.m. Jeremy Bauer seconded. All in favor motion carried.

Mike Bruner motioned to hire Pedro Solis full time at \$51,000 a year and raises for Sergeant Meister and Officer Berge. Sergeant Meister will go to \$59,000 and Officer Berge to \$53,000 effective August 15<sup>th</sup>. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Bruner. Seconded by Skip Grigas. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vannessa Weaver, Deputy Village Clerk