

## **Village of Herscher Board Meeting September 16, 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: Jacob Wagner, Mike Bruner, Andy Cotter, Gayle Landeck, and Skip Grigas. Trustee Jeremy Bauer was absent. Also, Deputy Village Clerk Vanessa Weaver, Police Chief Kurt Quick, Public Works Employee Keith Witheft, and Attorney Chris Bohlen. Audrey from Surf Internet.

Mike Bruner moved to approve the Regular minutes of September 3, 2024; Andy Cotter seconded. Motion carried. 4-0-1 Gayle Landeck abstained as she was absent from the last meeting.

Jacob Wagner moved to suspend the agenda. Skip Grigas seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Carmen Huizenga presented the FY 2023-2024 Audit, including the annual financial statements, general fund cash, and business (utilities) types of activities. 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.

Mike Bruner moved to return to the regular agenda. Skip Grigas seconded. All in favor; motion carried

### **STREETS:**

Jacob Wagner motioned to approve MFT Disbursement to Andrew Engineering in the amount of \$39,299.38. Andy Cotter Seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Jeremy Bauer-absent, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Jacob Wagner let the Board know that the sidewalks are done, and asphalt will start in the next week or 2. He also said that he has spoken to the County Board about tar and chipping all the alleys and feels like everyone is on board with doing so.

Jacob said he has been working with Al Deany on pricing for cleaning out the ditch by the elevator and Tobey's.

### **FINANCE:**

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$38,826.52 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-absent, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$24,617.80. 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-absent. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner added:

- The Regular Sales Tax is in at \$26,063.82.
- The 1% Non-Home Rule Sales Tax is in at \$11,191.90.
- The Telecom Tax is in the amount of \$1087.66.
- The Local Share of Income Tax collected is at \$13,312.17.
- The Local Share of the State Use Tax is in the amount of \$4,267.60.
- The Local Share of Cannabis Use Tax collected in at \$187.27.
- The Local Share of Video Gaming Tax collected is at \$2,621.38.

- The Second disbursement for 2023 Real Estate taxes is in the amount of \$8,336.77.
- Illinois Funds Daily rate today was 5.333%

**PARKS:**

Andy Cotter said all the trees at Sim's Park have been removed and it looks nice.

President Shannon Sweeney said that Dr Decman reached out to him about helping the school pay to expand their walking path, it was discussed by the Board and decided that we can't help at this time as we are still working on our walking path that will meet with theirs.

**WATER AND SEWER:**

Keith Witheft let the Board know that the power line has been taken care of by Well 7 but they have found new issues that will need to be taken care of. Layne is working on pricing for that and once he hears back, he will let the Board know.

**ORDINANCE:**

Gayle Landeck moved to approve the first reading of the Easement Maintenance Ordinance #24-04. Mike Bruner seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Jeremy Bauer-absent, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Gayle Landeck let the Board know that the letter has been sent to 195 S Elm.

**POLICE:**

Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Andy Cotter said the girls are done at the Butterfly Garden and Dog Park and will meet with Heather about getting something done for them.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Shannon Sweeney said we will have a Zoning meeting to discuss rezoning 352 E Second to Multi- Family.

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR:**

Audrey from Surf said she just wanted to stop by and see how things are going and see if we have heard of any issues. She said they are planning on having a class in October to help show potential and existing customers how to do streaming.

Motion to adjourn by Skip Grigas. Seconded by Gayle Landeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vannessa Weaver, Deputy Village Clerk