

**Village of Herscher Board Meeting
November 18, 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, Andy Cotter, Gayle Landeck, and Skip Grigas. Also, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Police Chief Kurt Quick, Public Works Employee Keith Witheft, Janet Mau from the Herscher Pilot, and Attorney Chris Bohlen. Village Resident Lauren Ruel was also present.

Jacob Wagner moved to approve the Regular minutes of October 21, 2024; Jeremy Bauer seconded. Motion carried. Gayle Landeck and Skip Grigas abstained because they were absent from the last meeting.

STREETS:

Jacob Wagner moved to reconsider the streetlight repair in the amount of \$9,000. Originally said to be for Main Street light repair. 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.

Jacob Wagner moved to approve the streetlight repair in the amount of \$9,000 for streetlight replacement at the corner of Walnut and Jeanette, that was hit last winter. 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.

The Main Street streetlight is quote around \$3,200, but we need to have the wires bored underground or sidewalk cut. We are waiting on quotes.

Jacob cancelled the Christmas Light contract, so we have no lights. He was working with a Christmas Light guy and he doesn't have a lift. After some discussion we will get a quote for lights and rent a lift for the light guy to install.

FINANCE:

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$97,826.32 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 \$26,331.31. 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 is in at \$29,859.59.
- The 1% Non-Home Rule Sales Tax is in at \$10,822.70.
- The Local Share of Income Tax collected is at \$17,064.36.
- The Local Share of the State Use Tax is in the amount of \$4,259.73.
- The Local Share of Cannabis Use Tax collected in at \$186.96.
- The Personal Property Replacement Tax \$11,086.83.
- The Telecom Tax \$1,039.76
- Video Gaming Tax 2,442.07
- Received the 4th Distribution of Real Estate Taxes \$22,747.43

PARKS:

Nothing to report

WATER AND SEWER:

Jeremy Bauer says that we had a sewer back up on Maple that backed up into a business. Keith said that Outback was out and got the clogged cleared up and that he and Chad cleaned up the business that had the back up in the basement.

ORDINANCE:

Gayle Landeck said that 6 permits were issued in the amount of \$480. President Sweeney asked Gayle about updating the building code in the Code Book. Gayle says she will investigate it. Attorney Bohlen says we need to update every 3 years.

POLICE:

Chief Quick said that he was contacted by the Department of Corrections saying that an inmate that is soon to be released will be residing in our Village. He also said the school will not be hiring another SRO but an armed security guard. Chief Quick said that the residents at 265 S Elm has dumped a bunch of tires in his back yard and a ticket was issued after a warning requesting them to be picked up. Mike Bruner says he will notify the Landlord as well. Chief reminded the Board of the Christmas Party in Irwin on December 21st.

Jeremy Bauer asked Chief Quick if he could check the cameras at the park as there was some vandalism on the new dug outs. Chief Quick says he will look at the camera footage.

OLD BUSINESS:

Village President Sweeney reminded the Board of the Mayors Association Meeting Wednesday night at 5:30 at the Athletic Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jacob Wagner says that after speaking with Al Deany we have a chance at getting some grants since we are spending money. Jacob and Al are looking into Grants.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Janet asked for some clarification on the SRO and armed security guard.

Motion to adjourn by Jacob Wagner. Seconded by Skip Grigas. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk