

Village of Herscher Board Meeting July 21, 2025 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: Andy Cotter, Jacob Wagner, Gayle Landeck, and Mike Bruner. Jeremy Bauer and Skip Grigas were absent. Also, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Attorney Chris Bohlen, Treasurer Laura Peters, and resident Lauren Ruel.

Andy Cotter moved to approve the Regular minutes of June 16, 2025; Gayle Landeck seconded. Motion carried.

STREETS:

Jacob Wagner says that he wants to get repairs done on the alley on S Main where the rebar is broken and coming through the pavement.

FINANCE:

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$102,708.31 to the Board for payment. Mike Bruner moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Andy Cotter seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-absent. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$51,603.92. Mike Bruner moved to accept the payroll as presented, Andy Cotter seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Jeremy Bauer-absent. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner moved to approve the Budget for FY 25-26. Andy Cotter seconded. Roll call taken: Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-absent, Skip Grigas-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Mike Bruner moved to approve the Appropriations Ordinance #25-04 for FY 25-26. Andy Cotter seconded. Roll call taken: Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-absent, Skip Grigas-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Mike Bruner went over the revenue and expense report for June.

Treasurer Laura Peters handed out the June Treasurers report and reviewed it with the Board.

PARKS:

Andy Cotter reported that he received many compliments on how well the parks look. He received one from John Branz on the painting on the stage.

President Sweeney says that the walking paths have weeds growing up through them. Andy Cotter says that Chad will be spraying them soon.

WATER AND SEWER:

Mike Bruner presented the 2025 N. Park Road Water Main Replacement Bid Tabulations. The lowest bidder was from Tobey's Construction in the amount of \$437,314.00. Mike Bruner moved to accept the bid from Tobey's Construction in the amount of \$437,314.00. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-absent, Skip Grigas-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE:

Gayle Landeck presented the Final reading of the Grocery Tax #25-06. Andy Cotter seconded. Roll call taken: Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-absent, Skip Grigas-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Gayle Landeck presented the Final reading of the Grocery Tax #25-04. Andy Cotter seconded. Roll call taken: Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-absent, Skip Grigas-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.
Hens Ordinance #25-04

Gayle Landeck had questions about burning for businesses, Particularly Tobey's Construction. She handed out the ordinance. After some discussion the Board decided that Jacob will go talk to them about not burning except on days when burning is allowed.

Discussion on Adjudication Court. Gayle thinks its best to go with Kankakee City. She suggests we go every other month for hearings. Attorney Bohlen will have 3 Ordinances for next meeting. One ordinance will be to adopt the same adjudication process as Kankakee City, the second will be an intergovernmental agreement with Kankakee City, the third will be an amendment to change the fines and cost in our ordinance.

POLICE:

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Gayle Landeck moved to make a \$15,000.00 Donation to Herscher Chamber of Commerce for Labor Day. Jacob Wagner seconded the motion. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-absent. All in favor; Motion Carried.

President Sweeney asked that the Board start thinking about ways we can celebrate Americas 250th Anniversary. Some suggestions that were tossed around were banners, golf cart parade, murals, fireworks, the time to celebrate at Corn Bowl or Labor Day.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Clerk Meredith says that Historical Society is requesting to park an old corn wagon outside Village Hall Labor Day weekend. The Board confirmed that it is okay.

Clerk Meredith also informed the Board of a note from Jen Cook on N Oak about her yard. The Board says that we helped her out by removing the trees in her easement so she can mow, and she hasn't so they would like tickets to be issued.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk