

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
August 4, 2009

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in regular session at the community room at the Hudson Public Library. President Mark Kotte called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Roll Call: President Mark Kotte, Trustees, Sue Lappin, Kevin Kelley, Pat O'Grady, Jim Henderson, Jason Collins, Dave Brutlag, Treasurer Kristy Votoupal and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE JULY 7, 2009 MEETING. SECONDED BY JIM HENDERSON. ALL YEA!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Kristy Votoupal stated that there were no additions to the revenue and expense report. She doesn't have an update on the audit, but she is hoping the onsite review will take place in the next couple of weeks.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO APPROVE THE REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT AS WRITTEN AND TO PAY INVOICES DUE. SECONDED BY JIM HENDERSON. ALL YEA!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark discussed the publication of ordinances. As changes are made to specific ordinances, they will be published in the Quill. Once the ordinances are all codified, they will be posted on the website and copies will be available at the water house.

A work session is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26 at 6:00 P.M. at the community room at the library. Topics for discussion will include: discuss admin ordinances, meet with a representative from Ancel Glink, and discuss the swimming pool ordinance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HENDERSON TO HIRE ANCEL GLINK AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO WORK ON SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS. SECONDED BY PAT O'GRADY. ALL YEA!

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Works Superintendent, stated that water usage for July was 3,867,000 gallons with an average of 125,000 gallons per day. Jeff stated that the Eagle Scout project will be to paint fire hydrants. Joe Peters helped paint 5 hydrants, and the scouts will help finish the rest in the next couple of weeks.

Jeff said that there are 80 meters left to be installed. Bids will be open until this Friday for the concession stand/ restrooms at the ball park. Two have currently been turned in and Jeff expects at least one more. He thanked Hudson Grain for donating dirt to the ball field. Jeff also thanked Dave and Kenny Dressler for killing weeds.

Frank Heineke, Streets/ Zoning Inspector, stated the cover seal/ spray patch was done this month.

Randy Wilson, Village Marshall, said that the new squad car is getting the cage installed today. Officer Payne completed juvenile officer school, which makes 4 officers certified. He also stated that June 2009 has been busier than June 2008.

Mark asked if Chief Wilson found out about other towns animal control. Chief Wilson said that in Colfax, there is a man who has a kennel to put the animals in and then will take them to the McLean County Animal shelter. In Leroy, there is a large street and water department, so someone who is employed within those departments does the animal control along with police assistance. In Lexington, they contract out. He has the names and numbers and will look into if someone can do it. We would want to interview potential people before hiring. Chief Wilson also thanked Pat for helping out by running cars around, it was a big help.

Civil Defense, absent, sirens were set off manually. By next month, they should be fixed to go off automatically.

CITIZEN'S HEARING

Kathy Brooks, 1101 S. McLean St., asked if there was an ETA for when the ordinances would be completed. Mark stated that it will depend on how long it will take to get them completed. Sterling Codifiers have been paid half of the total amount. They want all the ordinances at one time, and then they will put them in the correct format and make sure they are all legal. Ms. Brooks also asked if there was ever a grant awarded to put sewers in. The answer was no. There were no funds ever given to the village and the village never applied for any. Ms. Brooks asked about the change in the sign ordinance. She wondered how many houses this would affect. Mark stated that this change is for future use too.

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYESS COMMITTEE, had some price quotes for yard waste pick up. He received 3 quotes: Flynn Tree Service (\$2000/ per day), Lumke Tree Service (\$1650/day or \$3000/month) and Rod's Tree Service (\$1600/day for twice a month service and then \$1000/day for once a month service). Jason was thanked for getting these quotes and it will be discussed again during next year's fiscal budget.

DAVE BRUTLAG, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE, had no report.

SUE LAPPIN, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE, stated that there is going to be a change in wording in Ordinance 1210. The change is in the definition of brush, now stating: "B. Brush means volunteer vegetation or scrub vegetation, trimmings from brush, trees or other woody plants."

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUE LAPPIN TO CHANGE THE WORDING FOR THE DEFINITION OF BRUSH IN ORDINANCE 1210. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUE LAPPIN TO INCLUDE THE DEFINITION OF BRUSH IN ORDINANCE 1233. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. MOTION DIDN'T PASS AND THE ORDINANCE WILL STAY AT ITS CURRENT WORDING. (KEVIN KELLEY- NAY, DAVE BRUTLAG-NAY, PAT O'GRADY-NAY, SUE LAPPIN- YEA, JASON COLLINS- YEA)

There was also a change to Ordinance 1173-A-05. "Sheds from 145 to 300 square feet" was changed to read "All sheds up to 300 square feet." "In all zoning districts" was also added. This is in effect for all new sheds starting now.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUE LAPPIN TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SHED ORDINANCE #1173-A-05 (DELETING "SHEDS FROM 145 TO 300 SQUARE FEET" AND ADDING "ALL SHEDS UP TO 300 SQUARE FEET.") SECONDED BY KEVIN KELLEY. ALL YEA!

Sue stated that she just received the swimming pool ordinance from Ancel Glink. Discussion of this ordinance will be held at the work session and then the board will vote on it at next month's meeting. Because this ordinance is a life, safety and health issue, it can be retroactively applied and enforced. This ordinance will deal with all sizes of pools, smaller pools that are still big enough to compact the septic fields and also portable, temporary and permanent.

On the sign ordinance, Sue made this addition under B. Prohibited Signs: "2. Any item or sign which once advertised or displayed items for sale, all signs currently used or used in the past for public safety are prohibited as displays on residential lots in the Village of Hudson. All items nonconforming to this section shall be removed from lots in the

Village of Hudson within 90 days of passage of this ordinance”. A letter can be sent from the attorney to those residents who are not conforming, but it can’t be sent without this addition to the ordinance. This addition can be retroactive. Dave stated his concerns with this, and wondered how far the village should go to stop residents. Mark spoke with the special counsel and they stated that this is a very common ordinance and Bloomington and Normal both have similar ordinances.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUE LAPPIN TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE. SECONDED BY PAT O’GRADY. ALL YEA!

Frank stated that our sign ordinance is perfect the way it is, and this just strengthens it more. We are going to enforce for signs that are currently on display. Because of this addition to the ordinance, it will be easier to enforce if/when we have to go to court.

Sue also wants to review Ordinance 1150, 8.7 Penalties for Violations. The changes made are the deletion of “upon conviction” and addition of “Each day a violation continues after notification by the Village shall constitute a separate offense.” The village has always used a discretionary factor on how long to give the residents to fix a violation. The residence in question usually comes to compliance before a fine is given.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUE LAPPIN TO ACCEPT THE NEW LANGUAGE TO ORDINANCE 1150-A-05. SECONDED BY DAVE BRUTLAG. ALL YEA!

Village clerk, Allison Brutlag, swore in Kathy Brooks as a new zoning board of appeals member.

Next on the agenda is to discuss the right for the zoning enforcement officer to write tickets. Currently, no one writes tickets. Frank will now write tickets if necessary for zoning violations. He will use multipurpose tickets that the police currently have.

PAT O’GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, reported for the month of July in Hudson the man hours for the police department for the officer’s was 462.75 hours and for the chief was 184 hours. The chief had 110.5 hours for administrative duties, 53.5 hours of patrol, 24 vacation hours and 8 holiday hours. In Towanda, the total hours were 88. 5205 miles were driven in Hudson and 969 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 45 details or activity, with Towanda at 26. There were 16 traffic citations in Hudson with 5 in Towanda. Hudson had 27 verbal warnings and 5 written warnings. Towanda had 27 verbal warnings. In Hudson, there were 3 motorist assists with 1 in Towanda. Hudson had 5 investigations. Hudson had 1 custodial arrest. Hudson received \$135.72 in traffic fines and \$40.00 in supervision fees. Towanda received \$207.58 in fines. The department assisted in 12 calls from the McLean County Sheriff’s Office, 18 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 3 calls from the Towanda Fire Department, 6 calls from the Illinois State Police, 3 calls from the Chenoa Police Department, and 1 call from the Lexington Police Department.

The grant that was applied for that would pay for a new full time police officer was not awarded to Hudson. They said to wait until next year's budget and it will be reassessed.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, stated that there will be a change in the water delinquency ordinance. Under section 8-1-8: Service and Equipment Costs; Delinquencies—section B. and C., section B “any amounts” was added and in section C “specific business hours” were deleted and “regular business hours” was added.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT COSTS; DELINQUENCIES (8-1-8) IN THE WATER ORDINANCES. SECONDED BY DAVE BRUTLAG. ALL YEA!

Kevin said that there have been 17 senior citizen discounts turned in. Kendra has cross trained Kristy and Allison to be her backups. Allison has worked a few days at the water house.

JIM HENDERSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE, had to leave earlier in the meeting. Kevin stated that Jim reviewed the letters from the 2 applicants for the IT person for the village. This person will be used for all components of the village computer needs and create a consistency in software. A letter of agreement will be written up to specify hourly rate.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO HIRE ERIC VAN ETTEN TO BE THE IT CONSULTANT FOR THE VILLAGE OF HUDSON. SECONDED BY SUE LAPPIN. ALL YEA!

Mark, as liquor commissioner, stated that the new Casey's will open on August 13. The transfer of their liquor license was already approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES. SECONDED BY DAVE BRUTLAG. ALL YEA!

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk