

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
August 3, 2010

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in regular session at the community room in the Hudson Public Library. President Mark Kotte called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Roll Call: President Mark Kotte, Trustees, Jason Collins, Kevin Kelley, Betty Scanlon, Dave Brutlag, Pat O'Grady, Treasurer Kristy Votoupal and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag. Trustee Richard Bland was absent.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED FROM THE JULY 6, 2010 BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE JULY 21, 2010 WORK SESSION. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kristy stated that on page 6 of the revenue and expense report, on the property tax expense line item, it looks as if it is 370% over the budgeted amount. \$740 will be moved down because it is actually Mediacom's property tax.

The auditor will come in for his last visit after August 13. The final reports will be ready the middle of September. On the additional invoices to be paid: general fund, \$8 fee to the Notary Association for the clerk and also \$50 to the municipal clerk membership for the clerk and deputy clerk. That makes the additional invoices to be paid from the general fund at \$183. The total for additional invoices to be paid is \$599.56.

There was a question about the ESDA maintenance of equipment. It was billed this fiscal year, so the expense and liability are in this year. An additional line item was added for the power bill to Ameren for the siren on Broadway. Frank will look into this and will also check on the telephone bill we pay for the ESDA siren and if we will pay it or will it be disconnected.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO APPROVE THE REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT AND TO PAY INVOICES DUE. SECONDED BY

BETTY SCANLON. ALL YEA!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark discussed the banners for the Hudson 175 celebration. We had \$750 already budgeted. Mark received an email from the Garden Club stating that the Township approved paying for their share, but they said they'd pay for half of 16 banners and we said we'd pay for half of 12 banners. Can we pay the additional money- they want a total of \$1000? A discussion was held. If we decide to give them the extra money, where will it be taken from? We have a total of \$1750 between the Garden Club and the Hudson 175. Two options were discussed: we could leave it as a budget variance or tell them we only budgeted \$750. Kevin suggested we talk to the 175 committee and see what they need and what their plan is for the \$1000 we have budgeted. After the discussion it was decided to talk with a representative of the Garden Club and let them know that we will give them the \$750. The Hudson 175 committee will be approached to see if they would be willing to give the Garden Club the extra money.

Mark stated that Earl Kaufman, who was mayor of Hudson from 1956- 1960 passed away at the age of 97. He was very active in Hudson: Lion's Club, fire district, and township.

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Property Superintendent, stated that July water usage was 4,284,000 gallons/138,000 day. The fire department used 6,000 gallons for training.

Jeff said that the appreciation party was very successful. He will write an article for the Quill about the volunteers and the party. Jeff emailed the Eagle Scout who was interested in a project and suggested he could build some picnic tables. The cost for the new lights on both ball fields will be \$22,863.00. The setting of 4 new poles and for labor by Corn Belt is \$8,137.00. In September, the concrete will be poured and grass seed planted.

Frank Heineke, Streets and Zoning Inspector, thanked Dave and Mark for the recognition of the servicemen at a ball game. He also thanked Casey's for donating the supplies (sandwiches, ice, etc.) for the party. 130 tons of gravel was recently put on the shoulders of the roads. Mark thanked Frank and Jeff for getting the party organized.

Dale Sparks, Village Marshall, was absent. Officer Payne said it was an average month. The 4th of July went well. The bike patrol is up and running. He said he rode some yesterday and received good comments and feedback. Chief Sparks and Officer Payne will ride as weather permits.

Civil Defense, absent. The sirens went off.

CITIZEN'S HEARING

Sandy Hankins, 302 N. McLean, wants to know where the no parking signs would be placed around the school. Frank said that it is a certain distance from the corner, as stated by the traffic design book. The signs will be placed on Thursday. Ms. Hankins also stated that the crosswalk needs to be repainted, and this will get done. She also asked about parking during evening school events. If people are blocking driveways or in front yards, residents are to call the non emergency number for the police. Cars should be parked half off the roadway. Under the Illinois vehicle code, cars can be towed. Ms. Hankins also mentioned there was a part of the sidewalk on Pearl between McLean and Broadway that is up a few inches. Frank will take a look at that.

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE, asked if there was money to put a sidewalk on Walnut St. between West and McLean. This is where a pedestrian accident occurred and there is currently no sidewalk there. The MFT fund has money for the new sidewalk. Garbage bids are due by August 15, and Jason has still only received one.

DAVE BRUTLAG, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE, discussed a new ordinance, #1251.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #1251 (AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF HUDSON AND ESTABLISHING FINES FOR VIOLATING SAME) WITH THE CHANGES MADE. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

RICHARD BLAND, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE, absent.

PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, gave the report for the month of July. In Hudson the hours for the police department for the officer's were 395.5. The officer's also had 20 vacation hours and 20 holiday hours making the total 435.5. The chief's patrol hours were 143.25, admin hours 48.75 and 8 holiday hours for a total of 200. In Towanda, the total hours were 67.25. 5780 miles were driven in Hudson and 740 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 40 details or activity, with Towanda at 17. Hudson had 6 written warnings and Towanda had 1. There were 3 traffic citations in Hudson and 7 in Towanda. Hudson had 8 verbal warnings and Towanda had 13. In Hudson, there were 10 motorist assists and Towanda had 4. There was 1 investigation in Hudson. Towanda had 1 custodial arrest. Hudson received \$143.86 in traffic fines. Towanda received \$28.93 in fines. The department assisted in 18 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 2 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, and 2 calls from other

agencies.

Pat said a bike rack has been bought for the squad car. He stated that Officer Saathoff did a very thorough report from the pedestrian accident.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, received a call from a government entity, Hudson Township, about the change in water rates. We already approved the rate increase, but clarification on rates is needed. After the change, their (meaning government entities) minimum bill would be for 2,000 gallons. They rarely use 2,000 gallons. Last year, the Township was charged \$60 for 2 meters. The increase was made to offset the cost for the price of water, but we understand their concerns. Jason asked how much do they save us throughout the year by letting us borrow equipment, gas storage, salt storage, etc. He doesn't think it looks good for the village to be increasing their water rates and fears that they could then charge us. A lengthy discussion was held. Mark suggested 2 options. One being we do a separate rate for the Township and the second being we charge all government agencies their actual usage with no minimum bill and no penalties. Kevin would like to keep the rates equal. Dave said that it is the principal of the issue and that we have a good working relationship with the Township and all rates should be usage based. Kendra notified each entity about the water rate increase. The rates are already in effect, but they need to be defined and new rates made clear for everyone. A work session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00 PM at the water house to discuss and vote on the governmental entity water payments, penalties and rates.

A request was received for an exemption from the garbage bill. A letter will be sent to this resident stating that they need to pay their portion for the garbage bill because we pay a contractual fee based on the number of houses.

BETTY SCANLON, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE, said she hasn't received any suggestions for naming of the new ball field. She has heard from other ball fields on how they handle advertising. Betty will talk with Jeff about sign usage.

Mark, as liquor commissioner, said that Sheriff Emery received a letter that the Sit n Bull had a violation for serving someone under 21. This is a violation of the liquor license. There will be a hearing and the attorney will take care of setting everything up. At the hearing, officers and witnesses will give their testimony and a decision will be made on how to proceed following this violation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY AT 8:30 TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE JULY 6, 2010 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS.

ALL YEA!

Once back in open session, Kevin stated he had looked into the recycling grant that we had in the past. It was between \$500- \$1000 depending on the funding available and how many applicants. They are done with it for this year, but we can apply for next year starting in November or December.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT O'GRADY AT 8:42 P.M. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk