

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
December 1, 2009

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 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, Dave Brutlag, Jason Collins, Kevin Kelley, Pat O'Grady, Betty Scanlon, Richard Bland, Treasurer Kristy Votoupal and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED FROM THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009 MEETING. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kristy said that what we have on open invoices and what we have additional (on the spreadsheet) is a lot bigger than normal because it is the beginning of the month.

Kristy distributed a copy of the financial statement from the audit report. She said that when it is reviewed to remember that it is set up on an accrue basis whereas the revenue and expense report is on a cash basis so it'll look a little different. If you have any questions, let her know. Kristy also asked that if an invoice needs to be sent to the village, please use the P.O. Box address for the remittance address.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO APPROVE THE REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT AND TO PAY INVOICES DUE. SECONDED BY RICHARD BLAND. ALL YEA!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

An ordinance will be created for Randy Wilson to be hired as director of public safety to train Dale Sparks as police chief. He will work 20 hours a week for 3 weeks. His start date is December 1 and his end date is December 18. His pay will be \$400 per week.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT O'GRADY TO HIRE DALE SPARKS AS POLICE CHIEF. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

Clerk Allison Brutlag swore in Dale Sparks as police chief and Randy Wilson as director of public safety.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #1245, TO HIRE RANDY WILSON AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY. SECONDED BY PAT O'GRADY. ALL YEA!

A short recess was held from 7:15- 7:25.

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Property Superintendent, stated that November's water usage was 3,437,000 with an average of 115,000 gallons/ day. The meter exchanges are all done except for the school and Sun Ag. Frank stated that we've been having water issues. There has been too much pressure. A man from Minnesota came down to recalibrate, but there are still issues with the pressure. Tuesday morning the water tower was overflowing. A rock had gotten into the valve and blocked it open. It was taken apart but there are still repairs that need to be done.

Jeff thanked Frank for his help during this time. Jeff and Frank both worked over the weekend and the holiday. There should be updates by January's meeting. Jeff and Frank will get compensated for all the extra time worked.

Jeff stated that a group from Habitat for Humanity came to help with the construction of the concession stand. It is all blocked in now. Jeff thanked Habitat for Humanity, Casey's for paying the tab for coffee and donuts, Birkey's for lending their equipment and Frank with all his extra help. A letter will be sent from the board to these businesses. Jeff will write a letter for the Quill. This has been a great community effort to get the concession stand/ restrooms built.

All the snowflakes are up and lit around the town.

Frank Heineke, Streets and Zoning Inspector, stated that the furnace in the shop is not working. He got a bid for a 10 foot section of pipe at \$800. Frank looked on the internet and found the piece for less than \$200; so he ordered it off the internet. Frank and Richard met to discuss ordinances.

Randy Wilson, Village Marshall, stated that activity was down from this time last year. Randy was thanked for the reports he's done and also his years of service.

Civil Defense, absent, sirens went off manually.

CITIZEN'S HEARING

Theresa Kotte, 604 N. Washington, asked about the burned out lights in the snowflakes and if they can be replaced. They were gone through before they were put up but there wasn't a lot of time to replace all the burned out lights.

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYESS COMMITTEE, is talking with a representative from the cell phone company about how we can save money on the villages' bill. Hopefully by January we will have the savings. Kristy stated that on Friday she got a call from a resident saying that their garbage wasn't picked up. Jason will call Casali's. The EMA phone bill and other EMA expenses will be submitted to the township and they will pay ½ of the EMA bills. Jason will call Mike O'Grady tomorrow to discuss this.

DAVE BRUTLAG, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE, discussed the computer situation in the village. Kevin got a bid from Eric Van Etten for 6 new pc's, server, switch and other needed accessories for \$10,300. Dave asked Frank and Jeff if a laptop for each of them would be more valuable than a desktop. They will think about it, and Eric will be contacted so he can price out laptops and how they are comparable to desktops. The budget will be looked at to see if this is feasible right now. Kristy spoke with Verizon and right now we have 4 separate bills. We may be able to bundle a business package. The computer issue may be a more immediate need, before we start the new budget in May. If we buy all of them together, then in 3 or 4 years we'll have to revisit. Buying a couple at a time was discussed. Another option discussed for a quick fix was to have a different log in on Kristy's computer for internet usage, etc. The internet circuit that comes into the building was checked by the cable company. It was fine but then 20 minutes later it was slow. We will have to see if this is a hardware issue or the internet circuit.

RICHARD BLAND, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE, met with Frank to talk about the swimming pool ordinance. They looked at the original ordinance from August that the attorneys wrote up. The permit fees were discussed. If work done is for maintenance, it wouldn't warrant a building permit. But if the work done was roofing, decks, driveways, etc. the residents will need a building permit. Richard asked if the \$25 fee covered the time and energy to do the inspections. Depending on the time of the inspection, it was discussed for \$25 to be the first tier (basic inspection) and then \$40 for the next tier (more in depth inspection- decks, driveways, etc.). With the swimming pool situation, the question was asked if we want to enforce the Health Departments rules. The decision was made that if the Health Department denies a resident's request for a pool permit, the resident would then come in and sign a document to acknowledge they know it was denied and that releases us from liability if something goes wrong with the project. This will be discussed again at next

month's meeting. If the county denies the permit, we will know why it was denied. Depending on the county's decision, an approval or denial letter from the Health Department will be attached to each permit.

PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, gave the report for the month of November. In Hudson the man hours for the police department for the officer's was 448.5 hours and for the chief was 59.5 hours. There were 6 training hours. The chief had 59.5 hours for administrative duties. In Towanda, the total hours were 63.75. 4010 miles were driven in Hudson and 733 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 25 details or activity, with Towanda at 14. There were 2 traffic citations in Hudson and 3 in Towanda. Hudson had 0 written warnings and 14 verbal warnings. Towanda had 1 written warning and 14 verbal warnings. In Hudson, there were 2 motorist assists and Towanda had 2. Hudson has 1 investigation. Hudson received \$198.58 in traffic fines. Hudson also received \$40.00 in supervision fees. Towanda received \$194.62 in fines. The department assisted in 4 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 4 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 2 calls from the State Police, 5 calls from the Lexington Police Department, 1 call from the Chenoa Police Department and 1 call from the Normal Police Department.

Pat thanked Randy for helping Dale transition to police chief.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, no report. He thanked Jeff and Frank for the extra work they've put in over the holiday weekend.

BETTY SCANLON, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE, stated that there are some bills to be paid regarding the construction of the concession stand/ restrooms: Koons Construction- bill has been paid, (note that they credited back \$1900), block work (invoice to be paid not to exceed \$21,330), Doors Unlimited (\$2480), Childer's (\$579), rough plumbing and septic (\$1200), Menards- roof (\$496.02), and shingles and supplies for the roof (\$1566.04).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BETTY SCANLON TO PAY THE BILLS DUE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONCESSION STAND/ RESTROOMS. SECONDED BY KEVIN KELLEY. ALL YEA!

The Christmas lighting contest will be December 14. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places are \$100 each with the homeowners then choosing what charity the money goes toward.

Mark, as liquor commissioner, had no report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO MOVE INTO CLOSED

SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009 MEETING AND TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES. SECONDED BY PAT O'GRADY. ALL YEA!

After moving back into open session, a motion was made.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO GIVE CHRISTMAS BONUSES TO ALL FULL TIME EMPLOYEES FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$300. SECONDED BY PAT O'GRADY. ALL YEA!

It is noted in the open minutes that Jeff and Frank will be granted 4 additional days off because of the extra work they put in over the holiday weekend. Jason will communicate this with them. This will be considered paid leave time.

It was brought up for discussion about office space for the village. The old Casey's building was discussed. The village could potentially buy the old Casey's building in a couple of years with TIF money. Village offices and the police department could both be held in this building. Another discussion was maybe Casey's would lease it to the village. It was talked about that Frank could have a discussion with Casey's about their plans for the old building. A question was raised about if TIF funds have to be used before the year is over. No, the money just has to be used before the 23 year period is over.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY PAT O'GRADY. ALL YEA!

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk