

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
February 8, 2011

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in regular session at the Hudson Town Hall. 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, Richard Bland, Pat O'Grady, Treasurer Kristy Votoupal and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT O'GRADY TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE JANUARY 4, 2011 BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY BETTY SCANLON. ALL YEA!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kristy stated that on page 1 of the revenue and expense report for January, the state income tax has amounts sent from July and August. Dave asked about the bill for the Quill for \$2000. Kristy said that is half of what it costs and the Township pays the other half. Kevin asked if the water main break from New Year's Day is reflected. Kristy said we haven't been billed yet.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark read a letter the Village received from Jeff Monahan from Unit 5. Mr. Monahan thanked Frank, Jeff and the Village for removing snow at the school. Mark also thanked Frank and Jeff for their work during the recent snowstorm. He heard lots of compliments from residents. Mark also thanked the township for their help in plowing the village.

Mark met with a risk manager from IML and went over the agenda for the Hudson 175 celebration. The representative saw no problem with any of the events. They suggested if we do fireworks that we get listed on the vendor's certificate of insurance. The dates for upcoming board meetings were discussed between February 2011- January 2012.

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Property Superintendent, stated the water usage for January was 3,473,000/ 112,000 per day. Jeff said demo has been done at the ballpark. The lights are down and now they're just waiting on the weather and the new lights to come in. Jeff stated there are 3 interested parties to pay the whole cost for the scoreboard. Paul McKinney gave the village a bid for a new backup generator. Jeff thanked the Township for their help with plowing.

Frank Heineke, Streets and Zoning Inspector, got a quote for a mower and tractor. We have \$11,000 budgeted between capital outlay in streets and public property. The cost of the mower and tractor is \$21,762.62. Frank said we will trade in the old mower and the old posthole digger, making the difference still needed \$11,262.62. Frank said to make up the difference there is \$6000 in parks capital outlay, \$4283.55 in streets capital outlay, \$405 in water capital outlay and \$580 under parks for the fence (which could be transferred to capital outlay)- which equals \$11,268.55. Between this amount and the \$11,000 budgeted, that is enough to purchase the mowing tractor. Frank asked if we should transfer \$6000 in reserve or go ahead and make adjustments to 2 accounts to finish up the difference. Kristy said she would prefer to not move money around and to just be over budget. After some discussion it was decided that Frank would try to get the mowing tractor at a good price now and if that doesn't work than we'll wait until May.

Frank gave a big thanks to the following people for their help in plowing snow: Vance Emmert, Jeff Emmert, Danny Edwards, Travis Edwards, Ronnie Brandell, Mike Turner and Ken Dressler.

Frank stated that April 1 will be his last day of full time employment for the Village of Hudson. The board thanked Frank for his many years of service.

Dale Sparks, Village Marshall, thanked the village and township for their great work in plowing the snow. Chief Sparks stated the squad car that was damaged by the deer will go in on the 24th for repair and will be down about a week. It is drivable but only if we have to. Chief Sparks also said that Officer Lutes' wife passed. Flowers will be sent and he will be in contact with the board with arrangement information.

Civil Defense, absent.

CITIZEN'S HEARING- none

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE, no report.

DAVE BRUTLAG, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE, stated we won't

send letters right now to those residents who need to move basketball hoops off the streets. Dave would like an estimate to be given for a sidewalk from the library to the school sidewalk or parking lot. Dave asked about an ordinance about windmills being built close to the village. He will look to see if other towns have a windmill ordinance and Mark will check with Ancel Glink.

RICHARD BLAND, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE, asked how the speeding was on N. Broadway. Chief Sparks said the weather definitely slows everyone down, but this is an area that will always need to be watched.

PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, gave the report for the month of January. In Hudson the hours for the police department for the officer's were 408.5. The officer's also had 20 vacation/ time off hours and 20 holiday hours making the total 448.5. The chief's patrol hours were 114.25, admin hours were 42.75, training hours were 16 and holiday hours were 8 for a total of 181. In Towanda, the total hours were 64.97. 5150 miles were driven in Hudson and 714.67 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 9 details or activity, with Towanda at 2. Hudson had 2 written warnings and Towanda had 3. There were 6 traffic citations in Hudson and 5 in Towanda. Hudson had 13 verbal warnings and Towanda had 10. In Hudson, there were 6 motorist assists and Towanda had 5. There was 1 custodial arrest in Hudson. Hudson received \$441.35 in fines. Towanda received \$233.65 in fines. There was \$20.00 in supervision fees. The department assisted in 9 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 3 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 8 calls from the Illinois State Police, 3 calls from the Towanda Fire Department, 2 calls from the Chenoa Police Department and 1 call from the Lexington Police Department. There were 0 bike patrol hours.

Pat thanked Frank and Jeff for plowing which allowed the police department to do their job.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, received notice that a customer is in bankruptcy (filed in Galesburg, Knox County) and they owe on a water bill. The Village was listed as creditor. It would be a waste of money to send someone to represent us. The Village will just write off their amount owed.

Michael Brown from the Ecology Action Center sent a request to the Village for a municipal waste and recycling report for 2010. It's a survey to assist in providing IEPA information. Kevin said that we are on the list for the recycling grant and when it becomes available it will be sent out.

Kevin has quotes for the water/garbage invoices. Darnell was \$20-\$30 cheaper with 5000 bills for \$4400. Kevin will pursue this. Kevin thanked Frank for his years of service and for educating him about water.

BETTY SCANLON, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE, no report. Betty thanked Frank and Jeff for their work plowing snow.

Mark, as liquor commissioner, had no report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 4, 2011 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

After moving back to open session, there was discussion about setting up a work session date and also discussion about replacing Frank. An ad needs to be written ASAP and placed in the paper. Interviews will be held the week of March 14-18. A work session was set for February 22 at 6:00 at the water house. The topics for the work session are discuss budget, discuss zoning and street inspector position, approve ad, and discuss windmill ordinance.

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

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk