

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
January 5, 2010

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, January 5, 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, Pat O'Grady, Betty Scanlon, Richard Bland, Treasurer Kristy Votoupal and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag. Trustee Dave Brutlag arrived late.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED FROM THE DECEMBER 1, 2009 MEETING. SECONDED BY KEVIN KELLEY. ALL YEA!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kristy stated there was one change on the additional invoices to pay: RK Dixon (for additional usage from November 6, 2008- November 5, 2009 on the copier) \$515.39. The total for additional invoices to pay is now \$18,726.13. Kristy is going to call and double check the contract we have with RK Dixon.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark stated there will be a motion to approve the admin ordinance. The admin ordinances are how we as a village do business and also who the village officials are. After we approve the ordinance, it will then be sent to Sterling Codifiers to get codified. The admin ordinance was reviewed before it was approved. There were a few questions concerning what was in the ordinance. Betty asked if we have a zoning board of appeals and planning commission. We do have a zoning board of appeals (people are appointed) and we do have a planning commission (no one has ever been assigned to it). Kevin asked if the water department should be included with the streets and zoning building official. Mark said that for water it is under the department of streets and zoning. It lists out the officials and by state statute a zoning officer is an official of the village. Under

section 4.4, a typo was noticed, where it should say “may employ” instead of “may employee”. Betty asked who decides if the mayor isn’t able to serve. The answer is in section 1.14.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #1246 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING ITS VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL). SECONDED BY BETTY SCANLON. ALL YEA!

There are new laws that are in affect (after January 1) that have made changes in the FOIA and the OMA act. An ordinance will be created that will state how we are going to comply with the new law regarding the FOIA and the OMA act. This ordinance will bring us into compliance with the state law.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD BLAND TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #1247 (AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING POLICIES REGARDING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND THE OPEN MEETING ACT AND DESIGNATING THE VILLAGE’S FOIA OFFICERS AND THOSE TO RECEIVE OMA TRAINING). SECONDED BY KEVIN KELLEY. ALL YEA!

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD BLAND TO APPROVE THE FOIA OFFICERS (VILLAGE CLERK AND DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK). SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD BLAND TO APPROVE THE OMA OFFICERS (VILLAGE CLERK AND VILLAGE PRESIDENT). SECONDED BY BETTY SCANLON. ALL YEA!

The FOIA officers will take care of any requests from the public. The OMA officers will make sure that we comply with the OMA act. All police FOIA requests will be handled through Kendra or Allison. There are training courses online that all officers will need to take.

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Property Superintendent, stated that December’s water usage was 3,338,000 with an average of 108,000 gallons/ day. Jeff said that the Hudson Fire Department has a new line and is now starting to report non-water usage and it was zero. The equipment to monitor water facilities is not functioning. The cost is \$700, but Jeff found it online for \$355.50 so he will order it online. Concerning parks, the concession stand is in a holding pattern until the weather improves.

Frank Heineke, Streets and Zoning Inspector, sent around a thank you from Arlene after her surgery. Frank will write a letter to the city of Bloomington about the water issues Hudson has had in the past few months and state our concerns. He will email this to Kevin. Frank thanked Officer Collins for getting cars moved so they could plow

efficiently. Frank asked Kristy about the treasurer's report. On page 12, for EMA, line 282 (maintenance and equipment), the budget is \$250 and they've already spent \$1100. He asked if this was spent on maintenance or on buying equipment and why they had gone over so much. Kristy said that the money was spent on replacing the charging base for the radios. The EMA director will be included in the upcoming budget meetings.

(Dave arrived at 7:35).

Dale Sparks, Village Marshall, stated Jim Lutes no longer works for the village. Officer Payne fell on the ice while on duty and broke his right hand and will be out for 6 weeks. Mark suggested that maybe the officers should use yak tracks for their boots during the snow and icy season. Officer Saathoff said they have them but they are hard to get on and not very practical. Chief Sparks said that Officer Saathoff and Randy have been very helpful in his transition.

Civil Defense, absent, sirens went off manually.

CITIZEN'S HEARING- none

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYESS COMMITTEE, no report. Jason stated the cell phone bill came down a lot after changing it to a bundle. The current bill was around \$150, which is about half of what the previous monthly bills had been.

DAVE BRUTLAG, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE, no report. Dave thanked Frank and Jeff for doing a good job of plowing the roads. Dave asked Frank how the salt supply was doing this year. Frank said that we got 10- 13 more tons than last year and we are doing fine.

RICHARD BLAND, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE, said he would work on the pool ordinance this month and bring it to next month's meeting.

PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, gave the report for the month of December. In Hudson the man hours for the police department for the officer's was 420 hours and for the chief was 168 hours. The chief had 73.25 hours for administrative duties, 78.75 for patrol hours and 16 holiday hours. In Towanda, the total hours were 63.7. 4665 miles were driven in Hudson and 700 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 30 details or activity, with Towanda at 11. There was 1 traffic citation in Hudson and

1 in Towanda. Hudson had 0 written warnings and 2 verbal warnings. Towanda had 0 written warnings and 3 verbal warnings. In Hudson, there were 3 motorist assists and Towanda had 3. Hudson had 1 ordinance violation. Hudson received \$417.86 in traffic fines. Hudson also received \$40.00 in supervision fees. Towanda received \$66.76 in fines. The department assisted in 9 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 3 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 5 calls from the State Police, 1 calls from the Lexington Police Department, 1 call from the Normal Police Department, and 3 calls from the Towanda Police Department.

The plumbing problem got figured out at the police department so there shouldn't be any more issues. Randy is officially done with his work with the village.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, stated that a couple of credits went through. The Hudson United Methodist Church had a 25,000 gallon leak. Their credit was for the cost of the water. Kendra is working on revising the water bills so they will show credits and payments. The goal is to have the updates done so they will be shown on the February 1st bill. Kevin would like to see the penalties/fees and credits on separate lines which has never been broken out. Kristy asked Kevin to send her a list of what he would like to see on the bills. Kevin thanked Dave for his help with the IT issue at the water house. Jeff is having trouble with his computer, so we're trying to resolve the problem.

BETTY SCANLON, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE, said the winners of the Christmas lighting contest were the following addresses: 1st place- 806 Platt Way, 2nd place- 706 Trimmer Dr., 3rd place- 215 Whitetail. Honorable mentions were 405 Valentine, 604 N. Washington, 301 Prairieview and 303 Prairieview. The winners will donate their cash prize to the charity of their choice.

Mark, as liquor commissioner, stated the Country Squire renewed their liquor license.

Richard asked about the high speed internet service. Mark went to the meeting that discussed this. There is government funding to provide government agencies (especially small, rural communities) high speed internet service at a good price. There are a couple more meetings coming up and the proposal for funding has to be sent in by the end of March. We could potentially have high speed internet access at a savings. Dave stated that if the village does get high speed internet access, it will impact the computer equipment bid that we recently got from Eric Van Etten. Chief Sparks asked if Eric could come in and help with the payroll for the police department. Kristy stated that she would be willing to help and to answer any questions.

January 13 there is a rural area chief's association meeting. All board members are invited to attend. The topic is police training and Mark will be the speaker. It is at 7:00

P.M. at the Towanda village building.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 1, 2009 MEETING, DISCUSS AND DO 6 MONTH REVIEWS OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

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 Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk