

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
July 7, 2009

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, July 7, 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 KEVIN KELLEY TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE JUNE 2, 2009 MEETING. SECONDED BY JIM HENDERSON. ALL YEA!

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HENDERSON TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE JUNE 16, 2009 WORK SESSION. SECONDED BY SUE LAPPIN. ALL YEA!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Kristy Votoupal stated that she corrected the headings in the new TIF fund. We received the first installment of revenue into the TIF fund. We have received a second one but it hasn't been posted yet.

There are additional invoices to be paid. There are two under police, one to Ed Thomas for \$1700.00 for installation of items into the new squad car and the second to Barker for \$644.60 for work on unit 12. An invoice is also due to Crosspoint for \$333.55 (which will be split ½ water and ½ streets) for vehicle maintenance on the big truck.

Kristy gave an update on the audit. There is no date set yet for the official field work, but it will probably be the end of July.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark stated that there is an IML conference in Springfield Friday, August 14. If anyone is interested, they can register online. The fee is \$20 per person. There are other dates available, but this is the closest one.

Mark set up a meeting with the Ancel Glink law firm. The meeting is July 15 at 4:00 P.M. at their offices, 207 W. Jefferson, Room 402 in Bloomington. He is hoping to find 2 or 3 somewhat local firms to contact and see if they would be interested in representing the village.

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Works Superintendent, stated that water usage for June was 3,991,000 gallons with an average of 133,000 gallons per day. Jeff stated that there are 71 meters left to be installed in Havens as of July 1.

Jeff thanked Dave Anderson, 404 Havens, for donating mulch to the village. It was used at Memorial Park. A thank you will be sent. Jim has the blueprints for the restroom/ concession stand and they will be up at the water house for people who want to see them. Hundman's did the work. A bid notice will be published for construction of this project.

A meeting will be set up with Jim, Jeff, Dave (as a member of the Lion's Club) and also a member of the women's club to discuss the new concession stand. Jeff received a call from an Eagle Scout who was interested in doing a project. A project discussed was painting the fire hydrants.

Frank Heineke, Streets/ Zoning Inspector, stated that there was a bid opening on June 22 for cover seal. Frank was asked about the TIF commission and what the next steps are for someone who is interested. He spoke with Dan Walker and gave him the names of those interested. Mark stated that the planning commission (9 people) will be used as the TIF committee. If anyone knows of people interested in being on this committee, please send their names to Mark. Frank also said that a sump pump discharge was laid on East St. and the residents are pleased with the result.

Civil Defense, absent, sirens didn't go off.

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 than will take them to the McLean County Animal shelter. In Leroy, there is a large street and

water department, so someone who is employed with 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.

CITIZEN'S HEARING

Kathy Brooks, 1101 S. McLean St., stated that she didn't know there was an animal control issue. Chief Wilson stated that it was rare, but there is an occasional need. What we do now is first try to locate the owner, but there are times when it is necessary for an animal control officer. Sue stated that Mitsubishi used someone for animal control, and she will find out his information.

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYESS COMMITTEE, asked about yard waste pick up and how often do we want to offer this service. Mark thought maybe we'd want to offer it more than just after big storms, on a somewhat consistent basis. Some options discussed were bi-weekly, once a month or on call. First, Jason will look into who may be interested on providing this service and also ask them some questions (cost, how often, what they would be willing to pick up, etc.). We may need to wait until next year, depending on if it fits in the budget.

Jason spoke with Casali & Sons. They asked if we have an ordinance stating that garbage needs to be in a bag or can. Mark suggested finding out where the garbage isn't in a bag or can and contacting the residents to let them know the garbage needs to be in a bag or can. When the new ordinances are codified, we will have a way to deal with this problem. Ordinance 1210 is for garbage. There will be a certified letter sent to the residence on the corner of Walnut and Broadway because of an excessive amount of garbage that has been sitting out for weeks. They will have until Monday morning to get it taken care of and then we'll have someone come and take care it and send the bill to the owner.

DAVE BRUTLAG, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE, said that there was a cover seal bid opening on June 22. Steffens came in with the lowest bid at \$14,616.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM STEFFENS AT THE AMOUNT OF \$14,616.00 FOR COVER SEALS. SECONDED BY KEVIN KELLEY. ALL YEA!

Dave received a letter from a woman who was injured on village property during garage sale days. This will be discussed during closed session.

SUE LAPPIN, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING

COMMITTEE, stated that she needs one person for the zoning appeals board. Sue read through the sign ordinance and would like to discuss it further and then vote on changing it at the August meeting. The non conforming structure ordinance was also discussed. There are non-conforming structures in Hudson, but they are fine buildings. A guideline needs to be made, and appeals can be made. Exemptions need to be written into the ordinance.

With summer upon us, a lot of residents are putting up pools. A discussion followed about what the minimum size of pools are that require a permit. There is a residence that was denied the OK from the Health Department for a permanent pool, so they instead put up an inflatable pool. They also built a stationary form around the pool, making it look permanent. They need to have a permit, but the village can't issue one because the Health Department denied it. In regards to this case, we have to wait and see what the State's Attorney tells the Health Department.

Sue stated there is one residence who is in violation. The resident didn't get a permit for work done on and around his house; he was asked to move gravel and debris and never got the OK from the county. This case has been sent to the attorney.

PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, reported for the month of June in Hudson the man hours for the police department for the officer's was 442 hours and for the chief was 176 hours. There were 16 hours for training. The chief had 109 hours for administrative duties, 43 hours of patrol, and 24 vacation hours. In Towanda, the total hours were 73.5. 5259 miles were driven in Hudson and 781 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 48 details or activity, with Towanda at 16. There were 2 traffic citations in Hudson with 3 in Towanda. Hudson had 20 verbal warnings. Towanda had 15 verbal warnings. In Hudson, there were 4 motorist assists with 2 in Towanda. Hudson had 4 investigations. Hudson had 1 custodial arrest. Hudson received \$390.86 in traffic fines and \$40.00 in supervision fees. Towanda received \$218.08 in fines. The department assisted in 11 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 13 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 4 calls from the Towanda Fire Department, 2 calls from the Illinois State Police, and 1 call from the Chenoa Police Department.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT O'GRADY TO PURCHASE A MARTEL DIGITAL CAMERA POLICE UNIT M10 FOR THE PRICE OF \$2995.00. SECONDED BY SUE LAPPIN. ALL YEA!

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT O'GRADY TO CHANGE THE AMOUNT OF THE MARTEL DIGITAL CAMERA POLICE UNIT M 10 TO \$3020.00. SECONDED BY JIM HENDERSON.

In Towanda, last year's 4th of July coverage may or may not have been billed. Chief Wilson will check into this and make sure this year's was billed. We will also start helping out at Lake Bloomington. If a call comes in from there, Bloomington will be sent

first, but if it's an emergency we will also go. There isn't a Park Ranger at the lake anymore.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, said he put together a senior citizen's discount water rate application. Those interested can pick up the forms at the water house, or they will be available on the website. Information will also be published in the Quill.

Kevin said that he discussed the delinquency in water payments with Jeff and Frank. The problem has been that some residents have been paying a partial amount on their bill, which then incurs interest and penalties. After discussing the water delinquency ordinance, it will be voted on at the August meeting.

Kevin stated that he would like to look at possible people for backups for the part time billing/water clerk. In case we get in a crunch, or in an emergency situation, there would be someone to fill in to answer calls, be at the office, process bills, etc. Kristy suggested we contact the temp agency. After some discussion, it was decided that Kristy and Allison will train with Kendra so they will be able to be backups. The hours will not be expanded; this will just be to fill in when Kendra is unavailable.

JIM HENDERSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE, stated that the ball games are coming to an end. Soccer will be starting in the upcoming months. Jim will check with the ISU club softball team to see if they will be using the field in the fall. The dirt has been added for the new field and it will be seeded beginning of September.

Jim said that he received 2 letters from individuals who are interested in the IT position for the village; Andy Alexander and Eric Van Etten. They are both qualified, and we will vote on this at August's meeting. A draft contract will be written up before next month's meeting.

The coaches of the ball teams thanked Jeff and Frank for their work at the ball field.

Mark, as liquor commissioner, stated that Casey's was allowed to transfer their liquor license to the new address. September 14 is when their yearly payment and renewal is due.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HENDERSON TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND TO DISCUSS THE LETTER DAVE BRUTLAG RECEIVED. SECONDED BY SUE LAPPIN. ALL YEA!

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

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk