

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
June 7, 2011

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 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, Richard Bland, Pat O'Grady and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag. Treasurer Kristy Votoupal will be late.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT O'GRADY TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE MAY 3, 2011 BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark gave some information about the identity protection policy. Kevin asked if all employees should be trained if dealing with social security numbers. Mark stated that a copy of the policy will be gone over with each employee. This will be included in the personnel policy as an addendum.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO ADD THE IDENTITY PROTECTION POLICY TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY AS AN ADDENDUM. SECONDED BY ALAN MEISSNER. ALL YEA!

Mark asked if we wanted him to remain a notary. As of right now we will let his expire and maybe look into Jeff, Denny or Dale becoming one. Mark stated that in closed session we will discuss a contract proposal from McLean County for use of the water tower.

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Property Superintendent, stated the water usage for May was 3,715,000/ 120,000 per day. Jeff thanked Don Lloyd from Freedom Lawn Care for spraying at the ball park. The scoreboard is up, installed and working. Jeff thanked the sponsors of the scoreboard: Hudson Grain, Birkey's, Ken Koons and Illini Bank. The lights are up and working. The ball field is done and the parking lot will be resealed after ball season. The parking lot by the basketball court on West St. will be asphalted next week by McLean County Asphalt. The generator has been purchased and is running

at the water house. Jeff stated that an electrician will be coming tomorrow to look at the siren as it isn't working properly.

Denny Engel, Streets and Zoning Inspector, thanked Sue Keeran for the article in the Quill about obtaining permits. This past month there have been permits for pools, decks and roofs. Denny said that there is a new home being built in Prairieview as well as a room addition. Denny is talking with Richard about addressing zoning violations and fines. Frank showed Denny how to do chipping of the streets.

Dale Sparks, Village Marshall, said the bike was out a little last month. New school zone crossings signs were purchased; with the village paying half the cost. Chief Sparks said he has seen a 10 mph drop in speed since the signs have been out.

Civil Defense, absent.

CITIZEN'S HEARING

James Massa, 205 W. Pearl, addressed the board about drainage problems in his house. He stated this has been an ongoing problem and he asked if the village has any plans to fix this. Water backup in his basement is a recurring event and it has posed electrical problems. Mr. Massa was asked if he had a sump pump and he said no. Mark suggested he get one to see if that helps with his water problems. Mr. Massa asked if we had an ordinance against residents draining their sump pumps into the tiles. The village discourages residents draining their sump pumps into the tiles but there is no rule against it. Tiles and storm sewers were discussed. There are storm sewers in the newer parts of Hudson and field tiles in the older parts. Jeff stated that these tiles were laid in the late 1800's and the village tries to maintain them as a courtesy to the residents. Jeff said that the village is responsible for the storm sewers but not for the field tiles. The tiles are cleaned every year and Jeff stated that Pearl gets extra attention. Jeff said the village does the best we can with maintaining the tiles.

Sandy and Alan Fedden, 408 N. Washington, stated that the ditch in front of their house has water standing and there is no flow down to the north end. It was discussed to dredge out their ditch to get a faster flow.

Vickie and Greg Beoletto, 802 Havens, addressed the board about the possibility of legalizing golf carts in Hudson. They are in support of this. Mark said that we have discussed this in the past. Many small towns have adopted ordinances concerning golf cart usage. Similar ordinances from other communities will be looked at and then we can come up with our own and adapt to our needs.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kristy stated this is the first month of the 2011-2012 budget. She said that she has a couple of statements but no invoices for Interstate Battery, Kessler Team Sports (in parks) and Martin Brothers (also in parks).

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

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE, made a motion for the appropriation ordinance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #1255 (ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE) FOR FY 2011-2012. SECONDED BY BETTY SCANLON. ALL YEA!

Jason spoke with Sterling Codifiers today. They found some things that didn't match up and will be sending an email with everything that needs to be fixed. The codification should be done within the next few months.

The Towanda police contract was approved by Towanda. It will end in 2015 and will be put on our July agenda for approval.

ALAN MEISSNER, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE, suggested we look at a good way to report when a street light is out. We need to come up with a method that would allow the village to know how long they are out and then increase patrols in that area. One option suggested was to have the village accept calls on outages and then we would contact Ameren. We pay a certain amount of money per street light regardless of it is functioning or not. It was decided that residents would call the police department to report outages. Alan asked if there was money in the budget this year for a sidewalk between the library and the school and yes there has been money allotted for this this year.

RICHARD BLAND, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE, stated that he would like to meet with the ordinance and zoning committee to discuss a couple of concerns regarding ordinance documentation. Kristy asked if there was an ordinance for not cleaning pools. This concern will be looked into as far as standing, stagnant water.

PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, gave the report for the month of May. In Hudson the hours for the police department for the officers were

409.5. The officer's also had 2.5 admin hours, 10 training hours, and 20 holiday hours making the total 442. The chief's patrol hours were 144, admin hours were 30.25, training hours were 8 and holiday hours were 8 for a total of 198.25. In Towanda, the total hours were 63. 5318 miles were driven in Hudson and 693 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 37 details or activity, with Towanda at 15. Hudson had 4 written warnings and Towanda had 2. There were 6 traffic citations in Hudson. Hudson had 11 verbal warnings and Towanda had 8. In Hudson, there were 10 motorist assists and Towanda had 5. There were 16 investigations in Hudson. There was 1 custodial arrest in Hudson and 1 in Towanda. Hudson received \$507.30 in fines. Towanda received \$89.00 in fines. There was \$26.00 for electric citations. The department assisted in 24 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 4 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 3 calls from the Illinois State Police, and 2 calls from the Chenoa Police Department. There were 7.5 bike patrol hours.

Pat thanked Chief Sparks for getting the school zone signs up.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, said that in closed session we will discuss a personnel salary increase.

BETTY SCANLON, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE, no report. Betty thanked Jeff for his work on the ball field.

Mark, as liquor commissioner, had no report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT O'GRADY AT 8:10 TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE MAY 3, 2011 CLOSED SESSION MEETING, DISCUSS A PERSONNEL SALARY INCREASE AND TO DISCUSS THE CONTRACT PROPOSAL FROM MCLEAN COUNTY. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

Once back into open session, Jason said that once he hears back from Sterling, he would like to set up a work session to review ordinances and the possible need to rewrite ordinances.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS AT 9:00 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY RICHARD BLAND. ALL YEA!

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk