

State of Illinois  
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Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting  
March 3, 2009

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in regular session at the community room at the Hudson Public Library. President Shaun Hermes called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Roll Call: President Shaun Hermes, Trustees, Larry Heiken, Jim Henderson, Jeff Saathoff, Mark Kotte, Sue Lappin, Kevin Kelley, Treasurer Kristy Votoupal and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARK KOTTE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED FROM THE FEBRUARY 3, 2009 MEETING. SECONDED BY JIM HENDERSON. ALL YEA!**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Kristy Votoupal stated that in the journal entries at the end of February there is an expense item that should be moved to the TIF fund. There are still 2 that she needs to make to The Normalite that total \$1100.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF HENDERSON TO APPROVE THE REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT AS WRITTEN AND TO PAY INVOICES DUE. SECONDED BY SUE LAPPIN. ALL YEA!**

Dr. Gary Niehaus, superintendent of Unit 5 schools, came to give an update on summer renovations to Hudson Elementary School. He stated that there will be a change of traffic flow around the building. The south lot will have a separate entrance and exit. The buses will come in on a different side. The south door will become the new entrance. The indentation will be filled in to accommodate a new IMC. The principal's office will be moved for better visibility; the old library will become the principal's new office. All rooms will be renovated: new carpets, outside walls, ceilings, lights, desks, teacher desks, file cabinets, etc. Each room will have a smart board, white boards and a lap top for each teacher. This summer the new IMC will be added, principal office moved and changing current principal office into smaller offices. Dr. Niehaus said that the brand new rooms will mean a different learning environment for the children. Jeff Monahan and Joe Adelman, employees of Unit 5, and Scott Myers, principal of Hudson Elementary were also in attendance. Amanda Stiles, from PTO, discussed the new playground. They are currently short \$5400 for the playground. Ms. Stiles stated that the town of Normal will

install the equipment, so it won't cost the village for installation. There are 2 different playground options that will be voted on. The new playground is a need, the current one is not up to code. Ms. Stiles said that they are estimating the complete cost for the new playground to be \$30,000. It is hoped to be ordered by spring break. Geothermal was also discussed, which was added last year. This system benefits everyone and is cutting edge. A security system will also be added this summer. Jeff asked what the long term vision was for Hudson Elementary School. Dr. Niehaus said that it will remain a K-5 facility. There will be redistricting and that will have an impact on Hudson. It was also asked about the budget for these projects; the IMC is \$350,000 and the renovation is \$870,000.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Meetings attended last month:

February 17- Special Meeting for TIF/ Budget: Shaun, Mark, Sue, Jim, Kevin, Larry, Jeff

Upcoming work sessions:

Thursday, March 12, 5:30 P.M. at the water house. The topics are TIF discussion with Dan Walker and also budget.

Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 P.M. at the water house. The topics are evaluations and budget.

On Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 A.M., there will be an informational meeting about the TIF for the residents. It will be at the fire department. Meet the Candidates will be Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 P.M. at the town hall.

Plans for the March 14<sup>th</sup> were discussed. Jeff sent a letter written to the residents about the TIF to Kendra to print and mail. Ron Adams from Fisher and the incoming mayor of Pontiac are both planning on coming, as they have had prior experience with a TIF. Coffee and donuts will also be served.

Casali & Sons, who provide our garbage service, asked for a recommendation from us; Jeff already took care of writing one.

**Jeff Waller, Water and Public Property Superintendent**, stated that water usage for February was 3,145,000 gallons with an average of 112,000 gallons per day. Jeff said that fill dirt has been hauled up to the new ball field. It will be level with the other field; once it has gotten to elevation, it will be seeded.

**Frank Heineke, Streets/ Zoning Inspector**, stated that construction on the new Casey's will start again tomorrow. He has concern with the weight of the trucks as they haul dirt back and forth on West St. to the new ball field. Frank asked if Larry could bring up during his section a motion to pay the Township for salt used this winter. As of now, 23

¼ tons were used. The price is \$60/ton, total not to exceed \$1400.

Frank thanked the board for sending the edible arrangement. He discussed the water line that starts at Whitacre's headed out to the Hamm property. The land has been sold, and the little house will be sold. This is a private line and to protect ourselves we need to have a condition put in stating that if their needs to be repairs, it is the owner's responsibility.

**Randy Wilson, Village Marshall**, stated that February was a busier month. He said that he will be filling out a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. This grant would be for the purchase of a new squad car: up to \$18,000 for a regular car and up to \$25,000 for a hybrid. Larry asked what our chance is of getting the grant. Chief Wilson said that he will be making calls tomorrow to find out more information and to get questions answered. Mark said he thinks we have a good chance of getting it, as financial need/hardship is a requirement; and also because of our situation with the reason why we need a new squad car.

Last Thursday, Chief Wilson was contacted by Task Force 6. A search warrant was issued for 407 N. Washington. Last Friday the search warrant was served and the resident was taken into custody. A press release will be sent out.

**Civil Defense**, absent, sirens did go off. EMA will be moved to the fire department. It was discussed how to make the alarm ring from the fire department. The first bid received for moving EMA was \$11,200, which seemed high. We may need to look into a different option.

### **CITIZEN'S HEARING- none**

**JEFF SAATHOFF, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYESS COMMITTEE**, asked about thoughts regarding the TIF. Jeff brought up a few questions: should we have an advisory committee, and how do we market the TIF. The second question can be asked to Dan Walker. It is a great idea to get more people involved.

Kristy will get wage evaluation sheets in all mailboxes.

**LARRY HEIKEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE**, made a motion that Frank requested.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY HEIKEN TO RECEIVE A BILL FROM HUDSON TOWNSHIP FOR SALT USAGE NOT TO EXCEED \$1400. SECONDED BY MARK KOTTE. ALL YEA!**

Jeff asked about what the road plan was as far as driving the roads to check them for any maintenance that might need to be done. The drive around town with Farnsworth will be done shortly.

Larry spoke with the Pantagraph about the safety of the paper deliverers. They were thankful for the call.

**SUE LAPPIN, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE,** had no report.

**MARK KOTTE, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE,** reported for the month of February in Hudson the man hours for the police department for the officer's was 424.25 hours and for the chief was 166 hours. There was 17 hours for training. The chief had 82.75 hours for administrative duties and 49.5 hours of patrol. He had 34 training hours. In Towanda, the total hours were 68.6. 4967 miles were driven in Hudson and 755 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 23 details or activity, with Towanda at 9. There were 7 traffic citations in Hudson with 9 in Towanda. Hudson had 1 written warning and 7 verbal warnings. Towanda had 1 written warnings and 21 verbal warnings. In Hudson, there were 4 motorist assists and 4 in Towanda. Hudson had 1 O.V. warning. Hudson received \$715.43 in traffic fines. Hudson received \$60.00 in supervision fees. Hudson received \$100.00 in DUI fines. Towanda received \$426.83 in fines. The department assisted in 10 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 3 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 2 calls from the Towanda Fire Department, 4 calls from the Illinois State Police, 1 call from the Woodford Sheriff's Office, 1 call from the Lexington Police Department, and 1 from Task Force 6.

Mark said that the fines were up, but the tickets/arrests were from previous months and the money is just now coming in. Mark said that we need to be ready to vote on the police contract at the April meeting, and asked that this be put on the April agenda.

**KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE,** handed out a letter that will be sent to residents who still need to have the radio water meter installed. Jeff needs to have access to the homes to finish up the installations. Kevin spoke with Bloomington's water department. Rates will increase 8.7% effective May 1. The increases in 2010 and 2011 will be 9% each year. The last increase in 2008 was partially absorbed and this time will need to be passed on to the residents. The question was how much does the increase need to be for the residents.

**JIM HENDERSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE,** stated that the ball season will be starting soon. The ISU women's softball group will use the field again. The proposal of the school's playground equipment was discussed. Jim

said there is \$5000 in the budget this year to go toward the new playground equipment.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HENDERSON TO DONATE \$5000 TO THE HUDSON PTO FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. SECONDED BY MARK KOTTE. ALL YEA!**

The new concession stand/ restroom at the ball field was discussed. Jim will get more info for an estimate of the restroom construction. We will own and insure the new concession stand.

Reserves for the backhoe were discussed. Currently there is \$9700 in the backhoe fund. Streets, zoning and water have money in it, but it isn't earmarked for anything in particular. Streets and water have an equal amount in them. Every other year the backhoe gets traded in.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO REVIEW CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND TO APPROVE CLOSED AND WORK SESSION MINUTES. SECONDED BY JIM HENDERSON. ALL YEA!**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY HEIKEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY JIM HENDERSON. ALL YEA!**

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 8, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk