

State of Illinois  
County of McLean  
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting  
May 5, 2009

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, May 5, 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, Mark Kotte, Sue Lappin, Kevin Kelley, Treasurer Kristy Votoupal and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag. Trustee Jeff Saathoff was absent.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HENDERSON TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE MARCH 3, 2009 MEETING. SECONDED BY KEVIN KELLEY. ALL YEA!**

Shaun swore in Allison Brutlag, village clerk, who then swore in newly elected mayor, Mark Kotte, re-elected trustee Kevin Kelley and newly elected trustee Pat O'Grady.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Kristy Votoupal stated that we cashed in a CD to pay off the ballpark loan. There was \$400 left over and that was put into the checking account.

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mark reminded everyone that the contract was signed with the part time officers through ICOP. Kristy and Mark will discuss about getting back pay worked out.

Mark said that he is looking forward to the next 4 years as village president. There are changes that are occurring in Hudson like the TIF district and the expansion of the parks and rec facilities. Mark also is looking forward to involving the community in regards to the TIF advisory board, liquor commission board and the zoning appeals board. Anyone who is interested in a trustee position or serving on one of these boards should contact Mark.

**Jeff Waller, Water and Public Works Superintendent**, stated that water usage for April was 3,421,000 gallons with an average of 114,000 gallons per day. Jeff said that there are 133 meters left to install. 60 meters were purchased and are on the May invoice. On April 6, Jeff completed his water certification test. Jeff said that mowing started April 15 and has been nonstop. Jeff and Frank went to a larvacide training about killing mosquitoes. Laesch Electric came out and fixed all the broken lights at the ball park. Jeff thanked Gary Ziebarth for his help with moving dirt and using his own equipment and fuel.

**Frank Heineke, Streets/ Zoning Inspector**, thanked Birkey's who also helped out a lot with moving dirt. Frank met with the executors of the Hamm estate concerning the water line that runs down some private property. An easement is being drawn up to protect the private water line. There is specific language to deal with protecting the potable water and also if the land is ever divided. Once Dee Willard has it written up, it will be reviewed.

**Civil Defense**, absent, sirens did go off (it was set off manually). The remote access is close to being finalized. Dan Hite will meet with the trustees tonight. The total cost for moving EMA to the fire department was estimated between \$2000- \$2500.

**Randy Wilson, Village Marshall**, said that it was a fairly busy month with a burglary reported in Towanda and also a drug stop on 55. There have also been thefts at the grade school from classrooms. Chief Wilson is still waiting to hear about the grants that were applied for; one was for funding of a new squad car and the other was funding for a full time officer.

### **CITIZEN'S HEARING**

Kathy Brooks, 1101 S. McLean St., congratulated the newly elected officials.

**JEFF SAATHOFF, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYESS COMMITTEE**, absent.

**LARRY HEIKEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE**, stated that in February/March, Frank let us know that the garage doors on the garage with 3 doors have rust issues. They spoke with Childer's about getting them replaced and also getting a warranty.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY HEIKEN TO PURCHASE 3 DOORS FROM CHILDER'S FOR THE PRICE OF \$5437.88. SECONDED BY JIM**

**HENDERSON. ALL YEA!**

Mark thanked Larry for his years of service as a trustee.

**SUE LAPPIN, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE**, had no report. Sue will talk with Mark about a new zoning appeals board. She also suggested that the storm door be replaced at the water house; this has already been looked into.

**PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE**, (Mark reported) for the month of April in Hudson the man hours for the police department for the officer's was 466.25 hours and for the chief was 174 hours. There were 43 hours for training. The chief had 118.75 hours for administrative duties, 31.75 hours of patrol and 23.5 hours for training. In Towanda, the total hours were 62. 5084 miles were driven in Hudson and 714 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 37 details or activity, with Towanda at 9. There were 2 traffic citations in Hudson with 7 in Towanda. Hudson had 0 written warning and 17 verbal warnings. Towanda had 2 written warnings and 14 verbal warnings. In Hudson, there were 3 motorist assists and 1 in Towanda. Hudson had 1 investigation and Towanda had 3. There was 1 follow up each in Hudson and Towanda. Hudson and Towanda each had 1 custodial arrest. Hudson received \$331.82 in traffic fines and \$60.00 in supervision fees. Towanda received \$308.76 in fines. The department assisted in 17 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 6 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 5 calls from the Towanda Fire Department, 6 calls from the Illinois State Police, 2 calls from the Chenoa Police Department and 4 calls from the Lexington Police Department.

**KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE**, stated the water rate increase went into effect May 1. He thanked Kendra for getting this switched over. Kevin also thanked Jeff Waller for all the extra hours he has been working. Kevin suggested that in next year's budget, enough money be put in to purchase enough water meters to cover the remaining meter purchase. Currently Hudson has 680 customers.

**JIM HENDERSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE**, had no report. He said that he is still working on ideas for the new bathroom at the ball park. He still needs to get bids for cost to get construction under way. He has an issue he would like to discuss in closed session.

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

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

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk