

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
November 3, 2009

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 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, Dave Brutlag, Jason Collins, Kevin Kelley, Pat O'Grady, Betty Scanlon, Richard Bland, and Treasurer Kristy Votoupal. Village Clerk Allison Brutlag came late.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED FROM THE OCTOBER 6, 2009 MEETING. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE OCTOBER 20, 2009 WORK SESSION. SECONDED BY PAT O'GRADY. ALL YEA!

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark said that he attended an Unit 5 meeting on November 3. At the next board meeting, they will meet at the school at 6:15 and walk through to see the remodeling. There was a presentation of a plaque to Chief Wilson for his time as chief of police in Hudson.

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Property Superintendent, stated that October's water usage was an average of 113,000 gallons/ day. Jeff said that on November 5, he will meet with Dan Hite regarding fire hydrant issues. The first block of the concession stand was laid on November 3. Jeff will meet with Betty regarding the budget issues with the concession stand/ restrooms. On November 15, 3 houses' water will be shut off because they haven't responded to the meter switch.

Frank Heineke, Streets and Zoning Inspector, stated that there are 2 meters that will be switched out at the school and the fertilizer plant. There have been rain issues with water in fields and water affecting homes. Frank stated that the money from Somers office will be held for discussion until the next meeting. Frank thanked Dave for meeting with him and Casey's regarding construction issues. Dave thanked Frank for his resolve in working with Casey's to correct any issues. There was some deterioration of the road due to the construction, some was already there but it was made worse by the construction.

Randy Wilson, Village Marshall, stated that there were no major issues with Halloween. There were 3-4 disorderly conducts with juveniles. Chief Wilson thanked Mark for the extra coverage during the funeral. Kristy received money from Towanda for 2008 and 2009 for the 4th of July police coverage.

Civil Defense, absent, sirens were set off manually.

CITIZEN'S HEARING

Kathy Brooks, 1101 S. McLean, asked Frank for clarification about a grant. He stated that we qualified for a specific amount of money (\$30,000) that can be put towards improvement needed in any area. Ms. Brooks also asked if there were police officers on foot patrol on Halloween. Chief Wilson stated that 2 officers walked around during trick or treat hours. Ms. Brooks appreciated seeing them out in the community. Ms. Brooks also asked now that the audit is complete, how she can obtain a copy. She was instructed to fill out an FOIA form.

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYESS COMMITTEE, will meet with Kristy to go over the cell phone bills.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO PASS ORDINANCE #1244 WHICH IS THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY FOR MAY 1, 2009 TO APRIL 30, 2010. SECONDED BY DAVE BRUTLAG. ALL YEA!

DAVE BRUTLAG, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE, had no report. Reminders will be put in the Quill about leaf burning and snow parking/ removal.

RICHARD BLAND, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE, will meet with Frank to go over the swimming pool ordinance and to get up to speed with other ordinances and zoning information.

PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, gave the report for the month of October. In Hudson the man hours for the police department for the officer's was 557.75 hours and for the chief was 101 hours. The chief had 43 hours for administrative duties and 2 hours of patrol. He had 56 holiday hours. In Towanda, the total hours were 69.1. 4510 miles were driven in Hudson and 795 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 33 details or activity, with Towanda at 19. There were 3 traffic citations in Hudson and 3 in Towanda. Hudson had 1 written warning and 25 verbal warnings. Towanda had 1 written warning and 18 verbal warnings. In Hudson, there were 3 motorist assists and Towanda had 2. Hudson received \$173.58 in traffic fines. Towanda received \$57.86 in fines. The department assisted in 24 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 9 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 2 calls from the State Police, 6 calls from the Towanda Fire Department, and 1 call from the Lexington Police Department.

Pat thanked Frank and Jeff for helping out with plumbing problems at the police department. Pat commended Officer Saathoff and the Hudson Fire Department for their assistance on a medical call for his brother's grandson. A letter of thanks will be sent to both the police and fire departments. There will be 2 evenings of interviews for the chief of police. There will be 5 total interviews.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, talked with our IT consultant, Eric Van Etten. Mr. Van Etten has compiled a list of items that are needed for a system upgrade. Kevin asked if he should come to the December meeting to answer any questions we may have. Mark said he thought it would be a good idea for him to come. Mark suggested that Mr. Van Etten bring the list of items, as well as the costs associated with any upgrades.

BETTY SCANLON, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE, no report.

Mark, as liquor commissioner, had no report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 20, 2009 MEETING, APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 27, 2009 MEETING, AND DO 6 MONTH REVIEWS OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES. SECONDED BY DAVE BRUTLAG. ALL YEA!

After moving back into open session, discussion was held concerning the police interviews. The interviews are official meetings which will be posted as closed sessions. The meeting information will be posted at the water house and the police department. Everyone (trustees and mayor) will be present at both nights of interviews. The police

committee will rotate through and ask the questions. Randy will sit in but won't ask questions. We can talk to Randy after the applicants leave to get his opinion. After both nights of interviews are held, we will meet and compare notes on each applicant. All seven people (trustees and mayor) will rate the candidates on each question. It was asked about what the final decision was on the requirement of residency. This will be used as a factor that may tip the scale one way or the other. The salary range is \$40,000- \$42,000. The interviews are set for November 5 (3 interviews) and November 12 (2 interviews).

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

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk