

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
November 3, 2010

The Hudson Village Board met on Wednesday, November 3, 2010 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, Treasurer Kristy Votoupal and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag. Trustee Pat O'Grady was absent.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 WORK SESSION. SECONDED BY KEVIN KELLEY. ALL YEA!

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE OCTOBER 5, 2010 BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY RICHARD BLAND. ALL YEA!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kristy received 2 invoices from Squad Technologies for pagers. She doesn't recall this being budgeted. The total for the pagers was \$6624.00. This will be discussed with Dan Hite. The invoice for the signs and culverts around the school were given to Unit 5. Kristy stated the audit for fiscal year ending April 30, 2010 was completed and everyone has a copy. Kristy met with Tecya from the IMRF and they will have a conference call to go over payment information for IMRF.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark attended the last Hudson 175 meeting. He said he was impressed with the committee. This is a big undertaking and he is very confident in their abilities. Chief Sparks and Mark have volunteered to coordinate the parade. As we discuss budget for the next fiscal year, we can put more money towards the 175 celebration. The next

meeting is in January. Kristy will look into insurance.

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Property Superintendent, has been on vacation so Frank gave the report. He stated that October water usage was 3,633,000 gallons/117,000 day. We received the new master meter for the pump house. The concrete is in and around the bleacher pad. The estimate for the concrete was less than expected by around \$1600. Frank said the poles for the lights are up and we are waiting for the electricians. The lights should be in in another week. The trucks are ready to plow snow. Frank stated there was a speed study done on North Broadway, northbound and southbound. In a 24 hour period, the study showed there was a considerable amount of people going over the speed limit. Mark suggested we go to the County, but they won't accept responsibility until the upgrade of the road (within the next 3-4 years) is completed. This is definitely an issue that needs to be addressed. Frank said that the salt for the year will be hauled this week. Diener's is allowing us to store the lawn tractors under their canopy. Frank stated that there were 60 houses that had brush out for the pick up from the Township.

Frank Heineke, Streets and Zoning Inspector, stated that we will have to pass the 2011 ICC/IRC codes (zoning codes). There is money in the budget to get the needed copies of these codes. Frank said that when Casey's was being built there was leftover copper. He took the 30 foot of copper to Morris Tick for recycling and will donate the money to the Christmas dinner.

Dale Sparks, Village Marshall, reported that officer's took radar on N. Broadway for 20 hours this month and wrote 9 tickets, 4 written warnings, and 11 verbal warnings. Chief Sparks suggested we could create field access on the other side of the road to create visibility when running radar. Other options discussed were painting the speed limit on the roadway, a solar powered sign where the speed flashes as cars drive by, speed trailers, or having an officer using the handheld radar gun and another officer in the car to stop vehicles. This speed concern will be put in the Quill.

Chief Sparks has been cleaning the police department. Pat spent ½ a day up there helping. Everything is out of the basement and he found water standing over the drain. The windows have been winterized and new blinds put in. Chief Sparks approached Mike O'Grady about possibly having the air conditioner unit off of Childer's old building since they are going to demolish it.

Chief Sparks attended 300 and 400 NIMS classes. To be in compliance and eligible for state grants through Homeland Security, village employees and trustees will need to pass the 100 and 200 classes (which are offered online). Halloween went great with no major problems.

Civil Defense, absent.

CITIZEN'S HEARING- none

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE, stated the only day garbage pickup will be affected in November is Thanksgiving. Jason said he still hasn't received the correct invoice for the ad that was placed in the Quill.

DAVE BRUTLAG, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE, stated we have the new backhoe.

RICHARD BLAND, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE, introduced Alan Appel as a member of the zoning board of appeals. Allison swore him in. The zoning board of appeals now is full with 7 members. There are some appeals that are pending.

As stated in the agenda, we will discuss and vote on how the zoning appeals will be handled. Currently, the zoning board of appeals is the deciding body, whatever they decide is the final answer. Zoning board of appeals in villages of similar sizes are the recommending body. Our attorneys are saying that we need to look into maybe changing this to what works best for the village of Hudson. Richard would like for the trustees and mayor to think about this, generate questions and be prepared to vote on it at the December meeting.

PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, absent, Chief Sparks gave the report for the month of October. In Hudson the hours for the police department for the officer's were 358.33. The officer's also had 2 admin hours and 40 vacation/ time off hours making the total 400.33. The chief's patrol hours were 122.8, admin hours were 29.7, and training hours were 40 for a total of 149.25. In Towanda, the total hours were 63.6. 4966 miles were driven in Hudson and 731.4 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 21 details or activity, with Towanda at 12. Hudson had 3 written warnings and Towanda had 1. There were 11 traffic citations in Hudson and 6 in Towanda. Hudson had 19 verbal warnings and Towanda had 13. In Hudson, there were 5 motorist assists and Towanda also had 5. There was 1 ordinance violation in Hudson. Hudson received \$65.69 in traffic fines. Towanda received \$80.10 in fines. The department assisted in 20 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 7 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 6 calls from the Illinois State Police, 1 call from the Carlock Fire Department and 1 call from the Normal Fire Department. There were 4 bike patrol hours.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, asked Frank and Jeff for revised capital costs for the water department for the next 3-5 years.

BETTY SCANLON, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY

COMMITTEE, said that Jerry and Vicki Simpson want to restore the McClure House (which sits by the ball field). They would like it to be completed by the Hudson 175 celebration. Chimney Master will donate their labor, so the cost will be \$100 for mortar. This will be taken out of the building maintenance line item. A tour of the house will be added to the list of activities for the celebration. Items suitable from that time period will be used to decorate the house (cradle, quilt, dutch oven, kerosene lamp). Jeff stated that the proceeds (\$1000) from a poker run on lawn mowers was used for landscaping at the ball field. A thank you will be sent to Peggy Sparks, along with a letter in the Quill.

Mark, as liquor commissioner, had no report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG AT 8:00 TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 5, 2010 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE VILLAGE. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

Once back into open session, the village Christmas dinner was discussed. Mark passed out some sample dinner menus from Michael's. The dinner will be December 2 at 6:30. Kendra will send out an email to get RSVP's and dinner orders. Chief Sparks got a request for allowing golf carts, ATV's, etc. to drive on village roads. An ordinance would be needed for this and the vehicles would need to have headlights, turn signals, and registration fees.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS AT 8:25 P.M. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY RICHARD BLAND. ALL YEA!

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk