

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
October 6, 2009

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, October 6, 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, Treasurer Kristy Votoupal, and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag. Trustees Kevin Kelley and Pat O'Grady were absent.

There was no quorum tonight, so nothing can be approved or voted on.

TREASURER'S REPORT- no report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark introduced the new trustees (they will be approved and sworn in at the next work session), Richard Bland and Betty Scanlon.

Mark stated that an ad for the new chief of police will run in the Pantagraph. Resumes will be accepted until October 16. Chief Wilson will stay until October 11 and will do part time work to do some administrative duties after that. Chief Wilson has been in Hudson for 3 years and been in the police field for 36 years. He will be working from home for ILEAS.

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Property Superintendent, stated that September's water usage was 3,458,000 gallons. Jeff and Frank attended a water conference in Springfield. There are 5 water meters left get changed. Regarding parks, Koons Construction signed a contract to do septic and block work for the new concession stand/restrooms. They are hoping to have that done by October 31. Jeff said that Illinois Power moved the transformers.

Frank Heineke, Streets and Zoning Inspector, had a few things to discuss but would like for there to be a full board before doing so. The village is starting to prepare for the winter season with getting salt and spreaders ready. There have been some issues at the old Casey's building concerning cleanup work. They are currently removing the gas tanks at the old building.

Randy Wilson, Village Marshall, reported for the month of September. September 2009 was busier than September 2008. Randy spoke of his time in Hudson as police chief. There have been many changes since he's started such as: a complete new board, standard operating procedures have changed and there are now 3 full time officers. Chief Wilson thanked everyone for helping out over the last 3 years. He stated he has enjoyed his time in Hudson.

Civil Defense, absent, sirens were set off manually.

CITIZEN'S HEARING

Kathy Brooks, 1101 S. McLean, thanked us for having the agenda for tonight's meeting posted at the library.

Sue Keeran, 306 S. Washington, stated that Hudson's 175th anniversary will be July 2011. The history club would like to have a celebration the 2nd week of July 2011. She said it may be called Hudson Homecoming. In January, they will start talking about ideas for the anniversary celebration. They are going to ask various organizations in town to assist. There will be a cemetery walk and possibly have a book published of old historic pictures of Hudson. She wanted to ask the board if there were up front costs to get the book published, would we be willing to help. Mark stated that we would like to be involved in the process. More discussion will take place as it gets nearer.

Charles Meyer, 706 N. Washington, asked about the burning of yard waste. He asked what is O.K. to burn. His wife has asthma and they can't open their windows because of the all the burning. Mr. Meyer asked if there was a yard/ waste pick up program in Hudson. Mark said that the village is hoping to make an agreement with the township for brush and limb pick up. Leaves, branches, wood and brush can be burned. Garbage can't be burned. Mark stated that he hopes the residents of Hudson burn safely and use common sense. Hudson follows the Clean Air act. It is online if anyone wants to read it. Mr. Meyer asked why Bloomington residents have to have a permit to burn and asked if Hudson had ever considered doing this. Mark said that Hudson hasn't considered this. Mark stated that Bloomington/ Normal can enforce this because they pick up everything except grass and they also provide a place for things to be dumped. Mark said this topic can be brought up again during budget time.

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYESS COMMITTEE, had no report. Jason has spoke with a Nextel representative about switching the village's phone plans to them.

ORDINANCE AND ZONING, no report.

DAVE BRUTLAG, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE, had no report.

PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, absent. Chief Wilson reported for the month of September. In Hudson the man hours for the police department for the officer's was 438.5 hours and for the chief was 176 hours. The chief had 81 hours for administrative duties and 67.25 hours of patrol. He had 8 holiday hours, 16 vacation hours and 3.75 sick hours. In Towanda, the total hours were 67.8. 4852 miles were driven in Hudson and 780 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 36 details or activity, with Towanda at 16. There were 4 traffic citations in Hudson and 5 in Towanda. Hudson had 1 written warning and 11 verbal warnings. Towanda had 1 written warning and 10 verbal warnings. In Hudson, there were 3 investigations and 3 motorist assists. Towanda had 1 investigation and 1 motorist assist. Hudson and Towanda each had 1 custodial arrest. Hudson received \$652.13 in traffic fines. Towanda received \$240.72 in fines. Hudson received \$40.00 for supervision fees and \$500.00 in DUI fines. The department assisted in 16 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 2 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 7 calls from the State Police, 5 calls from the Towanda Fire Department, 3 calls from the Lexington Police Department, 1 call from the Coroner's Office, 1 call from the Leroy Police Department and 2 calls from the Normal Police Department.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, absent.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, no report.

Mark, as liquor commissioner, had no report.

There will be a work session on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the community room at the Hudson Area Public Library. The topic will be to approve and vote on items on the agenda from this meeting (October 6, 2009).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk