

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
October 5, 2010

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, October 5, 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, Pat O'Grady, Richard Bland, Treasurer Kristy Votoupal and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE AUGUST 17, 2010 WORK SESSION. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY KEVIN KELLEY. ALL YEA!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kristy said that in the revenue and expense report ending September 30, 2010, on page 10, the amount of \$5600 belongs in the MFT fund. It will be moved to ledger number 20-00-2-0283 (maintenance of streets under MFT). The update will be on next month's revenue and expense report.

Under additional invoices to pay, Jason pointed out under the first section general fund, the fund total should not be \$310 but \$492. That brings the total additional invoices to pay \$1081.86.

Ben Smith from Striegel Knobloch finished the last piece of the audit. The final report should be done by the end of next week. State income tax money has been received up through July.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark met with a representative from the Bloomington Normal Conventions Bureau and they are willing to help us with planning for the Hudson 175 celebration. They can help with advertising, flyers, billboards, etc. October 18th is the next Hudson 175 meeting, and a representative will come to discuss what needs the committee has. There is more information added to the Hudson 175 section on Hudson's website.

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Property Superintendent, stated that September water usage was 3,550,000 gallons/118,000 day. The fire department had no usage. Jeff said the meter at the water house needs to be replaced. It would cost \$1038.80 and it is in the budget under meters. Jeff bought 8 new strobe lights (4 for Jeff and 4 for Frank), a rotator light and stands for the lights, for the total of \$680. He will talk to Ed Thomas about installing these lights. Jeff received 2 quotes for plows and they were within \$50 of each other. One was from Western and one was from Blizzard. The total was \$5724.00. This is in the budget.

For parks, Jeff said the grass is growing at the new field. Josh Raffety has the first prototype done of the picnic tables. All the parts are cut to assemble the rest of the tables. Cornbelt will be out to set 4 poles for the new field. Once that is done, the concrete around the new backstop will be poured and the new lights will be installed. The concession stand and bathrooms are closed for the winter.

Frank Heineke, Streets and Zoning Inspector, asked Kristy to specify what a few bills were for. The Stark bill was for 44.95 tons of rock chip for the streets and the sign company bill was for the signs around the school. The second bill will be held until the signs are picked up and the village will be reimbursed for that amount from Unit 5. A new backhoe will be purchased in the next few months. It is budgeted in capital outlay for equipment. 40 ton of salt from the county will be hauled around November 1. Tree limb pick up will be Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

Dale Sparks, Village Marshall, stated the trick or treat hours are 5:00- 8:00 PM on Halloween night. A windshield was broken on one of the squad cars and it has been replaced and it was also turned into insurance. Chief Sparks stated there have been numerous speed complaints on the north end of Hudson by the fire station. This issue needs to be addressed and changes need to be made. A couple of options were discussed: rumble strips- would help the speed problem but there would be noise complaints, use of the speed trailer- it isn't being used unless special circumstances, a pole with the speed flashing, or painting the speed limit on the roadway- which would be a cheap first step. Mark stated that for the time being to break out from the regular report all activity on that strip of road. It was also discussed that we could borrow a speed counter that measures time, date and the speed so a speed study could be done.

Civil Defense, absent. The sirens went off. The sirens went off between 6-7 minutes.

CITIZEN'S HEARING

Sandy Hankins, 302 N. McLean, would like her son to be mentioned during the Hudson 175 ceremonies because of his silver star received from the military. She would like to see his accomplishment listed in the permanent record books. She will give information to the Hudson 175 committee. Mark said it would be nice if he could be here during the 175 celebration, if possible. Ms. Hankins also stated she is concerned with the safety of children regarding parking at the school for nighttime events. She would like to see additional sidewalks to keep families safe. Mark said we will look at this in our next budget. Chief Sparks said he would check on lighting around the school.

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE, brought up for discussion the personnel policy. Questions were answered about the carryover of vacation time and paid sick leave (which will be changed from calendar year to fiscal year). Kristy suggested a letter be sent to employees to notify them that IMRF amounts when the first deduction will be taken out of their paychecks. Kristy will be meeting with a rep from IMRF to update the system. Also discussed was if we should continue to match simple retirement plans for the part time employees. Kevin suggested we remove it or change it to a different, lower max. The maximum being what the village matches in the retirement plan. The 2 part time employees together don't average 40 hours a week. After discussing this, it was decided that since the part time employees will never hit the max (which would be 3% up to a certain dollar amount- which in the past was \$3000), we will change it to no total maximum amount contributed per year. Cell phone usage was also discussed. Kevin suggested each committee chair receive a copy of the phone bill to review to make sure cell phone usage isn't being abused. But since we've changed our plan, there is no overuse in minutes. Every employee will receive a copy of the revised personnel policy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO APPROVE THE GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITH THE CHANGES MADE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 5, 2010. SECONDED BY RICHARD BLAND. ALL YEA!

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO APPROVE KRISTY VOTUPAL AS AN AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR IMRF. SECONDED BY BETTY SCANLON. ALL YEA!

IMRF payments will be made at the end of the month. There will be a lot of paper work at the beginning and a lot to learn. The computers sold for \$50. Jason will call the Quill about the price we were charged for advertising the computers.

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

RICHARD BLAND, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE, has been working with people on some zoning issues. There needs to be 7 people on the zoning board of appeals. Once people have been chosen, they will be approved and sworn in at a monthly board meeting. There are some appeals coming in. Since the zoning board of appeals meetings are open meetings, it was discussed if minutes should be taken as well as it being tape recorded. At next month's meeting, we will discuss if we want the zoning board to have the final say in situations or just be advisory. Currently our zoning board has the final say, which is kind of odd because most are recommending boards.

PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, gave the report for the month of September. In Hudson the hours for the police department for the officer's were 413.25. The officer's also had 16 training hours making the total 459.25. The chief's patrol hours were 107.5, admin hours 25.75, training hours 8, and holiday hours 8 for a total of 149.25. In Towanda, the total hours were 55.1. 4822 miles were driven in Hudson and 633.65 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 42 details or activity, with Towanda at 15. Hudson had 4 written warnings and Towanda had 1. There were 2 traffic citations each in Hudson and Towanda. Hudson had 9 verbal warnings and Towanda had 7. In Hudson, there were 4 motorist assists and Towanda had 2. Hudson had 1 investigation. Hudson received \$87.64 in traffic fines. Towanda received \$80.10 in fines. There was \$20.00 in supervision fees. The department assisted in 26 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 5 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 2 calls from the Towanda Fire Department, 4 calls from the Illinois State Police and 2 calls from the Lexington Police Department. There were 6 bike patrol hours.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, discussed possibly increasing the garbage rates to match the new contractual rates. The current rate for residents is \$8.63. The new contractual rate (beginning November 1) will be \$10.85. This is a large increase, but the village isn't making money on the garbage rates, this would be to break even. The rates haven't been increased in awhile. Casali and Sons had the lowest bid, and it was significantly lower than the other bids.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY GARBAGE RATES TO \$10.85/ MONTH EFFECTIVE WITH THE NEW CONTRACT (NOVEMBER 1). SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

BETTY SCANLON, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE, thanked Jeff and Frank for their hard work on the ball field.

Mark, as liquor commissioner, stated the liquor hearing was held September 9 at 4:00 P.M. at the community room at the library. Based upon what was told by witnesses and the owner of the Sit 'n Bull, it was decided that a \$100 fine was appropriate. The owner was very honest and apologized. He is taking steps so it won't happen again.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS AT 8:20 TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES. SECONDED BY PAT O'GRADY. ALL YEA!

Once back into open session, Mark stated municipal elections will be in April. There are 4 trustee spots up for re-election. 3 seats are for the full term (4 years) and 1 seat is for 2 years. Allison will check on what forms need to be filled out and when they need to be returned. Mark spoke with Pastor John Tymonko of the Hudson United Methodist Church about Sunday liquor sales. Pastor John told Mark he would rather not see Sunday sales times change, but it was the board's decision. The board decided not to bring it up for another vote.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS AT 8:45 P.M. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY RICHARD BLAND. ALL YEA!

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk