

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
September 1, 2009

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, September 1, 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, Kevin Kelley, Jim Henderson, Dave Brutlag, Jason Collins, Pat O'Grady, Treasurer Kristy Votoupal and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HENDERSON TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE AUGUST 4, 2009 MEETING. SECONDED BY DAVE BRUTLAG. ALL YEA!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Kristy Votoupal stated there were no additions for the revenue and expense report. There is one additional invoice to pay; under streets, an invoice to Flynn Tree Service for tree removal at \$950.00. That makes the total of additional invoices to pay at \$22,451.32.

Kristy said the auditor came in for the first review. The audit should be done by the end of September. The MFT audit will start (for 2007-2008) soon.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A discussion was held about hiring Ancel Glink as special counsel to review admin ordinances. Dave asked if there was money in the budget to hire them as special counsel. There is money set aside for general legal expenses. Kevin said that he felt they were a quality firm and that it would be a good idea to hire them for special counsel.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO HIRE ANCEL GLINK AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REVIEW ADMIN ORDINANCES. SECONDED BY PAT O'GRADY. ALL YEA!

Mark stated that he received letters of resignation from 2 trustees, Sue Lappin (for personal reasons) and Jim Henderson (relocating to Arizona for work). Mark thanked them both for their service and hard work.

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Property Superintendent, stated that August's water usage was 3,779,000 gallons, with an average of 122,000/day. Jeff said that he and Frank have been busy installing more water meters. Since August 17, 47 have been installed. There are 30 left to be installed. The scout project was finished this weekend. 88 hydrants were painted. A thank you letter will be sent to Joe Peters and the scout group. Jeff thanked Jim for his years of service.

Frank Heineke, Streets and Zoning Inspector, thanked Jim for his years of service. He stated that the cover seal was done by Steffen and the surety check can be sent back. Salt was purchased from the County for the upcoming winter season. The price was \$58.75/ton. Frank said that his truck will be going into Yoder's to get some work done. Mark received a letter from Keith Sommer that stated Hudson was awarded an Illinois capital plan for \$30,000. Mark asked Frank if that was different than the stimulus money, and it is different.

Randy Wilson, Village Marshall, stated that the new squad car has been serviced again and now should be all ready to go. In August, Chief Wilson attended the following meetings: McLean Rural Police, MTU 8, and ILEAS. August was fairly busy, with a theft at Casey's and a report of sexual abuse in Towanda.

Civil Defense, absent, sirens didn't go off. The wireless control is still being worked on.

CITIZEN'S HEARING

Jeff Emmert, 204 S. Washington, (from the township) came to discuss a possible cooperative venture between the township and the village to pick up brush. The township bought a chipper for maintenance in the township. They are capable of picking up brush, but the question would be how to get rid of the wood chips. Mr. Emmert stated that this would be a good opportunity for the village to save money. Mark stated that we may have a day per month that residents could set out brush for pick up. A schedule would have to be worked out between the township and the village. Mr. Emmert said that they would rely on Frank and Jeff to give parameters on appropriate sizes of branches, etc. Kevin asked if after storms, would the brush get picked up the next day. Mr. Emmert

said that they would get the brush picked up ASAP after a storm, and if was an ice storm they would work as weather allowed.

Julie Ryan, 700 Trimmer, expressed her appreciation to the board for their services. She lives near the park in Havens Grove, and asked if the picnic table and garbage can could be replaced as they are starting to look worn. Jeff stated that the garbage can will be replaced soon.

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYESS COMMITTEE, had no report.

ORDINANCE AND ZONING

Discussion was held concerning the swimming pool ordinance. If a resident wants to have a swimming pool, 24 in. or taller, they are required to go to the Health Department to get approved. The approval or denial will be kept on file here. In the past if the Health Department said no, we couldn't approve the installation. Now if they say no, but they meet our criteria installation can still occur. Frank has written up the amended ordinance and we will discuss it at next month's meeting.

DAVE BRUTLAG, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE, thanked Chief Wilson for sharing the criminal activities that are occurring in Hudson. Dave said that there is money left in the MFT fund. There is sidewalk work that will be done for \$7500. Frank stated that all street signs have to be replaced. A plan has to be in place by 2012. The sign replacement and posts will be paid for by the government. Jim commented that the apron on McLean and Broadway is starting to dip. Frank will look into it.

PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, reported for the month of August. In Hudson the man hours for the police department for the officer's was 413.25 hours and for the chief was 168 hours. There were 24 hours for training. The chief had 101.5 hours for administrative duties and 54.5 hours of patrol. He had 8 holiday hours and 4 vacation hours. In Towanda, the total hours were 71. 4679 miles were driven in Hudson and 781 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 45 details or activity, with Towanda at 43. There were 8 traffic citations in Hudson and 8 in Towanda. Hudson had 1 written warning and 17 verbal warnings. Towanda had 8 written warnings and 19 verbal warnings. In Hudson, there was 1 investigation and 5 motorist assists. Towanda had 1 investigation and 2 motorist assists. Hudson had 3 custodial arrests. There was 1 ordinance violation in Hudson and 1 in Towanda. Hudson received \$144.65 in traffic fines. Towanda received \$95.69 in fines. The department assisted in 21 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 7 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 3 calls from the State Police, 3 calls from the Towanda Fire Department, 2 calls from the Lexington Police Department, 1 call from the Bloomington Police Department, and 1 call from the Normal Police Department.

Pat also thanked Jim for his service. He also thanked Frank for helping with plumbing at the police station. The radio updates are pretty old, and are planned to be updated in 2011. Pat also stated that the officers are out and doing traffic enforcements on Franklin and Broadway.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, stated that he would like to contact Eric Van Etten (IT person) to look at and review the network and its security. This is a good idea and he can make sure we are doing things efficiently. Jim spoke with Eric and he would like to get together to discuss what we would like done.

JIM HENDERSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE, stated that he would like to make a motion to pay Scott Grunlow Trucking for the softball field mix, not to exceed \$925.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HENDERSON TO PAY SCOTT GRUNLOW TRUCKING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$925.00 FOR SOFTBALL FIELD MIX. SECONDED BY DAVE BRUTLAG. ALL YEA!

Jim said that the cost from Ameren to move the transformer was \$1534.80. Ameren wants to be paid first before the transformer is moved.

Jim is moving to Arizona for work. He said being a trustee was a learning experience and it was good to work with everyone.

Mark, as liquor commissioner, stated that Casey's liquor license has been renewed for another year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009, DISCUSS AND DO 6 MONTH REVIEWS OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES, DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES, AND DISCUSS PRICE QUOTE OF ANOTHER LAW FIRM. SECONDED BY JIM HENDERSON. ALL YEA!

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

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk