

State of Illinois
County of McLean
Village of Hudson

Hudson Village Board Meeting
September 7, 2010

The Hudson Village Board met on Tuesday, September 7, 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, Treasurer Kristy Votoupal and Village Clerk Allison Brutlag. Trustee Richard Bland was absent.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE BRUTLAG TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FROM THE AUGUST 3, 2010 BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kristy stated there were a few additional bills to pay: from the MFT fund- Swanson Concrete (\$5600), from the TIF fund- Jacob and Klein for legal services (\$712) and The ED Group (\$2848), from the general fund- reimbursement to Mark Kotte for a conference fee (\$35). The total additional invoices to pay are \$16,134.24.

Kristy said that on the revenue and expense report, on page 9 of the parks section, the adjusted budget numbers from 2 months ago of \$8000 was moved from building maintenance to the ballpark/ bathroom line item.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO APPROVE THE REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT AND TO PAY INVOICES DUE. SECONDED BY PAT O'GRADY. ALL YEA!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- no report

Jeff Waller, Water and Public Property Superintendent, stated that August water usage was 4,246,000 gallons/137,000 day. The fire department had no usage.

Jeff and Frank will be attending a water conference in Springfield September 22- 24.

Jeff said that for parks, lights will be up on both fields this month. He is looking for volunteers to get the poles up. The grass seed will be planted tomorrow, with the concrete being poured later. Jeff thanked Frank for allowing the use of his personal equipment to spread the seed. The sidewalk bricks that were uncovered from the Walnut St. sidewalk are available at the water house. Kevin will talk about purchasing of a truck during his section.

Frank Heineke, Streets and Zoning Inspector, stated the Village had no failures or problems after the water inspection. The tree limb pick up will begin the first of October. It will be set for 2 weekends for the residents to get all the limbs down and to the curb and than the following week the chipper will be used.

Kristy stated that the bills from Verizon for the sirens were on the bill again this month. We are not to pay the US Mobility bills for the pagers. The Ameren bill for the metered siren will be split between the Village and the Township.

Dale Sparks, Village Marshall, was absent. Officer Saathoff stated that drop off and pick up at the school has been going smoothly.

Civil Defense, absent. The sirens went off.

CITIZEN'S HEARING

Sandy Hankins, 302 N. McLean, stated her concern with cars parking in her yard that are leaving ruts. She asked if the village can do anything to get rid of them. The village doesn't have any rollers. We will discuss this problem and see what options are available.

Dale Whitwood, 209 Prairieview, discussed the addition of a sidewalk in Prairieview, on Mallard Way. This will be looked at and discussed at the next work session. Mr. Whitwood also wanted to bring up for discussion 3 lots on Fulton and S. McLean that he is going to build houses on. He would like to reset the widths for these lots. This will also be discussed further at the next work session.

Alan Meisner, 202 Whitetail, suggested a sidewalk be placed from the library to the school and also across the street by the school where the new dropoff is located. The sidewalk funds have already been used for this year, but this will be discussed next year.

James Massa, 205 W. Pearl, stated that evening traffic around the school is leaving a mess in his yard. He also isn't pleased with the placement of the no parking signs nor the no parking hours that were set. He suggested that maybe the no parking signs could be placed on the utility poles. Mark said that on the Unit 5 calendar, there are 9 after school

activities. The police have been notified to watch for cars who are parking illegally. The ruts that were mentioned are on the parkway (Village property) but the residents still have to mow it. Mark stated the posts are appropriate per the officials who checked on their placement. The citizens have given their concerns and the village has set the parking hours and where the no parking will be. There has to be negotiation between the citizen's and the board. Putting down gravel was an option discussed.

Josh Raffety, 211 N. Broadway, came to discuss his Eagle Scout project of building new picnic tables. He will be making 8 tables, with the total for the project being \$900 from Home Depot. He will be fundraising \$400- \$500 of the total. He passed around diagrams for the board to look at. He will be in contact with Jeff.

JASON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, BUDGET, CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE, asked how we were going to handle getting rid of the old computers. Everything is erased from the 2 computers. Suggestions included donating them to a charity, auction them off to the public or throwing them away/recycling them. The decision was made to bundle them all together and those interested can send in a bid to take them all. If there is no bid, then they will be recycled.

Jason recommends we stay with Casali and Sons for the garbage contract which expires November 1. They have the lowest price of the bids we received. A 3 year contract was approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS TO APPROVE THE GARBAGE CONTRACT TO CASALI AND SONS FOR A 3 YEAR CONTRACT. SECONDED BY KEVIN KELLEY. ALL YEA!

A discussion was held concerning if the Village should join IMRF. Kevin asked how we will fund this for the rest of this year along with in the future. Getting through this year will be a challenge. Money may have to be moved to pay for it the rest of this year. One other option would be to end the matching contribution that the Village currently does for the simple IRA's. Paying for the IMRF was voiced as a concern amongst some board members. A vote will be taken tonight.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT O'GRADY TO JOIN THE IMRF AT THE 1000 HOUR THRESHOLD AND APPROVE ORDINANCE #1252 (AN ORDINANCE ELECTING PARTICIPATION IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND). SECONDED BY JASON COLLINS. ALL YEA!

DAVE BRUTLAG, CHAIRMAN OF THE STREET COMMITTEE, thanked Frank for getting the sidewalk completed on Walnut St.

Casali and Sons thanked the Village for renewing the garbage contract and also said they would donate \$200 for the Eagle Scout project.

RICHARD BLAND, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE, absent.

PAT O'GRADY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE, gave the report for the month of August. In Hudson the hours for the police department for the officer's were 414. The officer's also had 20 vacation hours making the total 434. The chief's patrol hours were 87.5, admin hours 24.5 and 20 training hours for a total of 132. In Towanda, the total hours were 56.95. 5043 miles were driven in Hudson and 626.45 miles in Towanda. Hudson had 46 details or activity, with Towanda at 13. Towanda had 1 written warning. There were 3 traffic citations in Towanda. Hudson had 11 verbal warnings and Towanda had 13. In Hudson, there were 6 motorist assists and Towanda had 3. Hudson had 1 custodial arrest. Hudson received \$77.10 in traffic fines. Towanda received \$70.63 in fines. There was \$20.00 in supervision fees. The department assisted in 12 calls from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, 6 calls from the Hudson Fire Department, 2 calls from the Towanda Fire Department and 1 call from the Chenoa Police Department. There were 15.5 bike patrol hours.

Pat said he continues to hear good feedback about the bike patrol.

KEVIN KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER COMMITTEE, stated he had received 4 quotes for the paper for the water bills. He will have more information for the next meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN KELLEY TO PURCHASE A TRUCK WITH AN UTILITY BED FOR JEFF WALLER NOT TO EXCEED THE \$30,000 THAT IS BUDGETED. SECONDED BY BETTY SCANLON. ALL YEA!

BETTY SCANLON, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE, said she received 4 suggestions for the name of the new ball field: Turner Field 2, Ace Field, Frank's Field and Volunteer Field. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card to Casey's. Also suggested was to get a plaque listing all the volunteer's names.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT O'GRADY TO NAME THE NEW FIELD FRANK'S FIELD. SECONDED BY BETTY SCANLON. ALL YEA!

Mark, as liquor commissioner, said that the liquor license violation hearing will be Thursday, September 9 at 4:00 P.M. at the Hudson Library community room. This is in regards to the violation at the Sit 'n Bull.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON COLLINS AT 8:20 TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 3, 2010 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW THE 6 MONTH CLOSED SESSION MINUTES. SECONDED BY KEVIN KELLEY. ALL YEA!

Once back into open session, a work session was scheduled for Tuesday, September 21 at 6:00 at the water house. Jason also thanked the Hudson Police Department for the fantastic job they have been doing with extra patrol in the neighborhood. Concerning the liquor hearing, it is an open meeting. At the hearing, witnesses will testify. It is an actual hearing, so a court reporter will be present. All trustees are welcome to come.

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

The next Hudson Village Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hudson Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Brutlag, Village Clerk