

VILLAGE OF HAMPTON, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HAMPTON, ILLINOIS

November 8, 2021; 7:00 PM

BE IT REMEMBERED, THAT THERE CAME AND WAS HELD A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HAMPTON, ILLINOIS at the VILLAGE HALL:

Members present:

President Bornhoeft
Trustee Steffanie Adams

Trustee Matt King
Trustee Paula McKay
Trustee Jeff Schneckloth
Trustee Mark White
Clerk Michelle Reyes
Chief of Police Ryan Tone

Public Works Supervisor Eric Toalson

Attorney John Holmes

Members absent

Trustee Ryan Gonzales

Fire/Rescue Chief Dave Johnson

President Bornhoeft called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. President Bornhoeft Adams called the roll noting a quorum present and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Meeting was held at the Village Hall.

Consideration and Approval of the minutes from the meeting October 25, 2021. Motion by Trustee Adams, seconded by Trustee McKay to approve the minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration and Approval of the payment of Bills. Motion by Trustee Adams, second by Trustee White. Discussion as follows: Trustee White and President Bornhoeft feel that the ruts are horrible on 6th Avenue as the resident stated. They are not sure if they can be rolled out. Public Works to contact McClintock to see what they can do. Motion rescinded to approve bills. Motion by Trustee Adams second by Trustee White to approve the bills minus the bill from McClintock until ruts are fixed. Roll call as follows: Adams, White, McKay, King and Schneckloth: "Aye". Motion approved.

Acknowledgement of Visitors who Desire to Address the Board. Resident Sandy Conrad would like to compliment the board for advertising the new restaurant. She would like to let the Public Works know about plowing snow at her end. Eric is familiar. She also inquired about the noise ordinance as someone on 7th is revving their engines. Trustee King stated that it has gone on until 1am before. President Bornhoeft said, "Luckily we have a police department and they should be called." Resident Sharon DeBo, brought pictures of the ravine behind her home.

There is water constantly draining from the pipe. Trustee Schneckloth went down to the ravine and also took pictures with his phone, something needs to be done, he stated as the water is starting to come back and has nowhere to go and is pretty deep.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval of the Tax Levy. Clerk Reyes provided a spreadsheet with the max rates in place, the only area that we can really change is the corporate line, we can collect up to .25 cents, however, we are collecting approximately .05. With the loss of revenue and keeping the police department it would be advantageous to increase this line. Trustee King would like to see the increase about half way as last year there was no increase. Clerk to change the amount to .15, a truth in taxation hearing must be held. Board to formally vote on the increase next week. Motion to table by Trustee King and second by Trustee White to table the matter with a new numbers. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval of the Ordinance 21-06. Motion by Trustee Adams, second by Trustee White to approve the Ordinance 21-06, using the donated funds for scheduled overtime. Roll call as follows: White, McKay, Schneckloth and Adams: "Aye" King: "Nay". Motion passed.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval of the volunteer agreement. This was an agreement for volunteering in the police department. The volunteer did not want to sign the agreement. Trustee King stated that he understood why the volunteer did not what to sign the agreement. Motion died.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval of shut off notices for utility billing. Clerk Reyes stated that with incredible increase of late utility bills, the process is of no help. When the utilities get to the point of shut off the majority of the customers see the boys out front of their home digging to shut off the water, they stop them and come pay or sign an agreement. We have only 2 public workers and the time invested in this could be saved. We always call for a locate, public works go out and locates the curb stop, then begins digging. Once we do this the resident will come down and pay, most stating they never received notice by mail. To avoid this, the boys will hang door hangers and take a picture to be emailed or sent to Clerk 48 hours before the dig. Once the 48 hours expire they will dig and place another notice on their door. We will increase the fees and the resident will be charged accordingly. Motion to approve Trustee Adams, second by Trustee King. Motion approved by voice vote.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval regarding increased fees for shut offs. Clerk Reyes stated that the amounts for shut off fees are \$25.00/\$50.00 after hours. This does not cover the public works wages, not to mention the vehicle or gas. Increase the fees to \$50/\$100 after hours. Motion from Trustee Adams second by Trustee McKay to approve the increase in fees. Roll call as follows: Adams, McKay, King, Schneckloth and White: "Aye" Motion passed.

Consideration and Approval regarding snowbirds. Clerk Reyes stated that there are good snowbirds, which tell us when they are back. However, there is some that will not intentionally, get busy and forget. Our program is not flawless. We do not make anyone shut off their water, however, we have found several people move in and do not sign up for water or sewer. I have had 3 people that lived here for months, years without notifying us. The Village Page | 2

is paying their usage. I would like to see these shut off at the \$25.00 charge, during business hours an additional fee after hours, at the curb or pay the minimum. If the curb stop is not in working order, it is the owner's responsibility to repair. This will also eliminate the broken curb stops. Motion by Trustee Adams, second by Trustee Schneckloth. Roll call as follows: Adams, Schneckloth, King, McKay, Schneckloth and White: "Nay" Motion denied.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval regarding the Junk, Trash and Refuse. Clerk Reyes stated that there is really no plan in place when this happens. They get water turned off and grass cut, however, there is no protocol with this ordinance. One resident has received 3 letter and an ordinance was left at the address. The resident is avoiding the police. Keep issuing tickets and send to Municies. Kevin Irby spoke on this matter that the town is changing. There needs to be a change for the good. Bi-State will redo the ordinances for what is needed. Motion to table by Trustee Adams second Trustee King. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Consideration and Approval of the Holidays and Meetings for 2022. Motion to approve the 2022 holidays and meetings. Motion by Trustee King second by Trustee White. Motion passed by voice vote.

Discussion regarding water mains. Supervisor Toalson spoke regarding the main break by the post office. This main needs to be replaced. When we had the issue with the altitude valve and the water rushed into this main it found the weakest areas to break, now there is a section of the main that needs replaced. Supervisor Toalson to get quotes for replacement.

Consideration and approval of waiving yard waste fees for the remaining year. President Bornhoeft understands that the fee that everyone pays covers the cost of the dump. At this time they are still taking yard waste at the dump, Supervisor Toalson stated that they have not given a hard date as to when they will stop taking it. We will continue to pick up through November as long as weather permits. Motion by Trustee McKay second by Trustee Adams to not waive the fees. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

New Business and Committee Reports.

Streets and Alleys: Valley to continue patching, IMEG not pleased with grade of road.

Public Safety: Trustee McKay to have the departments give their preliminary duties, also would like to thank the departments for their participation in Halloween.

Police Chief Report: Has an officer interested in a part time position, he would be a good fit.

Fire Rescue Chief Report: absent

Finance: nothing to report, Trustee Adams will get with Linda regarding Matt's request. Not far from budget time, would like to have people thinking about things needed.

Insurance and Code Enforcement: nothing to report

Public Works: Sharon was here, nothing to report

Supervisor Report: secured salt for the winter, getting trucks ready for winter.

Parks and Heritage Center: absent, Trustee Adams said that Trustee Gonzalez would like to drop off the toys for tots boxes at Village Hall there is no place to put them. Clerk Reyes stated that would not work as there is no one there to receive.

Village Clerk: nothing to report

Village Attorney Report: nothing to report.

President's Report and Comments: Please be patient with the snow removal, we have a new crew. Want to wish all the Veterans in Hampton a Happy Veteran's Day, especially one that is near and dear to me, Mr. Gillespie.

There being no further business, Trustee King motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee McKay. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

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