

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING - APRIL 8, 2024

The regular board meeting of the Village of Hustisford was called to order by Village Board President **Laurie Buchanan** at 201 South Lake Street, Hustisford, Wisconsin at 7:00PM in accordance with the Notice of Meeting delivered to trustees on April 5, 2024.

Trustees Present: Bob Kneuppel, Ted Engelbart, Cynthia Stroessner, Ken Westphal, Jay Huncosky and Andy Buchanan

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Kim Hopfinger, Roger Zubke, Nathan Schoenike, Police Chief Greg Kaepernick, and Devin Meeuwsen

Public Appearances:

None

Minutes:

Andy made a motion, seconded by Ted, to accept the March full board meeting minutes with one correction. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills:

Jay made a motion, seconded by Cynthia to approve checks #46307- #46351, for a total of \$61,296.49. The motion carried unanimously.

Utility:

There was no utility update.

Police Committee:

Chief Kaepernick introduced newly hired Officer Devin Meeuwsen to the board. Meeuwsen thanked the board for giving him the opportunity to serve the Village.

Chief Kaepernick reviewed the monthly police report with the board.

Andy made a motion, seconded by Ted, to approve an operator's license for Allison Heckl. The motion carried unanimously.

Andy made a motion, seconded by Ted, to approve a street use permit for Memorial Day Parade May 27, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee:

Bob informed the board that Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC was the low bidder on the 2024 streets maintenance project at \$39,458. Struck & Irwin Paving came in \$2,473.55 higher than Fahrner. There was some discussion on the fact that Struck & Irwin was going to spray patch Rubicon Street in the areas that had failed from their previous application several years ago at no cost, while they were here if they were awarded this bid. Roger spoke with them, and they agreed that they would still do this repair while they were around this area if they were not awarded the bid. Andy made a motion, seconded by Jay, to award the contract to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC, as they were the low bidder at \$39,458. The motion carried unanimously.

Bob informed the board that Dan Reinhart, president of the snowmobile club, came to the Public Works Committee meeting to inform the Village that they would be changing the trail south of Highway 60 due to safety concerns created by the extra highway lanes added to Highway 60 at the intersection by Dollar General. The old trail went along the right-of-way of the south side of Highway 60. The trail provides access to the gas station and meets up with the trail from the east. Dan proposed a new trail to head south at that intersection rather than west as it presently does. It would head south along the property west of the Dollar General store and then head west, south of Industrial Lane, to eventually meet up with Level Valley Road. This would also eliminate the need to cross S. Hustis Street just south of the Highway 60 overpass near the school entrances. The committee felt this was a good solution.

At the last Public Works Committee meeting Roger and Nathan suggested that the Village have the front-end loader taken in for repair as is, rather than cleaning it up, so the mechanic can see the oil leak residue. They felt there is no need to spend any money just to get an estimate, as the Board has basically decided that they are going to repair and keep this 28-year-old machine, rather than purchasing a new one for \$162,000. They felt the repair should be much less than \$50,000, but they would require the mechanic to keep them informed as they proceed so there would be no surprises when the invoice was received. Bob stated that they knew for sure these items need repair/replacement: Motor oil leak, electrical issue, hydraulic ram issue, 2 new rear tires, and new seat. Bob made a motion, seconded by Ted, to go ahead with all the fixes needed, with updates as the work proceeds, not to exceed \$50,000 without coming back to the board for approval and to borrow the money needed for this. The motion carried unanimously.

Nathan updated the board on the progress of the engineering for bidding on the new salt shed. This matter was tabled until the full board meeting on Tuesday April 16th.

Bob stated that bids for repairs of roof, walls and overhead doors on the Village shop are due Friday April 12th. The public Works committee will open the sealed bids at a meeting On Tuesday April 16th at 6pm. The committee will bring recommendations to the full board meeting at 7pm on April 16th.

Bob informed the board that past part-time public works employee Dan Wagner was no longer interested in coming back to the position. The committee updated the previous ad for part-time employment with a new starting wage of \$20-\$22 per hour, based on experience, and removed the statement about having a CDL. Kim has put out the new ad in various places.

Parks Committee:

The Parks Committee scheduled a meeting for Tuesday April 30th at 6:15pm. They will meet in Lions Park at the pavilion.

Reports from Village Board Representatives on Joint Boards:

Ken gave an update on the Fire Department. They will be re-paving the parking lot at the Fire Station and having the parking lines painted. The boiler at the Fire Station will need repair before the next heating season.

Cynthia gave an update on the library and listed some upcoming events.

Bob reported on the Recreation Department. Summer Recreation sign up will be on April 24th in conjunction with summer school registration. Summer swim lessons will be at the TAG Center in Mayville. The lessons will run the weeks of June 10th and June 17th Monday-Thursday. Men's softball will start on May 9th and run through August. Registration for sand volleyball is ongoing. The next Recreation Board meeting will be April 10th at 6:30pm.

Jay made a motion, seconded by Ted, to go into closed session pursuant to SS19.85(1)(c) to discuss a candidate for a part-time police officer position and to discuss police department wages and benefits. The board was polled, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Andy made a motion, seconded by Jay, to go into open session. The motion carried unanimously.

In open session, Andy made a motion, seconded by Jay, to approve a wage proposal from Chief Kaepernick. A copy of this proposal is attached to these minutes. This proposal includes wage increases for all officers as outlined in the attached proposal and also approves putting Chief Kaepernick and Officer Ryan Brehmer on the Wisconsin Retirement Program as they will have more than 600 hours. The board was polled: Andy -Y, Jay -Y, Ken -Y, Cynthia -Y, Ted -Y, Bob -N, Laurie -Y. The motion carried with Bob opposed.

With no other business before this board, Andy made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.