

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2024**

The regular board meeting of the Village of Hustisford was called to order by Village President **Laurie Buchanan** at 201 South Lake Street, Hustisford, Wisconsin at 7:00PM in accordance with the Notice of Meeting delivered to trustees on December 6, 2024

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

Trustees Absent:

Others Present: Todd Tessmann, Police Chief Greg Kaepernick, Nathan Schoenike, Kim Hopfinger, Dan Rinehardt, and Terry Hundt

Public Appearances:

Dan Rinehardt spoke on behalf of the Sinissippi Trailhawks Snowmobile Club. Dan presented a map of where they would like to put a culvert in by Highway 60 for the snowmobile trail. The club will have to get permission from the DNR to do this but is first looking for approval from the Village before they pursue the DNR permits. Ted made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, to approve the snowmobile trail as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes:

Andy made a motion, seconded by Ted, to accept the November full board meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills:

Jay made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, to approve the November bills with checks #46654 - #46693 for a total of \$105,379.96. The motion was carried unanimously.

Utility:

Todd Tessmann gave an update on the Utility.

There was discussion on an intergovernmental agreement the Village is being asked to sign. This agreement would be to collaborate, share information and study the floodplain along the Rock River within shared jurisdiction of 8 different government entities. Todd did not feel comfortable having the Village sign without the Village Attorney reviewing the document. The Village Attorney made some suggestions for changes that the other parties should agree to before the Village could sign the document. Andy made a motion, seconded by Bob, to send the Village Attorney's recommendations to the group and ask them to make the suggested changes to the agreement. If they send the document back with changes, Kim will send it back over to the Village Attorney to get advice as if it is ready to be signed. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Committee:

Police Chief Greg Kaepernick went over the monthly police report with the board.

Finance and Administration Committee:

Andy made a motion, seconded by Ted, to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors for the 2025 Election Cycle as follows: Grace Degner, Carole Smith, Marian Scharnell, Jan Neuhaus, Sue Spang, David Stryslick, Debbie Falkenthal, Sarah Neu, Bruce Nekich, CeCe Nekich, Kathie Bock and Barb Wittnebel. The motion carried unanimously.

In 2024 the Village borrowed \$138,125 for the joint salt shed project. After putting it out for bids as a total package the bids came in extremely high. None of the bids were accepted. The project was put out for bids a second time with the project broken down. The bids came in better, but the borrowing is still short about \$35,000 for the village portion. This project will be done in 2025. Andy made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, to approve borrowing an additional \$35,000 in 2025 for this project. The motion carried unanimously.

Andy reminded the board about Village Holiday Hours.

Public Works Committee:

Committee Chairman Bob Knueppel shared the revised bids that had come in for the joint salt shed project. This project will be a 50/50 venture with the Town of Hustisford. Upon recommendation from the Public Works Committee, Andy made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, to accept the following bids for the 2025 Salt Shed Project:

Project A – New Salt Shed Building Foundation – Cardinal Construction - \$164,656

Project B – New Salt Shed Building excluding foundation – Oshea Construction - \$86,300

Project C - Project Paving & Exterior Site Improvements – Kartechner Brothers - \$78, 212.30

Project D – Extra Project Paving (Hustisford Utilities Pays this) -Kartechner Brothers - \$54,725

The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the bid list is attached to these minutes.

Report from Village Representatives on Joint Boards:

Ken reported that the Fire Department is purchasing new gear with money in the 2024 budget. The department is having trouble with the transmission in Engine 62.

Cynthia reported that the library is working on policies.

Bob gave an update on the recreation department. The Santa visit was attended by over 100 children. The men's basketball league has 12 teams and is played on Saturdays through March. A bags league will begin in January and be held at The Community Hall. The Sinissippi Poms will be performing at halftime of some high school basketball games. The next recreation board meeting will be December 11th at 6:30pm

Andy made a motion, seconded by Ted, to go into closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c) to discuss part-time public works position. The board was polled, and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

Jay made a motion, seconded by Andy, to terminate current part-time public works employee Shelby Eggum effective immediately. The motion was carried unanimously.

Andy made a motion, seconded by Jay, to Re-Hire Dan Wagner as a part-time public works employee at a starting wage of \$22 per hour. The motion carried unanimously.

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