

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 12, 2023**

The regular board meeting of the Village of Hustisford was called to order by President Laurie Buchanan at 201 South Lake Street, Hustisford, Wisconsin at 7:00PM in accordance with the Notice of Meeting delivered to trustees on June 9, 2023

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

**Trustees Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Kim Hopfinger, Police Chief Greg Kaepernick, Roger Zubke, and Todd Tessmann

### **Public Appearances:**

Board member Ken Westphal spoke to the board regarding the problem of fireworks being lit off in the Village. He would like to see the ordinance enforced as much as possible. President Buchanan stated that the Village does not always have someone on duty and Dodge County should be called when this is happening. If the Village has an officer on duty, they will be dispatched.

### **Minutes:**

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

### **Bills:**

Cynthia made a motion, seconded by Ted, to approve the May bills with checks #45877- #45925 for a total of \$58,495.83. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Utility:**

Todd Tessmann gave a brief update on the utility. He stated the coat of blacktop on Ridge Street should be done the end of June.

### **Police Committee:**

Chief Kaepernick went over the monthly police report.

Ted made a motion, seconded by Jay, to approve the annual renewal of liquor licenses in the Village for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. The motion carried unanimously, with Laurie and Andy abstaining.

### **Finance Committee:**

Andy made a motion, seconded by Ted, to approve a contract with Catalis Assessment Services for \$10,400 for a market revaluation in 2024 with the payments to be spread over 4 years and a

contract with Catalis for regular assessment services for \$10,100 annually from 2025-2027. The motion carried unanimously.

At the May regular board meeting, the board approved creating a full-time position in the police department for Jacob Berner contingent on the finance committee finding places to take the money out of in this year's budget and a one-year probation period. The additional cost for this year would be approximately \$16,000. Kim stated that if there was not the extra full-time public works employee for 3 months, it would save the Village approximately \$8,775 over having a part-time employee working approximately 30 hours a week. This savings includes wages, health insurance, and retirement benefits. The committee also stated that they would not spend \$2,000 of the money allocated for extra building inspection services over and above the building permits. Chief Kaepernick stated that he would not use \$2,000 of the training budget and put that towards the new position. Kaepernick also stated that he could save an additional \$4,000 on other police wages – including Captain Ripplinger's salary as he has not worked many hours so far this year and he would schedule him for less hours the rest of the year. Also – less part-time hours would be needed with having a full-time officer. It was also discussed that at times, Berner could take some hours at the school as the SRO which would be included in his 40-hour work week. Jay made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, to approve the above recommended adjustments to the budget to allow the full-time officer position. The motion carried unanimously.

A finance committee meeting was scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

Kim reminded the board that Board of Review would be held Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm.

#### **Reports from Village Board Representatives on Joint Boards:**

Ken reported that the Fire Department plans to repair the parking lot at the Fire Station.

Cynthia Stroessner gave an update on the library. She handed out a sheet with many upcoming events at the library,

Bob Knueppel gave an update on the Recreation Department. Swimming lessons started today and will run for 2 weeks. There are 50 participants. There are 40 participants in the afternoon recreation program. Youth baseball is up and running through July. Men's softball has 9 teams in the league this year. Adult sand volleyball leagues have started. WPRA tickets are available at the Village Hall through the summer. The next Recreation Board meeting will be Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

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