

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 13, 2023**

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 March 11, 2023

Trustees Present: Bob Knueppel, Josh Prescher, Ted Engelbart, Andy Buchannan and Dave Vinz

Trustees Absent: Cynthia Stroessner

Others Present: Kim Hopfinger, Captain Brian Ripplinger, Jared Schaefer, and Todd Tessmann

Public Appearances:

None

Minutes:

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

Bills:

Bob made a motion, seconded by Ted, to approve the February bills with check #45753-45796 for a total of \$554,449.17. The motion carried unanimously.

Utility:

Todd informed the board that they are looking at doing another water main project on North Highland and West Tweedy Streets. They will begin work on the engineering and permitting.

Police Committee:

Captain Ripplinger went over the monthly police report with the board.

Ted made a motion, seconded by Andy, to approve operator's licenses for Tenika Johnson, James Schwartz, Nancy Wood, Joann Erickson, Brianna Boeck, and Gerald Sherman, as recommended by the police committee. The motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the 2022 Annual Report from the Police Department.

Finance Committee:

Kim reminded the board that there will be a reorganization meeting on Tuesday April 18th at 7pm.

The finance committee is recommending some small changes to Ordinances 245-4 and 245-7 under junked vehicles and appliances. Josh made a motion, seconded by Ted, to approve the changes to ordinances 245-4 and 245-7 as recommended by the finance committee. The motion carried unanimously. The changes are attached to these minutes and highlighted in yellow.

Ted made a motion, seconded by Bob, to donate \$50 to the Hustisford Business Association Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee:

Josh made a motion, seconded by Ted, to approve the bid form for the 2023 Streets Maintenance Projects as recommended by the Public Works Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Josh made a motion, seconded by Andy, to approve the ad for bids for the 2023 Streets Maintenance Projects as recommended by the Public Works Committee. The motion carried unanimously. Bids will be due March 31st. The Public Works Committee will meet on Monday April 3rd at 6:30pm to open the bids and make a recommendation to the Village Board for the April 10th board meeting.

Andy made a motion, seconded by Ted, to approve selling the cemetery Cub Cadet mower on the Wisconsin Surplus website as recommended by the Public Works Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Andy made a motion, seconded by Ted, to post locally the sale of the Howard Price Mower as recommended by the Public Works Committee. The Village will accept sealed bids for the sale. The motion carried unanimously.

Parks Committee:

Rick Wood attended the last Parks Committee meeting on behalf of the Path Group committee. He would like to clear part of the existing grown in walking path and extend that around and through the wooded area on the northern end of Neider Park. He presented a diagram of the planned walking path area. The walking path wood be 4-5 feet wide and chipped bark would be added over the summer. The Village employees could chip anything bigger that he drags out, starting about mid-April. Once the walking path is created the Village would be responsible for

maintaining it going forward. The Path Group does not have any liability insurance, so Kim will check with the Village's insurance company to see what the Village's liability would be. The Parks committee feels this walking path would be an asset to the park. Josh made a motion, seconded by Ted, to approve giving the Path Group permission to clear the Path as presented contingent on opinion from the insurance company. The motion carried unanimously.

The Parks Committee is suggesting converting our existing tennis court in Lions Park to pickleball courts because the court is seldom used. Bob stated that pickelball is becoming more and more popular at all age groups. Roger got a quote last October from Midwest Sealcoat for \$16,500 to convert our existing tennis court into 4 pickelball courts. Bob contacted the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation to see if they had any grant money for this project. Andi Merfeld of the Foundation said they have a Community Collaboration grant that they would contribute a maximum of \$20,000 or 1/3 of the project costs. This grant requires two community groups as interested contributing entities. These groups could be the Village, any other organization, business, or person. Laurie and Kim met with Sol Leitzke and he is willing to contribute to 1/3 of the project, which would be \$5,500. The Village has \$7,000 in a Capital account that was saved over the last 7 years for the resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts which could be used towards their share. Josh made a motion, seconded by Ted, to have Kim apply for the Community Collaboration Grant to cover 1/3 of this project. The motion carried unanimously.

President Buchanan shared a letter that was sent anonymously addressed to the Village Board. The board felt that if the person sending the letter could not sign their name, the letter did not deserve attention.

Report from Village Board Representatives on Joint Boards:

There was no Fire Department report.

There was no library report.

Recreation Board Representative Bob Knueppel reported that youth baseball registration is underway. Men's basketball will run through April 8th. Mens's softball will begin May 11th. Miranda Weinheimer is organizing the sand volleyball leagues for the summer. Swim lessons will be at the Tag Center in Mayville the weeks of June 12th and June 19th. The next recreation board meeting will be April 12th at 6:30pm.

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