

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MAY 8, 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 May 5, 2023.

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

Trustees Absent: None

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

Public Appearances:

None

Minutes:

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

Bills:

Andy made a motion, seconded by Jay, to approve the April bills with checks #45830 - #45876 for a total of \$59,333.01. The motion carried unanimously.

Utility:

Todd Tessmann gave a brief update on the utility. New water meters continue to be installed for all customers.

Police Committee:

The monthly police report was reviewed with the board by Chief Kaepernick. Kaepernick informed the board he had to purchase a new radio for the Durango.

Ted made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, to approve an operator's license for Jennifer Hahn. The motion carried unanimously with Laurie and Andy abstaining.

Ted made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, to approve a street use permit for the Legion for the Memorial Day Parade on May 29, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

The police committee along with a recommendation from Chief Kaepernick, are recommending that the police department create a full-time officer position in the Village. Officer Berner will be at his 1,200 hours for the retirement system by middle of June. Instead of not scheduling him for a while to not exceed the hours, the committee is recommending he go full time. The Chief and the committee feel this will help to get the coverage they are looking for. Chief Kaepernick presented the extra costs this would add to the budget because of the retirement, health insurance, vacation, and sick days. They are proposing that Berner be paid \$25.50 per hour for this position, but he would still receive overtime pay for holidays and summer weekends. Kaepernick stated that the full-time position would include a 1-

year probation period. Adding the full-time officer beginning in 2023 would be an impact of \$16,000 for the remainder of the year and about \$30,000 for a full year. Bob Kneuppel suggested that the department continue to look for more part-time officers to fill the hours for coverage needed. Kneuppel also stated that if the Village were to move to this one full-time position that the hours for the other part-time officers would need to be reduced and possibly the full-time officer could also take the SRO position instead of having 2 officers on duty at the same time during the school year. Kneuppel also stated that we should not be creating this full-time position for a person just because they will reach the 1,200 hour threshold for the WRS program. Members of the committee stated that they are not creating the position for him, but he is a candidate. After much discussion, Andy made a motion, seconded by Jay, to approve a full-time position in the police department pending that the finance committee can make this work in the budget. The board was polled: Andy -Y, Jay -Y, Ken -Y, Cynthia -Y, Ted -Y, Bob -N, and Laurie -Y. The motion carried.

Finance Committee:

The finance committee scheduled a meeting for Monday May 22, 2023, at 8am.

Parks Committee:

Bob reported that the Village did receive a grant from the Watertown Community Health Foundation to convert the tennis courts to pickleball courts. The project will begin as soon as the contractor is available to do it.

A parks meeting was scheduled for Tuesday May 23, 2023, at 5pm. The committee will meet at Memorial Park.

Public Works Committee:

A public works committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday May 30, 2023 at 7pm.

Reports from Village Board Representatives on Joint Boards:

Ken gave a report on the Fire Department. The EMS is purchasing new gear for 12 members and the cost will be \$22,000.

Cynthia Stroessner updated the board on the many programs that are happening at the library.

Bob Kneuppel gave a report on the Recreation Department. VB league registration is on-going. Men's softball will start May 11th. Youth baseball will start soon. There are currently 49 signed up for swim lessons which will be at the TAG Center in Mayville. Summer Recreation will run June 5th – July 28th except for the week of the 4th of July. WPRA tickets are for sale at the Village Hall through Labor Day. The next Rec. Board Meeting will be Wednesday May 10th at 6:30pm.

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