



## VILLAGE OF HEWITT BOARD MINUTES – May 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Eilers.

**PRESENT:** Ken Eilers, Charlie Adamski, Kevin Nowack, Kris Hawley, Dan Sova and Marlene Stueland.

**ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** Mike Draxler

**MINUTES:** *A motion by Charlie second by Kris to approve the April 14, 2015 regular Board minutes carried.*

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC:** Mike Draxler addressed the board expressing his opinion on a proposed village resolution opposing the elimination of personal property tax and computer aid payments to local governments. The total statewide for personal property tax levy collected in 2014 is \$290 million. The board thanked Mr. Draxler for bringing forward his opinion and comments on the topic.

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUES:** *No issues.*

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

#### Hewitt Area Fire Commission:

- **Fire Commission Updates:** *The monthly bills were approved on a motion by Dan, second by Charlie. The commission will meet June 1<sup>st</sup>. Ken reported that the concept of a fire district was not being actively pursued as one rural fire associate department member did not want to participate. The overhead door damage topic was brought up again; an estimate of \$410 was received; a suggestion to cover the costs for the damaged door repairs will be to split the cost equally among the village, town and fire department. Discussion continued on the proposal from the fire department to purchase a new tanker for an estimate of \$147,000; more information will be forthcoming after the June fire commission meeting.*

#### Sanitary Utility:

- **Sanitary Commissioner Report & Monthly Maintenance Report:** *The monthly maintenance report was reviewed as submitted by Reigel. Flow rates were up slightly; sludge hauling will be done in the fall. The lift station at Yellowstone and Main experienced a power outage. The Lift station pumps at McLean and Main were not running properly; the cause identified was the floats were not cleaned properly causing the issue; once the floats were cleaned everything seemed to run properly.*
- **Recreation Department:** *Teams were picked; June 2 is the season start date; 443 kids are registered this year; slightly down from 2014.*

#### Finance Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** *A motion by Kris second by Kevin to approve the treasurer's report carried.*
- **Monthly Bills:** *A motion by Kevin second by Kris to approve the bills of the month in the amount of \$44,887.80 carried.*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Roads:** *Road patching was completed; a culvert on Birch will be replaced; crack sealing is done; 50/50 road aid will be used to upgrade Apple Street and Soo Lane. A Street light will be installed on Evergreen; new road/street signs have been ordered. The weight limit permit topic was tabled pending additional information.*
- **Grounds & Maintenance:** *A load of sand was added to the village hall volleyball court; two loads were added to the courts at Yellowstone Park*
- **Emergency Government:** *Nothing to report.*
- **Parks Committee:** *The lawn was rolled at Yellowstone Park; nothing new to report on the walking path installation; the tree line was cleaned up; bathroom floors resurfacing came in at an estimate of \$2,120; this work will be done in the near future.*
- **Trails Committee:** *The installation of the connector trail is on schedule; Kevin and other volunteers spent considerable time constructing additional board walks and other miscellaneous maintenance trail tasks.*
- **Animal Control Officer Report:** *The dog kennel has been constructed and ready when needed.*
- **Web Committee:** *Did not meet*
- **Banner Committee:** *Charlie continues to follow-up with Premier Printing for completing the banners.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- *Resolution 2015-01 – Personal Property Tax & Computer Aid Exemption was approved on a motion by Kris, second by Charlie.*
- *Ken passed out the 2015-16 board committee roster assignments.*
- *Board of Review will be held on Monday May 18 at 6 – 8 PM*
- *A motion by Dan, second by Charlie to adjourn at 9:55 PM carried.*

Submitted by: *Marlene Stueland, Clerk*