



VILLAGE OF HEWITT BOARD MINUTES – November 10, 2015

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

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

ABSENT: Dan Sova

GUESTS: Mike Draxler, Sue & Don Brown, Roger Meyer

MINUTES: A motion by Kris second by Charlie to approve the October 15, 2015 regular Board meeting minutes and the Special board meeting held on October 22, 2015 carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC: None

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUES: No issues.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Hewitt Area Fire Commission:

- Fire Commission Updates: Roger Meyer informed the board the new tanker is expected to arrive in January-February 2016 which is a change in previous communication that it would arrive in December. It was announced 242 people participated in the annual Pumpkin run sponsored by the Fire Department. A motion by Kris, second by Kevin to pay the fire department bills carried.

Sanitary Utility:

- Sanitary Commissioner Report & Monthly Maintenance Report: The monthly maintenance report was reviewed as submitted by Reigel. The McLean lift station had another issue with the pumps not working properly. Kris brought to the attention of the board a muskrat infestation at the lagoon pond with the concern they might damage the pond walls. Kris will seek an individual to trap the muskrats to diminish the muskrat population.

Financial Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: A motion by Dan second by Kevin to approve the treasurer's report carried.
- Monthly Bills: A motion by Charlie second by Dan to approve the bills of the month in the amount of \$35,209.29 carried.
- The list of special assessments totaling \$13,080.60 in uncollected 2015 sewer and garbage bills was reviewed by board members;

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Roads: The street light on Evergreen Street has been installed and now operational. Crack sealing in 2016 will be bid out. A motion by Dan, second by Charlie to contract with Larry Updyke for the 2015-16 snowplowing season for the specific period November 2015 – June 1, 2016. Kris recommended future requests for driveway culvert variances are submitted to the board for consideration/action vs. development of a specific policy to address.
- Grounds & Maintenance: Charlie reported the new entry doors for the fire station were being painted and the door frames had been painted; the doors will be installed in the near future. The bathroom fan at the Village Hall was replaced.
- Emergency Government: Nothing to report.
- Parks Committee: Ken will check on the quotes for continued Yellowstone Park walking path expansion.
- Trails Committee: Kevin reported a community survey is being developed. The invoice for the connector trail work for the share of the Village's portion has not been received. Kevin donated and installed new signage on the trail. There was discussion designating parking space for those who are driving to trail entry points; more information will be forthcoming after review of options.
- Animal Control Officer Report: One complaint received which was resolved...
- County Trunk T Railroad Quiet Zone Committee: Sue Brown, committee member, presented activity updates. A letter of intent to be sent regarding the Village's intent to establish a quiet zone for the railroad crossing on Main Street was reviewed with a motion by Kris second by Charlie to approve for signature carried. A meeting will be scheduled for January 20, 2015 for the next step which is a diagnostic meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion by Kris, second by Kevin to approve an operator license submitted by Draxler's for Tailia Major carried.
- A motion by Kris, second by Kevin to accept the minutes of the Zoning committee carried which included A recommendation from the Zoning committee to approve the rezoning request submitted by Mike Draxler to change zoning for an agricultural zoned parcel to single family residential (4 lots) was received. A motion by Dan, second by Kris to approve the rezoning request carried.
- The 2016 Ambulance contract was not received by the time of the meeting.
- The Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, December 1st at 7 PM.
- The 2016 Public budget hearing will be held on December 8, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Village Administrative Building.
- A motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM carried.

Submitted by: *Marlene Stueland, Clerk*