



## VILLAGE OF HEWITT BOARD MINUTES – September 8, 2015

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

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

**ABSENT:** Charlie Adamski

**GUESTS:** Mike Draxler, Vickie Draxler, Jo Martin, Ray Rhodes, Terry & Tom Kongslien, Terry Moore, Angie Domine

**MINUTES:** *A motion by Kevin second by Kris to approve the August 11, 2015 regular Board meeting minutes carried.*

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

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

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

#### Hewitt Area Fire Commission:

- Fire Commission Updates: *Updated estimates for the purchase of the entry doors for the fire station was presented to include two doors, hardware and painting for \$1,245; a motion by Kevin, second by Kris to approve purchasing the doors; motion carried. Charlie will order the doors; the painting will be done by Draxlers Service. The sale of Tanker 2 is on hold pending a decision by the Fire Department whether to sell it now or wait until the new tanker is operational. A motion by Kris, second by Dan to approve the Fire Department bills carried.*

#### Sanitary Utility:

- Sanitary Commissioner Report & Monthly Maintenance Report: *The monthly maintenance report was reviewed as submitted by Reigel. Annual televising and cleaning of sewer lines will be scheduled for late September-early October.*

Recreation Department: *The Recreational Department has not made a determination how the funds they raised this year will be used, however they will be donating \$1800 to offset lawn mowing expenses at Yellowstone Park and purchasing a new volley-ball net at the Village Hall in 2016.*

#### Financial Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: *A motion by Dan second by Kris to approve the treasurer's report carried.*
- Monthly Bills: *A motion by Kris second by Kevin to approve the bills of the month in the amount of \$20,036.75 carried.*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Roads: *Street sign replacement ongoing; Kris identified a new vendor for cutting roadsides weeds and will schedule that work to be completed in the near future. A request to approve closing one lane of traffic between 10 – 11:30 AM November 7 on village streets that will be used for the annual Pumpkin Run was submitted. A motion by Dan second by Kevin to approve limiting traffic to one lane on affected streets carried.*
  - Bid opening for Fir Street upgrade construction: *One bid was received from American Asphalt in the amount of \$26,793; a motion by Kris, second by Dan to accept/approve the bid submitted by American Asphalt carried.*
- Grounds & Maintenance: *Charlie provided a written report which he noted tomatoes had been thrown at the Village Hall sometime during the last month; he will need to wash the north wall siding as a result; he has contacted Town & Country Landscape instructing them to mow only once-every-other week and will continue to monitor as the fall season progresses as to frequency need. Charlie is also follow-up on maintenance tasks Joyce has identified that they are completed by Larry. Dan volunteered to trim the shrubs at Yellowstone Park.*
- Emergency Government: *Nothing to report.*
- Parks Committee: *The Yellowstone Park walking path was on hold due rain; intent is to complete weather cooperating this fall.*
- Trails Committee: *Connector trail is almost completed; boardwalk work continues.*
- Animal Control Officer Report: *No activity.*
- Web Committee: *Did not meet*
- Banner Committee: *Committee has completed their work.*

- Weed Commissioner Report: *Work completed for year.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- County Trunk T Railroad Crossing-Quiet Zone-: *Several residents from the community were in attendance to present their desire to pursue designating the County Trunk T Railroad crossing as a quiet zone which would eliminate trains blowing their horns all times of the day and night. The group would like the Village Board to support and, as necessary, participate in the endeavor to achieve a quiet zone. After discussion, it was decided to form an Ad Hoc Committee composed of Stephanie Laessig, Terry Moore, Jo Martin, Angie Domine, Sue Brown and Kris Hawley. Kris will represent the village. The committee will begin to formally meet to develop plans and research options.*
- Operator License Application: *An operator license application was submitted by Draxlers Service for Jane Hartman; a motion by Dan, second by Kevin to approve the application carried.*
- Re-Zoning Request-Mike Draxler: *Mike Draxler submitted a request to the Board to rezone a portion of a parcel of land he owns from agriculture to residential. It is his intent to subdivide and develop the identified land into four lots if the rezoning is approved. Discussion followed with consensus to move the request to the Zoning committee for consideration. Mike was asked to provide a certified map of the land involved. Marlene will contact Roger Meyer to get a zoning committee meeting scheduled, schedule a public hearing and submit required publication notices.*
- *Discussion on the direction the Village should pursue as a result of Bob Wunrow resigning as the Financial Assistant position, who and how the responsibilities Bob carried out would be covered. Discussion will continue at the October board meeting.*
- *Due to schedule conflicts, the October board meeting will be held on October 15, 2015.*
- *A motion to adjourn at 9:55 PM carried.*

Submitted by: *Marlene Stueland, Clerk*