



VILLAGE OF HEWITT
BOARD MINUTES – December 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Eilers.

PRESENT: Ken Eilers, Dan Sova, Kris Hawley, Scott Wunrow, Jeff Graves and Marlene Stueland

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

MINUTES: A motion by Jeff, second by Kris to approve the November 9, 2010 regular Board minutes with one correction carried. A motion by Jeff, second by Dan to approve the November 30, 2010 Public Hearing minutes carried. A motion by Jeff, second by Scott to approve the November 30, 2010 special board meeting minutes carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC: None

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUES: No issues.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Hewitt Area Fire Commission:

- Approval of Bills: A motion by Kris second by Dan to approve the monthly bills carried.
Fire Commission Meeting: Ken reported on the HAFC December 6th meeting to include an update on the financial administrator position...
Sanitary Utility:
Sanitary Commissioner Report & Monthly Maintenance Report: The monthly maintenance and commissioner's reports were reviewed...
Billing Waiver Request-Ed Nowack property: A request to waive the sewer and garbage billing fee for the Ed Nowack property was reviewed...

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Table with 2 columns: Category (Sanitary, Village, Parks, Trails, Total Checking) and Amount (\$12,696.27, \$40,996.72, \$11,985.56, \$10,412.06, \$ 76,090.61)

- A motion was made by Scott with second by Dan to approve the Village & Sanitary treasurer report. Motion carried. Outstanding checks from 2009 were approved to be voided.
A motion was made by Kris, second by Dan to pay the bills of the month motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Roads: Kris reported that it was a very busy month for him. All the street parking signs have been installed. The board reviewed issues surrounding mailboxes that may be damaged during the winter or at any other time, with consensus that the Village is not responsible for maintenance, replacement or any other issues for residents' mailboxes. The Board reviewed the community survey comments regarding snowplowing services. It was the overall opinion of the Board that our current snowplowing service is exceptional and above the Board's expectations. It was noted that the current snowplowing provider is very safety conscious and committed to the safety and well being of Village residents.

- Grounds & Maintenance: *No report.*
- Plan Growth Committee: *The committee met November 30<sup>th</sup> and discussed and reviewed the service and housing section of the Comprehensive Plan. The next meeting will be January 25, 2011.*
- Parks Committee: *The blacktopping for the new path and final grade of the ditches will be completed in the Spring. The curb project has been completed.*
- Trails Committee: *The committee did not meet in November.*
- Animal Control Officer Report: *Nothing to report.*
- Web Committee: *The committee did not meet in November.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- ◆ *There was no old business.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Resolution 1990-1 “Village-Sanitary Pay Rates” was reviewed and will be presented at the January 2011 meeting for consideration and/or approval.
- Garbage Rate Increase: In follow-up to the 2011 budget preparation at the Finance Committee level, a \$10 per quarter garbage rate increase had been proposed. The increase will cover the additional disposal costs that the Village has been incurring. A motion by Scott, second by Jeff to approve a \$10 per quarter increase effective January 1, 2011 for garbage collection carried.
- Resolution 2009-2 “Fee Structure” amendment reflecting a \$10 per quarter garbage rate increase was presented. In reviewing the resolution, board members discussed the waiver for occupancy leave section with consensus to discontinue granting billing waivers for vacant premises effective January 1, 2011. A motion by Kris, second by Jeff to approve the \$10 per quarter garbage increase and to discontinue granting billing waivers for vacant property effective January 1, 2011 was made. ROLL CALL VOTE: Scott YES; Kris YES; Jeff YES; Dan NO; motion carried.
- President Eilers passed the gavel to Mr. Dan Sova
- Online Banking: *Pioneer Bank is now offering online banking to their customers and has provided information regarding the service to the Board. It was agreed that more information was needed in order to make a decision; this topic will be added to the January 11, 2011 agenda.*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- *The Correspondence File was passed around for Board review.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM

Submitted by: *Marlene Stueland, Clerk*