**VILLAGE OF HILLCREST**

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM

The Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Hillcrest was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present and answering roll call were Trustees A. Dan Potter, Timothy Ball, Eileen Braski, Joe Thompson, Jose Huerta, President Richard Rhoads, Clerk Dawn Bearrows. Trustee Pamela Pittman was not in attendance and Attorney Paul Chadwick arrived at 7:20 pm.

Motion by Trustee Potter, seconded by Braski to approve the minutes from November 8, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Braski; yes, Huerta; yes, Potter; yes Ball; yes, Thompson; yes. Minutes approved.

Trustee Braski reported cash on deposit as of November 30, 2023 as follows: General Fund $3,279,334.37; Motor Fuel Tax Fund $243,601.96 and Utility Fund $21,294.47. Motion made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Potter, to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Roll call vote: Braski; yes, Huerta; yes, Potter; yes Ball; yes, Thompson; yes. Treasurers report approved.

Motion by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Potter to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Braski; yes, Huerta; yes, Potter; yes Ball; yes, Thompson; yes. Bills approved.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**FINANCE:** Trustee Braski – Nothing at this time.

**WATER:** Trustee Potter reported that the water tower repairs are mostly finished. Helm Electric will provide estimate for updating the wiring in the pump and chemical rooms and to install a transfer switch to the generator for the shop.

**ORDINANCES:** Trustee Huerta stated that there are several violations and is concerned about residents’ lack of concern for ordinances.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Trustee Thompson reported repairs to salt shed, looking into a new shed for next year. Storm sewer covers were looked at and waiting on estimates.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Casper Manheim stated only 3 permits were issued. Very slow due to season.

**HEALTH & WELFARE:** Trustee Ball talked to Spinello & Sons from Rockford about cameras for intersections.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Trustee Pittman not in attendance.

**ATTORNEY:** Attorney Chadwick, reserves comment for closed session.

**ADMININSTRATION:** President Rhoads nothing at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Solar Ordinance: Postponed until further notice.

Baxter & Woodman: Motion by Trustee Potter to formally approve ARPA funds of $166,704 for Priority 1A water main project, seconded by Braski. Roll call vote: Braski; yes, Huerta; yes, Potter; yes Ball; yes, Thompson; yes. Funds approved for 1A Water Main project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Paid Leave for All Workers Act: Reading and discussion. As the Village of Hillcrest currently has appropriate time off systems in place, a motion was made by Trustee Ball to OPT OUT of the State of Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act (PLAWA) Policy by ordinance, seconded by Huerta. Roll call vote: Braski; yes, Huerta; yes, Potter; yes Ball; yes, Thompson; yes. Ordinance adopted.

Video Gaming Fees: After discussion of gaming fees, a motion by Braski to increase the gaming fees from $25 to $250 per machine, seconded by Thompson. Roll call vote: Braski; yes, Huerta; no, Potter; yes Ball; no, Thompson; yes. Gaming fee increase passed.

Parking Ordinance: No action at this time, board members will discuss changes at January regular board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion at 7:42 PM to move to closed session by Trustee Potter to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Thompson. Roll call vote: Braski; yes, Huerta; yes, Potter; yes Ball; yes, Thompson; yes. Motion Passed

Motion to reconvene in open session at 8:17PM by Trustee Potter seconded by Thompson. Roll call vote: Braski; yes, Huerta; yes, Potter; yes Ball; yes, Thompson; yes. Motion Passed. Open session resumed.

No action was taken as a result of closed session.

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 PM by Trustee Potter, seconded by Thompson. Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

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Clerk, Village of Hillcrest