**VILLAGE OF HILLCREST**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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, Jose Huerta, President Richard Rhoads, Clerk Dawn Bearrows. Trustees Pamela Pittman and Joe Thompson were not in attendance and Attorney Paul Chadwick arrived at 7:15 pm.

Motion by Trustee Ball, seconded by Potter to approve the minutes from December 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Braski; yes, Huerta; yes, Potter; yes Ball; yes. Minutes approved.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**FINANCE:** Trustee Braski reported cash on deposit as of December, 2023 as follows: General Fund $3,352,232.83; Motor Fuel Tax Fund $248,988.67 and Utility Fund $42,649.78. Motion made by Trustee Potter, seconded by Ball to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Roll call vote: Braski; yes, Huerta; yes, Potter; yes Ball; yes. Treasurers report approved.

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

**WATER:** Trustee Potter reported that the water tower repairs and invoicing have been finalized and the last payment to Pittsburg Tank and Tower will go out next week. There was an emergency buffalo box repair that was completed and the water department is looking into locks for the gate valve access points. Potter has proposed possibly hiring Test, Inc as a new water operator. Board was given copies of pricing and requirements for review.

**ORDINANCES:** Trustee Huerta stated things appear to be the same and snow removal looks good.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Trustee Thompson not in attendance.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Casper Manheim stated we have gotten a few requests for solar panels in the Village and the board needs to get an ordinance together for installs. He requested the board review the information presented in a previous meeting to have something together for next meeting.

**HEALTH & WELFARE:** Trustee Ball presented information for reviews to have traffic cameras installed throughout the village. Current proposal is $78,000.00. Ball also stated there are several violations with 5th wheels and old cars in the village.

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

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

**ADMININSTRATION:** President Rhoads stated he is meeting with a local law enforcement officer with regard to bringing a police department back to the village.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Solar Ordinance: Postponed until further notice.

Baxter & Woodman: Review of current projects and status updates. At the February board meeting, B&W will be requesting approval for several items, such as; Bid contract award and construction agreements for the priority 1A water main project, IEPA information pertaining to Lead Service Line inventory and replacement plans, and the 2024 Chip Seal Program resolutions and Engineering.

Parking Ordinance: The board has been asked to review the current parking ordinance and make updates/ changes to put in effect at the February board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion at 7:54 PM to move to closed session by Trustee Ball to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Braski. Roll call vote: Braski; yes, Huerta; yes, Potter; yes Ball; yes. Motion Passed

Motion to reconvene in open session at 8:10PM by Trustee Potter seconded by Braski. Roll call vote: Braski; yes, Huerta; yes, Potter; yes Ball; yes. Motion Passed. Open session resumed.

No action was taken as a result of closed session.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM by Trustee Ball, seconded by Braski. Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

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Clerk, Village of Hillcrest