**VILLAGE OF HILLCREST**

Wednesday, March 13, 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, Jose Huerta, Eileen Braski, Joe Thompson, President Richard Rhoads, Clerk Dawn Bearrows and Attorney Paul Chadwick. Trustee Pamela Pittman was not in attendance.

Motion by Trustee Potter, seconded by Braski to approve the minutes from February 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Potter; yes Ball; yes, Huerta; yes, Braski; yes, Thompson; yes. Motion passed; Minutes approved.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**FINANCE:** Trustee Braski reported cash on deposit as of March 2024 as follows: General Fund $3,370,731.74; Motor Fuel Tax Fund $256,157.06 and Utility Fund $-381,120.40. Motion by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Potter to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Roll call vote: Potter; yes Ball; yes, Huerta; yes, Braski; yes, Thompson; yes. Motion passed; Treasurers report approved.

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

**WATER:** Trustee Potter reported that the water department is working on completing inventory; new hydrants are slated to be installed over the summer; hydrants will be painted and numbered this summer.

**ORDINANCES:** Trustee Huerta stated things appear to be the same, will work with Clerk Bearrows.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Trustee Thompson reported the garage doors on the shop need repair/replacement. Getting estimates from Raynor, will be a budget item.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Casper Manheim stated the demolition work on the former bowling alley was postponed due to weather and road postings, preventing equipment transport. Stopped workers from burying concrete materials, all waste must be hauled away for disposal.

**HEALTH & WELFARE:** Trustee Ball commented about the amount of trash in the Village; would like to see speed bumps go out soon; increased wild animal activity – coyotes- can be related to residents feeding feral cats. Is speaking with DNR about options.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:**

**ATTORNEY:** Attorney Chadwick reserves comments for closed session.

**ADMININSTRATION:** President Rhoads reported it has been a busy month, working on grants and grant payments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Baxter & Woodman: [B&W] Review of current projects and status updates: 1A Water Main Project, getting the IEPA loan finalized.

Elliott& Wood extended bid pricing for 30 days.

Lead Service Line extension granted, survey due in September; Surveys have been developed in English, Spanish and electronically.

Source water plan, meeting with Trustee Potter next week.

Chip Seal resolution submitted to Ogle County: Pricing and bid advertising Monday, 3/18

Parking Ordinance: First reading of proposed changes. Board to review and make changes/additions for review at April board meeting.

Surplus Ordinance: For the sale of excess equipment: Motion by Trustee Potter, second by Thompson. Roll call vote: Potter; yes Ball; yes, Huerta; yes, Braski; yes, Thompson; yes. Motion passed; Ordinance approved.

Solar Ordinance: Postponed until further notice.

2024 ICC Code Regulation Resolution: To adopt updated Building and Property Maintenance Code from 2015 to 2024 and purchase of new required literature/ books. Motion by Trustee Potter, second by Ball. Roll call vote: Potter; yes Ball; yes, Huerta; yes, Braski; yes, Thompson; yes. Motion passed; Resolution approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Certificate of Authority: Authorizing of purchasing agent, Dawn Bearrows, for road salt from the State of Illinois. Motion by Trustee Braski, second by Huerta. Roll call vote: Potter; yes Ball; yes, Huerta; yes, Braski; yes, Thompson; yes. Motion passed; Certificate granted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion at 8:16 PM to move to closed session by Trustee Braski to discuss pending litigation and personnel, seconded by Potter. Roll call vote: Potter; yes Ball; yes, Huerta; yes, Braski; yes, Thompson; yes. Motion passed.

Motion to reconvene in open session at 8:40PM by Trustee Potter seconded by Thompson. Roll call vote: Potter; yes Ball; yes, Huerta; yes, Braski; yes, Thompson; yes. Motion passed; Open session reconvened.

No action was taken as a result of closed session.

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM by Trustee Braski, seconded by Potter. Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

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Dawn Bearrows

Clerk, Village of Hillcrest