

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
October 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Hampshire was called to order by Village President Michael J. Reid Jr. at 7:02 p.m. in the Village of Hampshire Village Board Room, 234 S. State Street, on Thursday, October 19, 2023.

Roll call by Village Clerk, Karen Stuehler:

Present: Aaron Kelly, Toby Koth, Lionel Mott, Laura Pollastrini, Erik Robinson

Absent: Heather Fodor, joined 7:43 p.m.

A quorum was established.

In addition, present in-person were Village Manager Jay Hedges, Finance Director Lori Lyons, Village Attorney James Vasselli, and Chief Doug Pann. Asst. to the Village Manager Josh Wray and Village Engineer Tim Paulson all attended remotely.

President Reid led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Robert Carreno was sworn in as Police Officer.

Celebratory awards were given to Linda Vasquez for her 22 years of service as Village Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Erik Palm spoke on behalf of Linda Vasquez and her wonderful service to Hampshire.

Elizabeth Bruckmeyer expressed concerns of her cats and the Village Ordinance.

MINUTES

Trustee Mott moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2023, with the changes presented.

Seconded by Trustee Pollastrini

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Kelly, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson

Nayes: None

Absent: Fodor

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Trustee Koth moved to approve Ordinance 23-20 amended Village Code Chapter 5 Building Regulations Regarding Accessibility Requirements for Electric Vehicle Charging Stalls.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson

Motion carried by roll call vote

Ayes: Kelly, Koth, Mott, Robinson

Nayes: Pollastrini
Absent: Fodor

Trustee Kelly moved to approve Resolution 23-19 Authorizing the purchase of 15 Body Worn Cameras, Ancillary Equipment, and Storage Subscription from Axon Enterprise in the amount of \$71,313.48.

Seconded by Trustee Koth
Motion carried by roll call vote
Ayes: Fodor, Kelly, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson
Nayes: None
Absent: None

Trustee Koth moved to approve Resolution 23-20 waiving the Public Bidding Requirements and Awarding a Public Works Project Contract to Schroeder Asphalt Services for Three Paving Projects in the Village in the Amount of \$123,650.50 with the change requested by Trustee Pollastrini to include mention of the other quotes garnered.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Fodor, Kelly, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson
Nayes: None
Absent: None

STAFF REPORTS

There were a few questions about the staff reports.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

There were no payables to personnel.

Trustee Koth moved to table the Accounts Payable to Personnel indefinitely.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Fodor, Kelly, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson
Nayes: None
Absent: None

Trustee Fodor moved to approve the Regular Accounts Payable in the amount of \$782,033.40 to be paid on or before October 25, 2023.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Fodor, Kelly, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson
Nayes: None
Absent: None

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORT

The Business Development Commission cancelled the October meeting. They will meet in November.

Trustee Koth announced a Public Works Committee meeting for November 18, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

The maintenance of the creek banks at Rt. 72 and State Street was discussed. The abutting property owner has responsibility for maintenance except for the specific plantings in the creek beds that IDOT has noted should be left. IDOT has said they will perform maintenance there twice per year.

Trustee Kelly asked if some of the plantings downtown could be changed because of the bushes there with thorns that have become something of a nuisance. Trustee Koth noted the thorny plants actually help keep people out of the planting areas so they don't get walked through and destroyed. Staff will maintain the plantings so they don't overhang into the walkway.

Pres. Reid announced that Ella Johnson Public Library now plans to build additional libraries in Pingree Grove and Burlington and eventually build a new one in Hampshire. They would like all three mayors' support in the press release, so Pres. Reid asked for feedback from the Board. It was discussed, and we will ask the Library Board president and/or executive director to come present the plans to the Village at the next meeting.

Mr. Hedges has received a lease proposal for the public works facility from the owner, and he believes staff will bring it to the Board at its next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hedges reminded everyone of the Pumpkin Smash event being held at Henpeck Park on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Flood Brothers is donating the dumpster and transporting it to Beans Farm who will take the pumpkins.

Trick or Treating hours are 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Halloween.

Jingle Fest Parade will be held December 9, 2023, and the tree lighting will be at the end of the parade.

Trustee Pollastrini announced that Sen. Syverson and Rep. Keicher are having their coffee and legislative update from 8-9am tomorrow.

Trustee Fodor reminded everyone the Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be in Hampshire October 31 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Pres. Reid noted the winter parking ban starts November 1st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Robinson moved to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Fodor.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Karen Stuehler

Karen Stuehler Village Clerk