

4-18-2006 Village of Hobart Board Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order by Tim Carpenter at 6:00 pm. Roll Call: Tim Carpenter, Ed Kazik, Phil Lehl, Debbie Schumacher; present Rich Heidel, excused. Those present recited pledge of Allegiance.
2. ***Motion to accept the modified agenda by Tim Carpenter, second by Phil Lehl; Motion Carried; none opposed. Modification was the removal of the Public Works report.***
3. Approval of April 5, 2006 Village Board Minutes was tabled until a quorum of the board at that meeting can be present.
4. Public comment on non-agenda items: Mr. Juelich asked about the transfer stations progress. As it is still in litigation no comment was made. He also pointed out that with the road closure at GE between 172 and 54, now would be a great time for the county to fix the road. Ed Kazik spoke to the request by saying the county highway department has no funds earmarked for this repair at this time.
5. Committee/Commission Reports:
Public Works : Tim Carpenter reported on the turn around for Plateau Heights being tabled for this year. The One Time Special Payment for past services from the Oneida Tribe of Indians is being considered for road repairs at this time. Storm water drainage issues continue to be a problem and an ordinance will be sent to the Village Board for discussion. The street light policy will also be sent to the board for discussion.
HALO: Discussion on the round-a- bouts took place as well as the public safety building. The state patrol is interested in an office in the building and so the state would be helping finance the building as well. The easement for Paters was granted at 4:20 pm today to cross the abandoned rail line. The group is working on getting some of the gaming dollars back to the community. It would like to see the radios for the E911 system purchased with a portion of these dollars.
6. Staff Reports:
Fire Chief: Chief Vande Hey welcomed the new trustees and reported that we have a 1980 tanker leaking and a pumper (1987) which will need to be updated soon because they only figure a 20 year life span for vehicles. He has applied for a grant for \$178,000 but we also need to update the breathing apparatus. Cost of doing this is approximately \$4,000 per unit and we need 20 units. Phil Lehl would like to see a 5-year plan from the fire department. Bob said they have a 10-year plan and will share it with Mr. Lehl.
Police Chief: Chief Bani also welcomed the new trustees and thanks the old trustees for their work and dedication to the community. The 2005 report is complete and the police department has logged 5,000 calls; 2300 in Lawrence and 2700 in Hobart. The police department will have to be purchasing video and audio equipment to have when interviewing juveniles. There were \$15,000 worth of fines written for over weight vehicles, these citations now have to go to court. The Department has worked on the counterfeit bills case as well as other burglaries and accidents within the two communities. Print-track is up and running at this time.
7. Old Business:
 - A. Administration
 - i. Fee / Charge for Fire Inspections: Bob Vande Hey reported that the 2% dues cover the mandatory inspections but the trips inspectors have to make because the business does not correct the violations, are not covered and the village should probably charge for the inspectors returning to those businesses to achieve compliance with the codes. He recommended the possibly \$40 or \$50 per trip should be considered. He will check with other communities and bring back a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting. No action

8. New Business:

Administration

- i. Letter regarding School Survey from Mrs. Severson: Mrs. Severson spoke to the board as a representative of a community committee. The committee is not a village formed body but rather a group interested in the tax payments from Hobart to the Pulaski School District. She presented a survey that the committee would like to mail out and have returned to the village, and also asked for assistance in the mailing costs for the survey. Because this is not a village formed committee, Tim Carpenter said that the survey is not endorsed by the village, although he applauds the group for looking into the matters they have privately, the village can not take part in the survey or committee. The title of committee and name on survey implies that the village has given direction and authority over the committee; the board does not. Information gathered in the survey would not be retained in the Village Office. The committee is not reporting to anyone within the village or Board. The board cannot spend any taxpayer's money on non-village items. The information gathered by the committee would not be under any village control and there is information there that may be considered private and need to be protected. Phil Lehl said that the board couldn't use village position to do this. Joe Helfenberger asked if the information could not be asked for from the Pulaski Business Administrator ***Motion to deny use of Village name and public funds on the survey done by the ad hock committee by Phil Lehl, second by Debbie Scumacher; Motion Carried; none opposed.***
- ii. Road report for 2006 to Brown County Highway: This is the report for culvert repairs projects for the next year. The county bridge fund only is allowed to be used for culverts over 36-inches. There is one on Conrad that is a 72-inch culvert that needs immediate replacement. The rest of the culverts will be discussed at the May 16, 2006 meeting.
- ii. Boulanger Final Bill of \$919.73: ***Motion to pay this final bill and require a letter showing full and complete satisfaction once the check is delivered to the attorneys office by Phil Lehl, second by Ed Kazik; Motion Carried; none opposed.***
- iii. Ditching on East Chatham Drive: Drainage problem several years now and the solution would be a 24" culvert at Berkshire and Chatham and an 18" culvert at one of the driveways. This was done and now the ditch needs to be cleaned out and reseeded. Quote from K & T is \$650.00 for the total job. ***Motion to accept the bid from K & T to finish the project and better define the ditch area for the \$650.00 quote by Tim Carpenter, second by Debbie Scumacher; Motion Carried; none opposed.***
- iv. Road bids submitted for 2006 Street Construction: The road report and scoring that is done every years show that these roads submitted for improvements are some of the worst in the village. If the board approves everything that the Public Works Committee recommended for approval, it will leave very little if any money in the fund for the balance of the year. The board discussed using the one time payment for services money of \$100,000 from the Oneida Tribe for these road repairs. Two bids were submitted, one from MCC for \$178,150.35 and one from Northeast Asphalt for \$220,642.60. ***Motion to approve the***

recommendation to accept the bid by MCC for \$178,150.35 for Jonas, Edgar, shady and Luther by Phil Lehl, second by Debbie Scumacher; Motion Carried; none opposed.

- v. Elm Drive cul-de-sac: Public Works has discussed this turn around as well as the Plateau heighes turn around. There is a resident who has fallen several times on Elm and has asked to have the mail box at here driveway. In order to accomplish this the son has given the village the right of way for a cul-de-sac at no cost to the village. It has been recommended by PW to move money in the budget from the storm sewer budget to this area to install the improvement.
Motion to approve the budget transfer from storm sewer to the road construction budget to do the Elm Drive project this year and pave in spring of 2007 by Phil Lehl second by Ed Kazik; Motion Carried; none opposed.
- vi. Primary and Secondary pagers: The pagers are carried by public works and board members in rotation. The person carrying the pager determines if the plows go out all over the village or just spots and if salt is needed in certain areas or just the problem spots. Ed said he would take the pager the same week he is on for Brown County and then the rest of the schedule can be worked out with the other members.
- vii. Committee Compensation: Only certain committees are compensated. At this time it is the Board of Appeals, the Planning & Zoning Commission, Site Review and the Public Works Committee. The question facing the board is should the Public Works Committee be compensated. The Public Works Committee has no final powers. It is an advisory committee only. There are no fees charged by this committee for any reviews so any compensation comes from the general tax levy. The other boards and commission do charge a fee to the submitter that covers any costs for compensation. Table to the May 2, 2006 meeting

9. Motion to adjourn by Phil Lehl, second by Ed Kazik; Motion Carried; none opposed meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.