



MEETING MINUTES – VILLAGE BOARD (Regular)

Date/Time: Tuesday March 7th 2023 (6:00 P.M.)

Location: Village Office, 2990 South Pine Tree Road

ROUTINE ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:

1. Call to order/Roll Call - The meeting was called to order by Rich Heidel at 6:00 pm. Rich Heidel, David Dillenburg, Vanya Koepke, Tammy Zittlow and Tim Carpenter were present.
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda – ACTION: To certify the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda MOTION: Carpenter SECOND: Zittlow VOTE: 5-0
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PUBLIC HEARING - Implementing the GBMSD Local Annual Adjustment Policy and Establishing the 2023 Sewer Volume Rates – Heidel opened the public hearing at 6:03 PM. Administrator Kramer explained the proposed 1 percent (\$0.07 per 1,000 gallons) decrease in sewer volume rates, which would establish a new sewer volume rate of \$8.14 per 1,000 gallons effective immediately. No one from the public spoke. Heidel closed the public hearing at 6:07 PM.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2023-03 (A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING THE LOCAL ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT POLICY AND ESTABLISHING 2021 SEWER VOLUME RATES FOR THE HOBART SEWER UTILITY) – ACTION: To approve Resolution 2023-03 MOTION: Dillenburg SECOND: Koepke VOTE: 5-0

5. CONSENT AGENDA - A. Payment of Invoices; B. VILLAGE BOARD: Minutes of February 22nd 2023 - ACTION: To approve the Consent Agenda MOTION: Koepke SECOND: Dillenburg VOTE: 5-0

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Reanna Hansen (4720 Sol Court) asked the Board to review the current ordinance limiting the number of dogs on a parcel to allow for a waiver or some change in the number of limits. The Board asked staff to come to a future Board meeting with possible changes for them to consider.

A. PRESENTATION – Swearing in of Police Captain Brent Olson – Village Clerk-Treasurer Katrina Brucker administered the oath of office.

ACTION: To have a five-minute recess MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Dillenburg VOTE: 5-0

ACTION: To reconvene at 6:29 PM MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Dillenburg VOTE: 5-0

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

A. INFORMATION – 2022 Mill Rate Analysis and Comparison – Administrator Kramer presented the mill rate report. With the final number calculated for the 2022 tax bills, the Village's mill rate increased to \$3.86 (with an equalization ratio of 0.9462), an increase from the \$3.63 per \$1,000 mill rate last year. The owner of a \$150,000 home (equalized valuation) paid \$1,966 in Hobart (Pulaski School District) for the 2022 tax bills (compared to \$2,038 for the 2021 tax bills), and \$2,232 for a similar home in the West De Pere school district portion of Hobart (compared to \$2,464 for the 2021 tax bills). Hobart's mill rate has consistently remained below the average mill rate for the nine (9) villages in Brown County, is 31 percent below the countywide average mill rate (\$5.56), and is the third-lowest mill rate among the villages. No action was taken.

B. INFORMATION - 2022 Brown County Recycling Composition Report (Village of Hobart) – Kramer presented the recycling report. 712.35 tons of recycling material was collected in the Village in 2022, a slight decrease from the 2021 total (730.87 tons). The amount of paper recycled declined from 467.20 tons in 2021 to 468.49 tons in 2022; the collection of other recyclables (aluminum, steel, bimetal and plastic containers) declined as well from 263.77 tons to 243.86 tons in 2022. No action was taken.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS - None

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Establishment of an Updated Ambulance Service Agreement with County Rescue - Village staff and County Rescue will present a proposal under which County Rescue would cap the population of Hobart and establish fee stability in an updated Ambulance Service Agreement and seek Board direction on moving forward with the implementation of the proposal.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Occupancy of County Rescue in New Fire Station - Village staff and County Rescue will present a proposal under which County Rescue would provide credit towards the Ambulance Service Agreement upon occupancy of space in the new Fire Station on South Pine Tree Road for the purpose of staffing an ambulance on an increased basis in Hobart, and seek Board direction on moving forward with the implementation of the proposal. ACTION: To direct the staff to proceed with the negotiations with County Rescue on an updated Ambulance Service Agreement, with a credit component based on the location of an ambulance in the new Fire Station starting in 2024, and to bring back the specific proposals back to the Board for consideration MOTION: Koepke SECOND: Dillenburg VOTE: 5-0

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Agreement between Hobart-Lawrence Police Department and LexisNexis - This agreement has no budgetary impact, and is being requested and supported by Police Chief Renkas. ACTION: To approve the agreement between the Hobart-Lawrence Police Department and LexisNexis MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Carpenter VOTE: 5-0

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Removal of Baseball Fencing at Pine Tree and Four Seasons Parks - Under this proposal, the baseball fencing will be removed and stored at Four Seasons Park in anticipation of the construction of a new baseball field. The cost of the removal (\$9,000) is proposed to be paid out of the Park Fund. ACTION: To approve the proposal to remove the baseball fencing at Pine Tree and Four Seasons Parks at a cost of \$9,000 (Fortress Fencing), with the funds to come from the Fire Station bonding (\$5,100) and the Park and Recreation Fund (\$3,900) MOTION: Dillenburg SECOND: Zittlow VOTE: 5-0

E. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment – None

ACTION: To have a 10-minute recess prior to closed session MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Koepke VOTE: 5-0

F. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (7:35 PM) – ACTION: To go into closed session under 1) under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c): Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility RE: Personnel; 2) under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e): Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session RE: Sale of Property/TID Projects/Development Agreements, and 3) under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (g): Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. RE: Tribal Affairs Potential Litigation MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Koepke VOTE: 5-0

G. CONVENE into open session (8:16 PM) – MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Dillenburg VOTE: 5-0

H. ACTION from closed session – ACTION: To approve three (3) weeks vacation for Police Captain Brent Olson, prorated to his starting date of March 1st 2023, for the remainder of the year MOTION: Zittlow SECOND: Koepke VOTE: 5-0

12. ADJOURN (8:17 PM) – MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Carpenter VOTE: 5-0

Submitted by Aaron Kramer, Village Administrator