



VILLAGE OF HAMPTON, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
HAMPTON, ILLINOIS
July 26, 2021; 7:00 PM

BE IT REMEMBERED, THAT THERE CAME AND WAS HELD A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF HAMPTON, ILLINOIS at the VILLAGE HALL:

Members present:

President Bornhoeft
Trustee Mark White
Trustee Paula McKay
Trustee Matt King
Trustee Jeff Schneckloth
Trustee Steffanie Adams
Clerk Michelle Reyes
Attorney John Holmes
Chief of Police Ryan Tone
Fire/Rescue Chief Dave Johnson
Public Works Supervisor Scott McKay

Member's absent:

Trustee Ryan Gonzales

President Bornhoeft called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Clerk Reyes called the roll noting a quorum present and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Meeting was held at the Hampton Heritage Center.

Consideration and Approval of the minutes from the meeting July 12, 2021. Motion by Trustee Adams, second by Trustee McKay to approve the minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration and Approval of the payment of Bills. Motion by Trustee Adams, second by Trustee White. Discussion: Trustee White questioned bank card fees. Motion to approve the bills by roll call as follows: White, King, Schneckloth, McKay and Adams: "Aye" Motion passed.

Consideration and Approval of the Zoning Map. Clerk Reyes stated that the Zoning map we have on file is from 1998, Bi-State will upgrade the map and make it digital for the community. Motion to table by Trustee King second by Trustee Adams. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration and Approval of the MFT Project. Trustee White would like to move forward with IMEG's suggestion and resolution. Motion to pay using MFT Rebuild Illinois and the rest from MFT by Trustee White, second by Trustee Schneckloth. Motion to approve by roll call as follows: White, King, Schneckloth, McKay and Adams: "Aye" Motion passed.

Discussion regarding the Police Budget. President Bornhoeft started the discussion stating that the reason for the meeting was to discuss the budget. Hampton was contracted by Rapid City to provide police protection. With that being said Rapid City provide nearly 1/3 (one-third) of the police budget. So that became extremely important to our budget. As I sit here tonight I cannot help but think of the parallels that brought us to where we are today. A year ago Rapid City called a meeting to discuss concerns regarding the unmarked car, visibility with the residents, patrolling. On the surface it seems as though it was just an area of grievances. But it was taken a whole lot more serious, than it was, however, that is when hurt feelings, right or wrong, they decided to cancel our contract and go to county for protection. That is not the scenario that I want to see played out here. We are all working in good faith to keep this train on the tracks. So at budget time we approved a budget in the red, we are operating in a deficit. Legally every department head could spend what we approved, we do not want that. I have not asked for any cuts for the police budget, I have asked the chief to provide us with a plan, money wise that would be similar to the cost of what East Moline or County would charge. This is not what we want to do, however, I need to compare apples to apples, and obviously the home team has an advantage. But I need to know that in case we do go over budget and we need to go that route next year. I did speak to the RICo Sheriff, I did tell the chief that before anyone else so that we know where we stand if this whole unfolds. You will always get it from me straight. I did this so if we run into a problem down the road we have a plan B. Hope is not a plan B. There is no agreements or numbers on the table with County or EM Police. We are here to talk about a report we got from the treasurer, which has since amended. It is still enough of a red flag to call to our attention, are we heading into the right direction. I do not want to get into the end of the year and say whoops, looks like we're going to be further in debt than we were this year. So the numbers came out and it was enough to spark a conversation, frankly that is all this is a conversation. There is no desire to defund or disband this department. That is the type of rumors that, if anything brings it down it will be things like that. As far as I am concerned that was the contributing factor to what happened in Rapid City and I don't want that to happen here. We are working in good faith to keep this going and as it stands it is going. So I am going to get a group together that consists of Trustee Adams, myself and a few of you to overlook the finances and patrolling.

Acknowledgement of Visitors Who Desire to Address the Board. Resident "why did you pass a budget in the red?" Good question it has been that way since I have been on the board, President Bornhoeft answered. There is zero dollars in the road repair. Because there is no money. You will not see any road repair because the money is not there. Why did my taxes go down? Because the last board approved it. Resident – If we go to an outside agency, those officers will not know our residents like our department does. The village will lose all control.

I understand the budget thing and the red flag. The issue I have is Chief Tone was asked to revamp his budget. Then this red flag comes up and we are again trying to feel like we need

to bail out the village. I don't know that I would want to work go the village not knowing my future. We have to look outside to fix this problem how do we do that without just looking at the police department. I agree with you one hundred percent, President Bornhoeft stated, the mere fact that the response was they were all going to lose their jobs, in was an over stretch. As guardians of your tax dollars we should be able to bring up hey this doesn't look like it is going the right way without everyone thinking this is the end. That is counterproductive. Resident why doesn't Hampton grow? Trustee Adams stated that the problem is that the people that have the vacant homes and land for sale are asking a premium price. As long as they are paying taxes and not in violation we cannot force them to sell or develop. It is very expensive to begin a TIF district, we have a fiduciary responsibility to the residents to not spend \$50,000 in hopes that they will sell or build. In perspective we are running a fire department on next to nothing. Resident – isn't this a volunteer department? It is public safety that we have to have. Residents- We have East Moline and Silvis fire departments.

New Business and Committee Reports.

Streets and Alleys: nothing

Public Safety: Regarding laptop, Chief Tone will get with Platinum

Police Chief Report: Awards to Ofc. Patterson and Ofc. Frenell.

Fire Rescue Chief Report: Thank you for individuals in town for coming down to listen.

Finance: nothing

Administration, Insurance and Code Enforcement: Thank Eric for all his help with Hampton Days.

Village Clerk: Welcome Eric to the table.

Public Works: Currently have a job opening for Eric's position. I like seeing everyone come to meetings and being passionate. Thank you everyone

Supervisor Report: Storm sirens should be finished this week. Will be working on park, waiting on parts.

Parks and Heritage Center: Absent, locks will be installed this week. He would like to talk about sound panels and security cameras.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing

President's Report and Comments: President Bornhoeft talked to the owners of the restaurant again. They are telling us that they cannot find help. Regardless if it is open or not I want that area cleaned up. I want to thank the trustees, they are under pressure. I want to thank the police department they have been under pressure as well. You guys know my door is open. August 21st is Hampton Days. I would like to see

everyone there. We get together under pretentious situations, let's get together for fun. I want to thank the employees of the village.

There being no further regular business, it was motioned by Trustee Adams seconded by Trustee Schneckloth to adjourn from regular meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

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Michelle J. Reyes