



VILLAGE OF HAMPTON, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
HAMPTON, ILLINOIS
July 25, 2022; 6:30 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 Matt King
Trustee Jeff Schneckloth
Trustee Ryan Gonzalez
Trustee Steffanie Adams
Clerk Michelle Reyes
Chief of Police Ryan Tone
Fire Chief David Johnson
Public Works Supervisor Eric Toalson
Attorney John Holmes

Members absent: Trustee Mark White
Trustee Paula McKay

Others present: Officer Patterson, Pam Tone, Pam Goff, Courtney Elliott

President Bornhoeft called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Clerk Reyes called the roll noting a quorum present and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Meeting was held at the Village Hall.

Consideration and Approval of the minutes from the meeting July 11, 2022. Motion by Trustee Adams, second by Trustee Schneckloth. Trustee Adams noted that under new business Attorney Holmes the sentence was not finished. Attorney Holmes stated that we will have to send the bond to referendum soon. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration and Approval of the minutes from the committee meeting July 19, 2022. Motion by Trustee Adams, second by Trustee Gonzalez. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration and approval of payment of Bills. Motion by Trustee Adams, second by Trustee Gonzalez to approve the bills. Roll call as follows: King, Schneckloth, Gonzalez and Adams: "Aye". Motion approved.

Acknowledgement of Visitors Who Desire to Address the Board. No one addressed the board.

Consideration and Approval of the new contract with Conrad. Motion made by King for a five (5) year contract with a sixty (60) day cancelation, second by Trustee Schneckloth. Roll call as follows: King, Schneckloth, Gonzalez and Adams: "Aye". Motion approved.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval of AT&T generator site. Motion made by Trustee Adams to deny the placement, they need to redraw the plans, second by Trustee Gonzalez. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval for gas air monitors and testing equipment. Chief Johnson would like to purchase this equipment, it is in his budget. Motion by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Adams. Roll call as follows: King, Schneckloth, Gonzalez and Adams: "Aye". Motion approved.

Consideration and Approval of the new contract for the Heritage Center. Motion by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Adams. Trustee Gonzalez chaired a committee meeting to discuss the price change of the rentals at the Heritage Center and change the "bartender fee to bar services." Roll call as follows: King, Schneckloth, Gonzalez and Adams: "Aye". Motion approved.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval of the amount of the bond. Discussion by Trustee Adams regarding the new lists that were submitted by the department heads. After beginning with a wish list to a wants lists to a necessary list. The following departments are looking at Public Works \$221,632.19; Police Department \$120,000; Fire Department \$1,177,000 and Heritage Center approx. \$45,000; Motion to table by Trustee King, second by Trustee Schneckloth. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval of moving forward with the bond. Motion made by Trustee Adams to table, second by Trustee King. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval for a Veteran's Day luncheon. President Bornhoeft would like to do a luncheon recognizing our Veteran's. Motion to table by Trustee Adams and second by Trustee King until we are able to provide a list of veterans. Discussion to explore further. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS and Committee Reports.

Streets and Alleys: Trustee White absent; IDOT will continue to work on Route 84 where there is belief that an abandoned storm sewer exists.

Public Safety: Trustee McKay absent; Clerk mentioned the board should provide walking taco's for Hampton Days with proceeds benefiting Public Safety.

Police Chief Report: Chief Tone stated that Geneseo Communications can do the work to become compatible with Central Square, Platinum is already compatible. Officer Corporal Patterson was in attendance, President Bornhoeft gave recognition for nabbing a golf cart being illegally driven on bike path.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Johnson had nothing to report, will begin water training in 3 weeks.

Finance: Trustee Adams – submitted the final report for the siren grant to DECO. Would like Bi-State to come in with goal setting. Trustee Adams would like department heads to come up with numbers for bond.

Administration, Insurance and Code Enforcement: Trustee King stated he was trying to find out where the escrow money went. He asked a few months ago and was told they don't know where it is at. Trustee King stated "The last 2 treasurers Lage and Barber, would give a monthly report and it would show a \$1,000,000 in our checking account but actually it showed on the statement \$1.4 million. He doesn't know where the money is at. He stated "I don't know what to do to even begin to look, find out where it is. I know we switched a lot of computer software. I hope it is just an error." Clerk Reyes stated that "it was not there when she started, Trustee King stated it was. Clerk Reyes stated that a conversation arose due to a sink hole on 9th Street that was going to cost the Village \$95,000 to repair. Clerk Reyes asked what we do in this situation, when public works does not have the money and was told we could refinance the bond. The treasurer told the former clerk and myself that we should get enough to cover the payment for the water tower that was just painted in the amount of \$250,000 (approx.).

Trustee King stated that we need to get an outside agency to look into this, Clerk Reyes stated she asked for a forensic audit in 2017 when this was brought up about this escrow money. The board had Trustee VanDieren look into this matter, she found nothing. Clerk Reyes spoke with President Vershaw about the matter, as well as, the Village auditor, Kent Klauer. Trustee King said that the money in escrow went to pay the water tower. Clerk Reyes stated no, Public Works borrowed the money from the General Fund. President Bornhoeft stated that is what he understood to happen and why we got behind on everything. President Bornhoeft asked who the finance chair was in 2017, it was Trustee Adams. Trustee King stated that the treasurer supplied him with reports, which showed \$500,000 when the bank showed \$900,000, Trustee King would ask the treasurer why the difference and she would say "this money is allocated for escrow" and somehow that money is gone.

All accounts were merged into one General Operating Fund. The municipal software that we currently have has the ability to separate the funds and update where needed.

Clerk Reyes stated to Trustee King to get quotes for a forensic audit. President Bornhoeft asked why one was not done then, I stated the board had Trustee VanDieren go through the statements. Clerk Reyes stated that a forensic audit would answer all questions. Trustee Adams asked for a forensic audit 5 years ago and she was told no, too expensive.

Other discussion about Ordinance Violations – Officer Patterson asked how the board wanted to handle ordinance violations, as it seems willy nilly to him. There is current board members that are in violation of ordinances at this moment, so it has to be for everyone if we are going to do this to the town we are going to do it for everyone. We need to figure out the process on how we are going to handle this, i.e. email or village pass them out. Trustee King feels just to go with what the ordinances say. Officer Patterson asked do you want us to handle these or are you going to? President Bornhoeft said the Police Department should handle them. President Bornhoeft stated that if the police see it they can handle it. Trustee King stated if you do it for one you do it for all.

A meeting to discuss Code Enforcement will be held August 15, 2022 at the Village Hall.

Public Works: Trustee Schneckloth had nothing new to report, he will go out and look at the street light project this weekend.

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Toalson had nothing to report.

Parks and Heritage Center: Trustee Gonzalez had nothing to report.

Clerk: Clerk Reyes had nothing to report.

Village Attorney Report: Attorney Holmes he has a call into Grafton, waiting to hear back. Has notes for ordinances.

President's Report and Comments: President Bornhoeft stated that he would like to welcome Pastor Mark Graham, he was here in the 1980's, he is back and the attendance has doubled at the United Methodist Church. Also, Mississippi Birdie is open Saturday and Sunday, I would like to welcome them to town. Hampton Days is September 9th and 10th.

Trustee King motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Adams. Motion passed by unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:08 PM.

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Michelle Reyes, Clerk