



VILLAGE OF HAMPTON, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
HAMPTON, ILLINOIS
November 28, 2023; 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 White
Trustee Rich Smice
Trustee Jeff Schneckloth
Trustee Ryan Gonzalez
Trustee Steffanie Adams
Police Chief Ryan Tone
Public Works Supervisor Eric Toalson

Members absent:

Trustee Paula McKay
Clerk Michelle Reyes
Fire Chief David Johnson

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

Consideration and Approval of the minutes from the meeting of November 15, 2023. Motion by Trustee Adams, second by Trustee Gonzalez to approve. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. "Aye".

Consideration and approval of payment of Bills. Motion by Trustee Adams, second by Trustee Gonzalez to approve the bills. Trustee Adams stated that she did not possess a copy of the credit card statement and advised all Trustees to keep their expenses to a minimum. Roll call as follows: White, Smice, Schneckloth, Gonzalez and Adams: "Aye". Motion approved.

Acknowledgement of Visitors who wish to address the board. No visitors addressed the board.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval of the Employee Christmas Party. Motion to table by Trustee Adams, "Aye". Motion approved.

Discussion. Consideration and Approval of the Tax Levy. President Bornhoeft stated that quotes were e-mailed to all members of the Board. President Bornhoeft voiced that in his opinion a 5% increase was too high and suggested 4.97%. Trustee Adams stated that if an amount was below 5%, a public hearing would not be necessary. Thus the reason for the 4.97% amount. The 6.60% quote is

based on anticipated expenses for the next tax revenue. The 4.97% number is keeping it just under the 5% threshold but the more accurate number that represents what would basically be needed to cover expenses would be the 6.60%. Trustee Adams sent a message to the Clerk to determine whether there needed to be a vote the night of said meeting but was unsure of Clerk's availability. President Bornhoeft stated he would like to keep it as low as possible after the expense of the Referendum. Trustee Adams stated that 6.60% is necessary. Trustee Adams stated being at under 5% for so long has in part contributed to the position The Village is in. President Bornhoeft stated that if possible he would like 4.97% and additional smaller increments each year instead of 6.60%. Trustee Adams stated each year the 6.60% is not implemented, puts The Village behind. Taxes do not begin to cover the needed amount. Every year that the Village's needs are not covered puts The Village behind. Things are becoming more and more expensive and The Village is not recouping any of that. It appears that The Village is going to be operating in the red for this year. The levy is to be applied next year but will not be received until 2025. We have undertaxed for a very long time. It has to be voted on today if it is over the 5%. A public hearing will need to be scheduled before the end of the year. President Bornhoeft asked if it was possible that Clerk Reyes could input more information than what Trustee Adams has given. Trustee Adams stated that the Clerk had discussed with said Trustee information regarding the 6.60%. Numbers came from the Treasurer with projections from IML and is realistically where we need to be. President Bornhoeft stated a meeting is to be held the 26th of December. President Bornhoeft stated he was not in favor of a 6.60% jump. Due to prior decisions made by prior Boards, he believes there needs to be reservations in radical increases. Trustee Adams stated that if the board was not in favor of voting for the 6.60% tonight, the Board would have to go with the 4.97% due to having to be published for a public hearing. There will not be time to do that if waiting for the next meeting. President Bornhoeft recommended 4.97%. Trustee White stated that if The Village is going to be able to keep on top of things, he believed there was a need to go with the 6.60%. Trustee Gonzalez believes a higher rate is also needed. Trustee Smice in agreement. Trustee Smice made a motion to go with 5.7% for the Tax Levy and Second Motion by Trustee Gonzalez. Roll call, Smice, yes, Gonzalez, yes, White yes, Schneckloth yes, Adams no.

Consideration and Approval of Ordinance 2023-11 Amending 4.8.6 4-way stop. Trustee Adams states the stops signs at 4th street and 3rd avenue by the school will be have a 4 way stop. Instead of having 4th street go straight through, there will be another sign. Motion to approve by Trustee Smice and Second by Trustee Gonzalez. Roll call as follows: White, Smice, Schneckloth, Gonzalez, and Adams: "Aye". Motion approved.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval of Fire Fighter Air packs. President Bornhoeft stated that Chief Johnson had a discussion with him and President went to Fire Station while testing air packs. There was corrosion on many of the air packs. Warranty does not cover corrosion. The original subtotal was \$216,000, closer to \$198, 000. There is a 15-year warranty. This is the lowest price. Jake discussed details of the packs. These air packs have had no known issues with corrosion. Excellent company warranty. Trustee Smice and Trustee Adams asked that guarantee be in writing. Trustee Adams Motion to approve quote 017886 not to exceed 200, 000 for the MSA air packs from Sandry. Second by

Trustee White. Roll call as follows: Adams, White, Smice, Schneckloth and Gonzalez : "Aye". Motion approved.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval of purchasing a New Rescue Truck. President Bornhoeft presents a quote from Courtesy for a new Ford F350 Aluminum Truck of \$54,152.00. The quote was lower than anticipated. The quote for the outfitting is approximately \$18,000. Courtesy stated March or April for availability. Firefighter Jacob Culver discussed details of the truck with members of the Board. Trustee Adams states that total for the Rescue Truck would be around \$75,000. Trustee Adams makes a Motion to approve the purchase of the Rescue Truck from Courtesy Ford and Equipment added not to exceed \$75,000. Second by Trustee Smice. Roll call as follows: White, Smice, Schneckloth and Gonzalez: "Aye". Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS and Committee Reports.

Streets and Alleys: Trustee McKay absent. Supervisor Toalson stated that the streets had been salted. Email sent to Village regarding road conditions and it was determined that it was a County Road.

Public Safety: Trustee White stated no report.

Police Chief Report: Chief Tone stated that he had done activity report on the month of October. Shared that there were 87 calls between Hampton and Sheriff's department for service. About 50/50. Village Police are 5 minutes away and Sherriff's department are 13. That is pretty impressive considering they are covering the whole county. The future reports should show improvement. For example, two weeks ago county had two calls and last week one call.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Johnson absent. Firefighter Jacob Culver was available to answer questions.

Finance: Trustee Adams stated to continue to watch numbers and discuss with Clerk any changes

Administration, Insurance and Code Enforcement: Trustee Smice, nothing to report

Public Works: Trustee Schneckloth gave a friendly reminder to residents to be mindful of parking.

Supervisor Report: Trustee Smice asked for update on the tree on 6th street. Supervisor Toalson stated that he is waiting to hear from the tree company.

Parks and Heritage Center: Trustee Gonzalez stated floors are installed at The Heritage. Some repairs need to be done. Drain in the kitchen has some issues. Supervisor Toalson stated that all drain issues have been fixed. Painting the ceiling in the future. Rates are good. Thanks to our Public Works for working on the floors after mishap with renters.

Clerk: Clerk Reyes was absent.

President's Report and Comments: President Bornhoeft stated he met with State Representative and attended Mayor's round table. Nothing groundbreaking to report on any upcoming legislation. Stated had not been in a huge rush to get a quote for our sign. Money has been approved. Supervisor Toalson stated that the State would need to be contacted as it is a state right-of-way to make sure it is permissible. Sign will probably will be in the Spring. Supervisor Toalson will be putting Christmas lights on the pump house.

Being no further business, motion by Trustee Adams to adjourn and go into Closed Session to discuss personnel. Second by Trustee Smice. Motion approved by unanimous "Aye" vote. Motion carried. The Board adjourned at 7:17 PM

VILLAGE OF HAMPTON

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle Reyes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michelle" and last name "Reyes" clearly distinguishable.

Michelle Reyes, Clerk