

President Jim Schmidt called the regular Board Meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Roll Call – Loose, Schrubbe, Roehrig, Nolan, Keuler, Starfeld and Schmidt. Others present were Dennis DuPrey, Kim Plate, Ed Byrne, Mike Loose and Dan O'Connell (Cedar Corporation).

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Citizen Questions and Concerns to be acted on at the next Board Meeting – Schmidt discussed the letter that the Village received from a concerned citizen. This letter was in regards to no flags being up on Main Street on 9/11. Plate stated that they have a list of days when the flags are to be up and September 11th was not included on that list. He stated that if it's okay with the Board he would gladly add that day. Schrubbe stated that it definitely should be added. The letter was written ominously but Keuler wanted to make sure the resident knows that his/her input was appreciated and he is thankful that it was brought to the attention of the Board. The flags will be on hung on Main Street on September 11th going forward.

Announcements – 2022 Budgets – Committees should start meeting so that all budget information is turned in no later than 9/30/21.

Minutes – Action – to approve the Board Meeting minutes as presented with the change on page 6 correcting the resident's name from Dylan Breit to Dylan Beil – motion: Schrubbe; second: Roehrig; carried. The Fire Department minutes were presented to the Board – Action – to accept the Fire Department's minutes and place them on file – motion: Starfeld; second: Keuler; carried. The First Responder were presented to the Board – Action – to accept the First Responder's minutes and place them on file – motion: Schrubbe; second: Loose; carried.

Treasurer's Report for the Village of Hilbert - balances – (\$804,456.98) General fund; \$956,033.47 Sewer fund; \$171,437.63 Water fund; \$1.00 DOA Block Grant fund; \$113,742.13 TID #1 fund; \$1,115,177.52 T-Plus fund; \$39,301.19 First Responder fund; (\$287,116.41) TID #2 fund; \$752,037.23 Capital Improvements fund. Action – to approve the treasurer's report as presented – motion: Schrubbe; second: Roehrig; carried. The Fire Department treasurer's report was presented to the Board. Action – to approve the Fire Department treasurer's report as presented – motion: Starfeld; second: Roehrig; carried. The First Responder treasurer's report was present to the Board. Action – to approve the First Responder treasurer's report as presented – motion: Schrubbe, second: Nolan; carried.

Claims – examined and discussed. Keuler stated that he would like to address the invoice submitted by Public Works employee Mark Fochs. Schmidt explained that he discussed the invoice with Fochs and that they went over the items and the price was reduced from \$656 to \$561. Keuler stated he still doesn't understand why we are renting tools and getting supplies from Fochs. It just doesn't make sense to him and this is not the way to operate. He doesn't agree with this. Fochs stated that it all started when the office charged him \$61.80 for using the chipper after hours for his own use. He then decided to hand in the invoice to bill the Village for items that he let them use and supplies that he had on hand at his house. He stated that if he never would have received a bill for the wood chipper, then he would have not turned one in either. Keuler stated that you can't do a tit for tat. Fochs stated well we didn't have the equipment here so he got it from his house. Schmidt started to review each individual item and Schrubbe suggested that they look at the invoice as a whole because otherwise they'd be here forever. One of the main charges was for the rental of a lawnmower lift. Keuler questioned why do we need the lift when one was never needed before? Fochs says it's a much safer way to sharpen the blades because it makes sure that the mower is secured while being worked on. Charlie always told him to put it on jacks and sharpen the blades that way; he stated he won't do it that way; he's going to do it the right way. Starfeld suggested using the payloader/tractor to lift the mower with a chain and then putting blocks underneath it. Nolan suggested just to buy the equipment which is needed. Keuler and Starfeld both had concerns about safety and what if the lift failed or something; who would be responsible then, the Village or Fochs? These are things that should have been questioned prior to using the lift. Schrubbe stated that as far as paying the bill; how could we not? The items were rented and/or used. These are expenses that were incurred. Schrubbe stated that it's like giving someone a ball but telling them not to play with it. You can't charge rent and then expect not to have to pay rent. Starfeld reminded the Board that some of these things listed on the invoice were from 3 years ago. Schrubbe responded so what? Keuler repeated that we can not continue to operate like this. Starfeld stated that for example, the scaffolding rental price, that maybe we could have rented it cheaper than what Fochs charged. Schrubbe stated maybe but we didn't. Starfeld stated because we didn't get that choice. Schrubbe agreed with this. Schmidt reminded everyone that we need to make a decision regarding the invoice and move forward from here. Loose said what bothers her is that the equipment rental has always been in place and Fochs was aware of it and knew that it shouldn't be used during non-working hours. She didn't agree with the invoicing of the Village just because he got invoiced for the wood chipper. Starfeld stated that it happened and we have to deal with. He said screw it, pay it and move on. Keuler doesn't agree with paying it. Schrubbe stated that if we agree to pay it then we don't need a separate motion. Keuler stated that this best not happen again in the future; it can't. Schmidt said we need more guidelines in the future and maybe this is something the committee may want to look at. Schmidt stated that he had one more question regarding the claims report. His question was in regards to the jettter attachment that was ordered. He was wondering if that should have come before the Board for approval? It was approximately \$500 dollars. Plate explained what the attachment was and why it was needed. Keuler stated that the attachment is definitely a necessity. Starfeld stated that stuff is usually approved. Kueuler questioned what is Plate's

limit for purchasing? Plate said that according to the handbook for his position it is \$1,000. Nolan stated that makes sense because he shouldn't have to wait until each Board meeting to be able to order something. Schmidt asked whether this should have been approved prior or not? Nolan stated that no because it falls under that \$1,000 amount. Schmidt said just so we all are in agreement and know the guidelines. Action – to pay all claims presented; except for the one discussed that was tabled – motion: Schrubbe; second: Roehrig; carried.

Correspondence – There was no MEG Newsletter presented to the Board. There was no Boardman & Clark Newsletter presented to the Board. The Calumet County Focus on Calumet Newsletters were presented to the Board for their information. The Notice of January 1, 2021 estimated population for the Village was presented to the Board for their information. The Notice of air pollution control permit revision reviews regarding Hickory Meadows Landfill was presented to the Board for their information. This was a notice of a public hearing regarding the land fill on Schneider Rd.

Reports - The report of labor hours was presented to the Board for their information. The report on building permits was presented to the Board for their information. The report of 2020 County Sales Tax Collection for Calumet County was presented to the Board for their information. DuPrey stated that the report shows that the County collected \$11 million in sales tax and then the report breaks down where it was spent. The Notice of 2022 Estimated Personal Property Tax Aid – Real Estate in the amount of \$4,069.98 was presented to the Board for their information. The Notice of 2022 Estimated Personal Property Tax Aid – Tid #2 in the amount of \$1,246.53 was presented to the Board for their information. The Notice of Receipt of the Quarterly Cable TV Franchise Fees in the amount of \$1,672.45 was presented to the Board for their information.

Unfinished Business:

2021 Projects – nothing new.

Recycling/Rubbish – DuPrey stated that no report was provided once again. This is the second month.

Discussion and possible action on how to dispose of the mulch pile at the compost site – Plate informed the Board that the mulch pile at the compost site is huge. He was wondering if it could be advertised as free – not only to the residents but also to non-residents. We could put something out on social media and see what the response is. It was suggested to check with other municipalities to see if they are in need of any. Plate was wondering if there would be a charge to load the mulch for people? Schrubbe and Keuler stated that if it is a dump truck full then maybe there shouldn't be a fee. DuPrey disagreed and replied that the rate schedule fee should be followed for residents/non-residents. Nolan mentioned offering it to the school district for the trails in the woods. Starfeld mentioned just burning instead of mulching the branches since mulching takes a lot of extra time and we have so much already. It could be burned out by the sewer plant; but it was decided this was not the best option. The Board decided to put the information on social media and see if there's any takers. No formal action needed. Update on the issues with the contract with Waste Management - DuPrey stated the notice regarding the cancellation of the contract was sent to Waste Management; so now we wait and see what their response is from that. He has a proposed contract from another vendor on hand in case we terminate the contract with Waste Management.

Police Protection for the Village – The report was presented to the Board for their information.

Fire Department – Chief Loose stated that there were 5 calls since the last Board meeting. Right now, he said the department is working on budgeting and equipment. The gun raffle will be coming up again soon and they are getting the tickets made. He also said the they will be involved again with the Annual Pub Crawl taking place on October 9th. Discussion and possible action regarding the request to conduct a control burn within the Village limits – It is noted that Board member, Anita Loose, will abstain from the vote and discussion because it involves her property. Chief Loose explained that he is looking to do a control burn on his agriculture property. Once the dredging in that area was complete, they had a lot of small trees and brush. He will follow the guidelines and have a truck and firefighters on hand when the event happens. Action – to approve Chief Loose to do the control burn within the Village limits as described – motion: Roehrig; second: Keuler; carried.

TID District(s) – nothing new.

Wastewater Treatment Plant – nothing new.

Well #4 – Update on the implementation of the new water rates – DuPrey stated that the first letter has been sent out and the feedback seems positive. The 2nd reminder letter will be going out next week. DuPrey stated that there will changes that need to be made in the utility billing program because of the changes coming up with the monthly reading/monthly billing. He reminded the Board again that we will work with residents and will be flexible regarding payments. Update on the Project – Plate stated that the DNR are reviewing the plans now and are asking questions to Robert E. Lee regarding the iron removal system. Well #4 has been chlorinated. Doing it every 6 months to stay ahead of it has seemed to be working well. Keuler asked if there was any additional testing that needed to be done after the process? Plate stated that a safe sample was taken in today and one more will be taken. The DNR was notified that the process is being done.

Village Meadows Subdivision – Mail Delivery – nothing new. Subdivision Improvements – nothing new. Issues with elevation on houses – Plate stated that after the last meeting he had met with Poye and told him that the swale needs to be in. At first, Poye stated that he never received any plans showing this but later said he actually did have the plans. Within a week, Kempen took care of it. Kempen will also take

care of the sump pump. The neighboring property has now seeded his lot so Plate is assuming they must be fine with the changes. Discussion and possible request to level ground and plant grass on Outlet #1 – This lot is the first lot on the northside of the road; it has a triangular shape. It won't be developed. Plate stated that the cost for J&E Construction to level the ground was quoted at not to exceed \$2,000. The price for Nett Landscaping to plant grass would be \$1,350. Nolan stated that it would look nice to have it all leveled and planted. Starfeld asked where the money would be coming from? DuPrey stated that it would have to come from fund balance. Action – to approve the request to level the ground and plant grass on Outlet #1 as described; not to exceed \$3,350. – motion: Nolan; second: Schrubbe; carried by majority vote. Phase II Development – Engineers are working on the final plat which involves incorporating the area for mail boxes.

Fochs Trails Subdivision – Schrubbe reported that the curb and gutter are completed. Starfeld stated that yes Fochs did that himself.

Former Bel Brands Property – Update on the Project – Dan from Cedar Corporation updated the Board on the project. Just prior to tonight's Board Meeting, the contractor hit a live gas line. They heard the gas releasing into the air as soon as the line was hit. WPS and the Fire Department were dispatched. A few homeowners were evacuated until the area was deemed safe. Chief Loose stated that he can not understand how you can get this far in a project and not know there is an active gas line/meter. He also stated that WPS were the first ones notified by the contractor and then WPS notified the fire department. He felt that the department should have been contacted sooner. Dan said that the contractors have an emergency procedure to follow and the first on the list is to call WPS on an emergency line. WPS responded quickly; within 15 minutes. It was asked who was at fault regarding the line? Dan stated the contractor should know which lines are active and nonactive. In fact, every morning there is a meeting and it is discussed which lines are active and not active; but somehow the active line got hit. It is unclear why WPS didn't shut the gas line off farther down than just to the meter to begin with. Dan stated besides this incident everything has been progressing well. There was additional asbestos found in the refrigerator room and one office. There were double walls and when one came down, they found additional asbestos on the interior wall. To get rid of this, it added 5 days onto the project. However, there was no way to predict this and over-all 90% of the asbestos has been removed already. Chief Loose asked if there was a contingency built into the project? DuPrey stated that yes, he believes there is. Payment Requests – Payment request #1 in the amount of \$51,300 payable to MRD Group, Inc. DuPrey said there is also engineering bills in the amount of \$50,390.69. He also would like to get approval on the draw request for the Block Grant funds. Action – to approve the payment request #1, the engineering bills and the draw request for the Block Grant funds – motion: Starfeld; second: Nolan; carried. Change Orders – none.

Hilbert Housing Authority – Update on the progress of the sale of property – DuPrey stated that things are progressing. There have been a few hurdles to deal with and the closing will probably get delayed. He found out that we must advertise for bids and get 3 appraisals. The sale must go to the highest bidder. It will be advertised in the Brillion News this week and next week. Keuler questioned why we didn't know this sooner so we could have it done already? Nolan asked shouldn't our realtor have known this? It is a long process and we are finding things out as we go. DuPrey stated he just wants to be sure everything is done correctly so there are no questions or problems when everything is completed. He has been talking with Troy Schneider, attorney at Twohig, because Troy has been thru this type of transaction before. Troy has given us this additional information of what must be done. Once the sale is closed, proceeds will be distributed as the federal law requires. If there are no requirements, then the proceeds will then go to the Village. Discussion and possible action on appointing an appraisal board for the sale of the property – Recommended by Schneider are Ken Thiel, Mike Locke, Rich Ramminger. Action – to appoint the appraisal board for the sales of the property as recommended – motion: Starfeld; second: Schrubbe; carried. Discussion and possible action on the process to terminate the Housing Authority – no action required at this time.

2020 Census – Updated census numbers for Calumet County including the Village of Hilbert – DuPrey stated that the increase of residents for Hilbert since the last census in 2010 was 116. Total population going from 1,132 to 1,248; an increase of 10.35%. This does not include the new subdivision since it was not plotted out at that time. County-wide there was an increase of 7.99%.

Redistricting – Update on the process and timeline – DuPrey stated that the goal is to keep the Village under one supervisory district. Some changes will have to be made in the wards in order to keep our 2 wards as equal in residents as possible. They do not like to see one ward have an excess of residents compared to the other ward. DuPrey has been reviewing this and has come up with a few ways to best divide the wards once the time arrives.

Discussion and possible action regarding possible zoning code violation – DuPrey stated that he did not have time to work on this yet so there was no update.

COVID-19 – Discussion and possible action regarding Employee Village Policy on COVID-19 – This discussion was concerning whether a policy for the Village employees should be in effect. Schmidt stated that he knows this is a hot subject so he had the office reach out to other municipalities to see how they are handling it. Some have policies and some do not. Schmidt stated that we have already run into the situation where one employee had COVID and we need to decide if we want a policy or not. Should this go to the Health Board or the Emergency Management Director? The example policy that was included

in the Board member's packets shows the following of the CDC guidelines. Nolan stated that's hard because the guidelines basically change on a daily basis. Schmidt stated that he believes that each employee has the right to decide if they want the shot or not, but; how are we going to handle it if someone tests positive? Nolan says the policy should refer to the County because they dictate the steps to follow. Keuler stated that the County policy is that you have to get the shot. Nolan stated that no the County's policy is if you test positive you have to quarantine. Keuler stated that anyone that works at the courthouse has to get the shot. Schrubbe stated either that or get tested weekly. Nolan stated that's a federal mandate and those are federal employees. Nolan stated for example if someone here, let's say Dennis, gets sick he would have to stay home. He wouldn't be able to come to work. Starfeld stated how do you know he has COVID? Nolan said well, if he was tested and was the test was positive. Starfeld said how do you if it's positive? Let's say he doesn't want to get tested for it? Starfeld stated just because he's sick doesn't mean he automatically has COVID. Loose questioned isn't the issue is that if someone is sick do we force them to have a COVID test or not? There was then discussion on the cost of getting tested and what does insurance cover or is it free, etc. Starfeld stated if someone is sick then why can't they just be sick? Nolan stated that you can but if you have all the symptoms of COVID – Starfeld interrupted and stated which are almost identical to the symptoms of the flu- Nolan continued and said if you are showing the symptoms, you should get tested for the safety of your own health and your loved ones and you should stay home. If you're negative and when you feel better you come back to work; if you are positive then you quarantine. Keuler stated that if an employee is tested positive does he/she have to use his/her sick leave then? Nolan stated she did not know. Kieso stated that she was actually the employee with COVID and yes, she had to use her sick days to be paid; which she was fine with because she was sick. Loose asked do we have a responsibility to have a policy because residents are coming into contact with our employees? Kieso stated that she is fully vaccinated and she still ended up with a horrible case of it. Schmidt questioned do we want to go down this road and have one of the committees look at it or not? Or leave it up to the individuals? That's what we need to decide now and move on. Schrubbe stated that his concern is that all of a sudden CDC guidelines change and dictate that either you have to have the shot or you have to be tested weekly; and he doesn't want to agree to that then if that's the case. He said honestly, he thinks it needs to go to committee. Kueler suggested doing it case by case. Schmidt said if you do that then you need to know who's going to make that decision. Kieso stated that as an employee she thinks one of the concerns is that if one of them calls in sick with a migraine or stomachache, they shouldn't have to be tested to come back the next day. Keuler stated well we can't force you to get tested. Kieso stated that's what should be made clear then. Starfeld's opinion was that we shouldn't do a policy. Roehrig suggested sending it to committee and let the discussion continue. He stated that he feels like the Board has a responsibility to look into it a little more and so be it. Schmidt stated that at this time it will be sent off to committee and have a little more research done. No action taken.

Park Bathroom Project – No update.

Lead Service Lines in the Village – Plate stated that 9 letters were sent out to residents requesting access to check for lead lines. The residents chosen were the ones that were having street work done near their residences. Out of the 9 letters; only 4 replied. 1 out of the 4 were lead. Keuler wanted to know if it was an option for Plate to follow up with those who did not respond? Plate and Fochs stated sure but three of them are in this room. Keuler stated that he has lead. He stated he never got a letter. Roehrig stated that he thought someone was going to contact him to set up a time. He didn't realize he was supposed to call. Nolan asked if she got sent a letter? She did not. Plate stated that he is being pushed to get 200 residences done by the end of the year. Keuler stated well we won't be the only municipality that won't get that done. Starfeld questioned can't we send those letters out certified to make sure people receive them? DuPrey said yes at about \$7 each. Plate will follow-up and go from there.

New Business:

Application for Operator's license – Action – to approve the operator's license for Leah Bechtel – motion: Schrubbe; second: Starfeld; carried. Classes/Seminars/Schooling for Employees – none. Reports on schooling/training sessions – none. Discussion and action regarding approving raise for earned certification – DuPrey stated that Matt Eichhorst has passed his suspended solid certification on August 30th; which entitles him to the increase in his hourly wage as per the employee handbook. This would need to be back dated to August 30th. Action – to approve the pay increase for the earned certification as of August 30th – motion: Schrubbe; second: Keuler; carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2021-07 Rail Safety Proclamation – DuPrey explained that this resolution is to promote rail safety week at the end of September. Action – to approve Resolution 2021-07 Rail Safety Proclamation as presented – motion: Schrubbe; second: Roehrig; carried. Roll Call Vote – yes: Loose, Schrubbe, Roehrig, Nolan, Starfeld, Schmidt, carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the request to spray the bedliner of the new pick-up truck – Plate presented the Board with 2 quotes from CK Automotive, LLC. The first one was for a Ford F250, long bed (8 ft.) – standard thickness liner at \$850. The second one was for a Ford F250, long bed (8 ft.) – commercial thickness liner at \$1,100. Plate stated that the he thinks the standard thickness liner would be fine. Action – to approve the request for the standard thickness bedliner at the cost of \$850 – motion: Starfeld; second: Keuler; carried.

Village Board Member Informational Report – Schrubbe stated that he had some residents complaining

about the garbage on Main St. by the Morales Rentals. They have items that they placed there marked "free". DuPrey stated that there are other residents who do this also. Schrubbe stated that it's an eyesore. Starfeld stated that it's actually cleaned up a bit but it's still bad. Starfeld stated that it should be sent to committee to be discussed during the budget meeting since it can't be acted on tonight. Schrubbe stated that he just wanted to bring it to the Board's attention.

Village Personnel Informational Report – Nothing to report. Plate informed the Board that he has to leave and run up to Bel Brands for an emergency locate and should be back within about 10 minutes.

President's Report – Schmidt reminded the Board to stay after the meeting to set up budget meetings. He also informed the Board that he got called out to Kevin Plate's property on Memorial Day to look at the ditch issue. He wants to know what the plan is to correct it. He stated that this has been going on since he's become President and nothing has been done to correct it. Starfeld, the head of the Street Committee, stated that he didn't know what should be done yet. We don't own that property. However, the stones were put in place by the Village. Starfeld stated that Charlie Fochs had them put the stone in and it was done wrong. The larger stones were put higher than the smaller stones and it should have been the other way around. Now the erosion is just getting worse. Starfeld stated that Kevin probably lost 5 feet of property from the erosion. Starfeld stated that we need to fix it correctly but we don't know when that's going to happen. Schmidt said we keep saying that, but we need to get it taken care of. Every time it's addressed, nothing has been done. How do we get to the point where we know what we are going to do to correct this issue? Starfeld stated well we probably don't have \$30k to fix it right now. Schmidt asked if he knew that's how much it is going to take? Starfeld stated that he bets that would be close. Schmidt asked what's the next step then? Starfeld stated getting Jared from Robert E. Lee involved to check it out. Schmidt questioned, so then we want Plate to get a hold of Jared? Starfeld stated that he doesn't think it needs to be engineered and everything. The stone just needs to be replaced. He doesn't understand how we could not know that the creek wasn't Village property. Keuler stated that boat has long sailed and now we know. Schmidt said we have to go forward from this point. Starfeld stated we still need to get a letter out to get permission from Plate to go on the property. Schmidt stated that won't be a problem. Kevin just wants it taken care. Plate stated that we first need a plan and then a permit. Where do we draw the line when it's the Village's responsibility versus the property owners? Nolan questioned. She stated it seems like they want the Village to take care of it if there's a problem and if we take care of it too much (like with the weeds) then we are at fault? Starfeld stated that if we would have known that it wasn't our property, we never would have done anything there. Starfeld stated that we now have to put it back the way it was since we messed with it in the first place. Loose said pretty soon other properties are going to have the same problems. Where does it stop? Keuler stated that it doesn't go all the way to the south though, correct? He was informed yes it does, it goes all the way to the bridge. Keuler asked whether that was all falling in? He was told no, just the part by Kevin Plate. DuPrey stated we just need to get it fixed and move on. Keuler replied how do we move on? Keuler asked how are we going to pay for it? Starfeld then told DuPrey to take care of it then if he has all the answers. Keuler commented to DuPrey that if it's so easy to fix; then you fix it. Just fix it. DuPrey stated it's not his call to fix it. Starfeld asked what do you think we've been trying to do for the last few months? Schrubbe asked if we could get Jannette into look at it? That way we are not just treading water we are progressing. Plate stated that he could probably get J&E Construction because they've been good at coming out and giving estimates whereas Jannette just doesn't seem to have the time. Schrubbe stated that he didn't care either way who was brought in for the estimate. Starfeld stated that we should use the same stuff that we used at the subdivision. Nolan stated that we should contact Jared to make sure it's done right. It was decided to get both J&E Construction and Jared out there to see what both their opinions are. Plate will contact them both. Schmidt then stated that if it works for everyone, he would like to change the November Board Meeting from the 9th to the 16th. He will be out of town on the 9th. That seemed to work out for everyone.

The Village Board then convened into closed session under S.19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Action – to convene into closed session – motion: Roehrig; second: Starfeld; Roll Call Vote – yes: Loose, Schrubbe, Roehrig, Nolan, Keuler, Starfeld, Schmidt; carried.

The Board then reconvened back into open session. Action – to reconvene back into open session – motion: Keuler; second: Loose; Roll Call Vote – yes: Loose, Schrubbe, Roehrig, Nolan, Keuler, Starfeld, Schmidt, carried.

There was no action taken from the closed session.

Adjournment – Action – to adjourn – motion: Roehrig; second: Schrubbe; carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Missy Kieso

Missy Kieso, Deputy Clerk Treasurer

President Jim Schmidt called the special Board Meeting to order at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021.

Roll Call – Loose, Schrubbe, Roehrig, Starfeld and Schmidt. Keuler and Nolan were not present. Others present were Dennis DuPrey, Kim Plate, Ed Byrne and Wayne Becker (GFL).

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Citizen Questions and Concerns to be acted on at the next Board Meeting – DuPrey asked the Board members if they would be willing to change the Board meeting in October to either the 11th or 13th? It was decided that October 13, 2021 would work best for everyone. Plate also mentioned that he would like to thank Todd & Jennifer Konen (River of Hope) for their donation of 37 garbage cans with lids to the Civic Park. It was greatly appreciated.

Announcements – none.

President's Report – none.

Unfinished Business:

Recycling/Rubbish – Discussion and possible action regarding Mutual Agreement to Terminate Services with Waste Management – DuPrey explained that he received a reply from Waste Management in regards to the letter of notice of violation of contract that the Village had sent. They basically stated that they were not in violation due to the fact that the original contract was with Advanced Disposal. They did, however, offer a mutual termination of the contract as of either September 30th or October 31st. The Village would maintain ownership of the containers. DuPrey explained to the Board that he has another contract for them to review from a different vendor during this meeting. Action – to agree to the mutual agreement to terminate services with Waste Management effective October 1, 2021 – motion:

Schrubbe; second: Roehrig; carried. Discussion and possible action regarding the contract proposal from GFL for garbage and recycling collection and disposal services – DuPrey stated that he had been talking with GFL and they would be able to take over the garbage and recycling collection and disposal services starting October 1st. He presented the Board with a 10-year contract. It stated that recycling would go from once per month to bi-weekly; with a start date of October 8th for the recycling. This is at no additional charges. This is something that residents have been interested in and requesting for quite some time now. GFL will be hiring a company to drop off all new garbage cans (one size only – 90/95 gallons) and new recycling cans to the residents in the future; however; residents can use their current containers for now. Once the new ones are dispersed, it will be up to the Village to collect the old containers and place at one location for GFL to pick-up. All residents will start with 1 garbage can and 1 recycle can. DuPrey stated one of the best benefits would be dealing with all local people again. They have an office right in Chilton. The Board discussed the contract and all were in favor of the switch.

Wayne Becker stated that the contacts would be pretty much the same as they were with Advanced Disposal with the exception of new phone numbers. Wayne answered any questions that the Board members had. Schrubbe asked if GFL will be able to do the annual spring clean-up in the Village?

Wayne stated that they definitely would and explained that they actually did it last year already. DuPrey stated that Waste Management backed out of it last year and GFL was willing to step in. So, they are well aware of the set up for the spring clean-up. Starfeld questioned why it was such a long contract of 10 years? Wayne stated that it is at that length in order to keep prices down. GFL has to pay for the cans and in order to keep the prices reasonable for the municipalities they stretch that over the 10-year period. If the contract was for less years, then the rates charged would be higher. DuPrey stated that he is very confident in GFL and the job which they will do. Action – to approve the 10-year contract with GFL as presented for garbage and recycling collection and disposal services effective October 1, 2021 – motion: Schrubbe; second: Starfeld; carried. Discussion and possible action to donate the delivery of the mulch to Freitag Park in Forest Junction – Plate explained that he had someone contact him regarding the mulch. It is a non-profit organization and the mulch would be used at Freitag Park in Forest Junction. The only issue is that they would like all the mulch but since they are non-profit, they could not pay for the delivering of the mulch. They would like the Village of Hilbert to consider donating their equipment and time to bring the mulch. There are approximately 20 loads. Plate stated that it would take the Public Works Department one full day to do the delivery. Starfeld stated that he felt like we could not do that at no charge. He reminded everyone that we were just talking about the charges for renting equipment, so how can we do this for free? He felt like it wasn't fair to our tax payers and that organization should check with the Town of Brillion to see if they'd be willing to do it since it's their area. Plate stated that he's sure if we can't help with the delivery then they won't take it. Starfeld said they'd have to find another way then. He questioned Plate on how well the mulch composts up? Plate stated that it doesn't. Starfeld asked if anyone checked with Tony Sweere yet to see if the school district could use it for their trails? No one has yet. Plate stated what if the school district is interested and it's on the same condition that they would want it delivered? Starfeld said that would be different because it's just down the road and, most importantly it's within our own community; benefitting our own tax payers. Plate stated that he would get a hold of Sweere and see if they'd be interested. No action taken.

The Village Board then convened into closed session under S.19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Action – to convene into closed

session – motion: Starfeld; second: Loose; Roll Call Vote – yes: Loose, Schrubbe, Roehrig, Starfeld, Schmidt; carried.

The Board then reconvened back into open session. Action – to reconvene back into open session – motion: Roehrig; second: Starfeld; Roll Call Vote – yes: Loose, Schrubbe, Roehrig, Starfeld, Schmidt, carried.

There was no action taken from the closed session.

Adjournment – Action – to adjourn – motion: Schrubbe; second: Starfeld; carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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