

Village of Hammond, Special Board Meeting
March 20, 2025
7:00 pm at the Village Hall

Call to order at 7:00 pm

Roll call: President: Marsha Burgener-here, Trustees: Don Chenoweth-here, Kim Gee-here, Lauren Molby-here, John Drummond-absent, Kelsey Wells-here, Billie Larkins-here.

Marsha read a statement thanking everyone who helped with clean up and thanked Ronnie for all he has done and continues to do to get the clean up finished. Marsha also addressed the Facebook page post. She stated that four people witnessed an incident with a resident and two people contacted her about it. It was not critical of the generosity and help they showed the Village. She stated that this meeting was called to address the possibility of waiving the permit fee in this case and also address how to deal with the debris.

Solicitor Permit: Billie made the motion that in times of a natural disaster, the permit fee should be waived for a three-week time period or to be determined based on the severity of the damage, with a 2nd by Lauren. Roll call vote: Don-yes, Kim-yes, Lauren-yes, Kelsey-yes, Billie-yes.

Ronnie was present to discuss the best way to get rid of the debris. Burning it in place is the cheapest way, but the railroad would have to approve. Burning also causes several possible problems and not the best option. He spoke with a company that will take everything at a cost of \$1,900.00 per truck and shouldn't take more than 10 trucks to haul everything off. The question of mulching was asked, and it costs more to do so. Something needs done as soon as we can. Is it possible to purchase a chipper to help? Brenda will post on the Village Facebook page that the wood is available to anyone who wants it. It's first come/first serve. Kim made the motion to table this issue until the next Board meeting, with a 2nd by Don. All in favor; motion carried.

Lauren made the motion to adjourn at 7:23 pm, with a 2nd by Kim. All in favor; motion carried.

After the meeting was over, Josh Bartley approached me and stated that if the Village decided to purchase a chipper, he would donate \$2,000.00 toward that purchase.

Marsha Burgener
Village President

Brenda Sebens
Village Clerk