

Utility Commission Minutes for Sept. 4, 2024

Chairman Joanmarie Wermes called to order the meeting of the Hoffman Estates Utility Commission at 12:01 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 4, 2024 in the small boardroom of the Hoffman Estates Police Department. Others present were Trustee Anna Newell, Staff Liaison Joseph Nebel and Commissioners Jim Bamburger and Tricia O'Brien.

There were no public comments.

Tricia moved that the minutes be accepted. Jim seconded the motion and it was passed.

Public Works Director Joe Nebel reported there was not much new to report this meeting.

Under **unfinished business** members inspected the new Utility Commission banner and were delighted with its logo, color, form and message.

Nebel announced that the venue for the Public Works Open House will be outdoors under tents in the parking lot of the village hall because parking lot work will be ongoing at the public works center.

Further discussion included spending of the \$750 approved budget and will be brought up in new business.

The assembled group was delighted with the royal blue Mop Toppers that will be used as consolation prizes.

Under **new business** it was agreed that the Energy Hog contest will have four winners:

First prize \$125; second, \$100; third, \$75 and fourth, \$50. The remainder of the budget, after the Mop Toppers are paid, will be available for use. Commissioners talked about the possibility of providing snacks for the winners but teachers and parents seem negative about sweet snacks such as donuts or candy.

Trustee Anna Newell volunteered to look into getting pizza coupons donated. The group agreed that it would be good marketing for an establishment to offer them because young winners would be accompanied by parents and siblings.

Commissioners decided that Oct. 23 will be the day to judge the contest entries at noon. Tricia volunteered to help Joanmarie do the judging.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 6 in the HEPD building.

A motion to adjourn at 12:41 p.m. was made by Jim Bamberger and seconded by Tricia O'Brien.

The minutes were composed and submitted by Chairman Joanmarie Wermes