

THE VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
4th OF JULY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 10, 2024

In Attendance:

Craig Kuehne	Linda Scheck
Ben Gibbs	Mayor Bill McLeod
Amy Decker	Alicia Guerrero
Jodie Schulz	
Pawel Sienko	

Excused:

Kevin McGraw – Public Works Department
Mark Wondolkowski – Police Department
Dan O’Malley, Deputy Village Manager

Village Staff:

Jon Pape – Assistant Village Manager
Sue Tompkins – Finance Department
Hallie Karle – Administrative Events Assistant – General Government
Michala Souronis – NOW Arena

CALL TO ORDER

Linda called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Craig moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024, meeting, seconded by Amy, vote taken, motion carried, minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Two issues from the last meeting to update; drone show and entertainment were briefly discussed. Jon reported that Dan contacted the Drone Show vendor we used in 2024 to discuss holding a longer show, displays and costs etc. Also spoke to our Firework Vendor who has drone shows. Ben suggested three bands to choose two from for Friday Drone show night (7/4) and two previously discussed bands for Saturday firework night (7/5).

NEW BUSINESS

- **Fest activities requiring immediate attention for 2025**
We need to lock down the drone show and move to contract quickly since drone shows have become more popular. We typically secure music acts and contract early since there are many other fests looking for entertainers
- **2025 Budget**
The budget goes before the Board on November 8, 2024. Sue advised that an increase was included for Kid’s Zone and Parade activities/participants. Dan had requested we double the drone show budget to cover the longer show.
- **Cancel meeting for October and November 2024**

Commission will not be meeting in November or December. Ben asked if he could send the suggested music act lineups to Hallie to distribute to the Commission. Ben needs commission approval to contract the acts for Friday 7/4/25. Jon said that would work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FOOD VENDORS – no updates

VOLUNTEERS – No volunteers were needed in 2024 since we discontinued the dining tent. Linda asked if there were any negative reviews received.

SPONSORS – no updates

PARADE – Amy and Hallie report they are contacting the Jesse White Tumblers. They did reach the South Shore Drill Team but their fee had increased to \$3,750. Discussion of value to secure that one large group or look for several other performers. Mariachi Band was great last year. They are researching other local parades for ideas. They have contacted the Chicago Bears Drumline.

MARKETING – no updates

KIDS ZONE – Jodi has been researching and will have detailed suggestions in January when we meet next.

ENTERTAINMENT – Ben discussed having Daniels House and 7th Heaven on Saturday, choose between Infinity, Modern Day Romeos or 1985 Band for Friday. He will send links to the suggested bands for the Commission to approve and respond to him so he can move to contracts and lock in the lineup. Can't wait till January to approve. He will send through Hallie for full distribution.

BEER – Commission discussed the beer station adjacent to the Bingo tent in 2025. Suggestion to work out of hockey merch area that backs up to the Club Door for ease of service with an exterior tent for sales.

PUBLIC WORKS – no report.

CARNIVAL/FIREWORKS/DRONE SHOW – Previously discussed longer drone show – fewer logos more patriotic displays. Carnival did well last year. Are pig races returning to carnival?

BINGO – no report.

POLICE – no report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting will be on January 9, 2025, at 4:00pm at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Craig, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda Scheck- Food /Volunteer Chair

4th of July Commission