

Utility Commission Minutes for Nov.6, 2024

Chairman Joanmarie Wermes called to order the meeting of the Hoffman Estates Utility Commission at 12:02 p.m. Nov. 6, 2024 in the Hoffman Estates Police Department. Others present Staff Liaison Joseph Nebel, and Commissioners Jim Bamburger and Tricia O'Brien. Not present was Trustee Anna Newell.

There were no public comments.

Jim Bamburger moved that the minutes of Sept. 4, 2024 be accepted. Tricia O'Brien seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Staff Liaison Joseph Nebel reported that the Public Works Open House attracted at least 400 persons and was considered a very successful event.

Chairman Joanmarie Wermes gave a report on the Energy Hog Contest held in a tent at the Public Works Open House. She said that although it was the first time the event was held outdoors because of road work in the vicinity of the Public Works building, the event was as popular as always and folks seemed to enjoy all it had to offer, including visitors to the commission's table. At least 5 adults asked if they could have one of the festively-wrapped prizes.

Mayor Bill McLeod handed those prizes to the winners who received big cheers from a large number of folks gathered in and at the tent, she said. School principals and teachers and parents, siblings and grandparents were invited to the joyful affair. The two schools that participated were MacArthur Elementary and St. Hubert fourth graders.

The winners were Analicia Perez-Florez, Manuelo Rojas, Eliana Martinez, Tommy Krieger, Alexander Chirinos, Aria Badus, Sophia Aguilar and Molly Bange.

Under New Business commissioners were reminded by Joe Nebel that the 2025 budget is \$500, less than 2024 but out of the \$750 2024 budget was purchased 150 royal blue Mop Toppers for \$277.50. Those will last for a while.

We have left in the budget \$122.50. Jim Bamburger suggested buying gift cards using that amount to be used in the future. Another suggestion was using the money to treat commissioners to a lunch (sandwiches, pizza, etc) to be eaten at a meeting. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

The January meeting date will be Wednesday, Jan. 8 because our regular meeting falls on Jan. 1, a holiday.

Jim Bamburger moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 p.m. Tricia seconded the motion, and it was passed.

The minutes were composed and submitted by Chairman Joanmarie Wermes.