

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the  
Village of Jerome Board

**CALL TO ORDER:** The President and the Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at the Jerome Civic Center, 2901 Leonard Street, Jerome, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Lopez, followed by Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** The following were present:

Mike Lopez, Village President  
Kathy DeHart, Trustee of Public Property & Co Trustee Public Health  
Leigh Irons, Trustee of Public Safety  
Ralph Irons, Trustee of Water Department  
Dale Lael, Trustee of Building & Zoning

Also Present:

Lisa Cave, Village Clerk  
Steve Roth, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Jason Brokaw, Attorney, Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C.,  
Katrina Christofilakos, Trustee of Public Health  
Phil Raftis, Trustee of Public Works  
Lisa Cave, Village Clerk

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

President Lopez opened the Visitors Acknowledgement portion of the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Brandon Jackson, employee addressed the Board on the work Public Works has done that has saved the Village money and improved the Village. Brandon stated they have replaced 10 hydrants and have done street work and maintained the park. President Lopez stated that the Board will not be approving any increases in salary at this meeting, the Board will discuss what each department will be looking at for the next fiscal year and that it will be considered at a later meeting.

Clerk Cave informed Brandon Jackson and Matt Turner that if they are going to take any of the comp hours in the month of April to please text her as any comp hours must be paid out by the end of the month.

This portion of the meeting closed at 6:07 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Trustee Leigh Irons to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)); minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act for purposes of approval by the Body (5ILCS 120/2(c)(21); Trustee DeHart seconded the motion.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:07 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:57 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:** President Lopez opened discussion and approval of Hiring for the Village Secretary Position.

Motion to Approve Hiring Amanda Wade as the Village Secretary at \$20.00 per hour starting April 15, 2024, for roughly 20 hours per week by Trustee Ralph Irons and 2nd by Trustee DeHart  
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;  
**MOTION PASSES.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, President Lopez asked for a motion to close the meeting at 6:58 pm. Motion was made by Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons.

**PREPARED BY:** Lisa Cave, Clerk

**DATE APPROVED:** April 18, 2024

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Village Clerk

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Date