

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
May 6, 2008**

The Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by President Michael Woerner in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 7:31 P.M

Present: President Michael Woerner, Trustees Jean Follett, Tom Cauley, Cindy Williams, Vic Orlor, Bob Schultz and Mike Smith.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Attorney Ken Florey, Village Manager Dave Cook, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Administration Doug Cooper, Police Chief Brad Bloom, Fire Chief Mike Kelly, Director of Parks and Recreation, Carrie Hauptert, Director of Public Services George Franco, Director of Community Development Tim Bleuher, and Village Clerk Barb Grigola.

Also Present: Alexa Jenner of Suburban Life, Amy Deis of The Doings and Chris Martin of the Chicago Tribune.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Woerner led those in attendance in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Follett **moved approval of the minutes of the April 1, 2008 and April 15, 2008 Board of Trustees meetings and the April 1, 2008 Closed Session meeting.** Seconded by Trustee Orlor. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orlor, Williams, Schultz and Smith voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**CITIZENS' PETITIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**Kim Angelo of 525 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street** suggested that the Village is living beyond its means, citing the request for a supplemental budget appropriation in today's agenda. He noted that the request cites 10 items that exceeded their budget by a total of \$1.3 million, most notably for revised legal costs and consulting costs related to the electrical referendum and the Ogden Avenue corridor. He suggested that Trustee

Orler's mention of a possible 35% increase in property tax is not helpful. He said the Village receives about \$4.5 million as its share of the property tax, or about \$750 per household. He calculated that it would take about \$250 more per household, or a 33% increase to raise an additional \$1.5 million. And he cautioned against a sales tax increase saying that 10% of our sales tax dollars come from car sales and that these dealerships are likely to be adversely impacted by a sales tax increase. He asked that the Board consider the "for sale" signs and the empty stores in town and stated that we need to tighten our belts.

### **SWEARING IN OF FIREFIGHTERS**

President Woerner swore in new firefighter/paramedics, Daniel Majewski and Nathanael Noon.

President Woerner announced the promotions of Mark Johnson to Deputy Fire Chief, Jon Carlson to Lieutenant and Richard Ronovsky to Fire Department Captain and administered the oath of office to each of them.

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No report.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

President Woerner presented the following Consent Agenda items for approval.

#### **ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Item #1: Move to **Approve a request for the Village's support from the Hinsdale Center for the Arts in the amount of \$50,000.** (Omnibus vote)

Item #2: Move to **Award 2008 Street Resurfacing Project Bid #1440 to Brothers Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$258,299.20.** (Omnibus vote)

Item #3: Move to **Approve a request from Tree Top Kids for the use of Burlington Park on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.** (Omnibus vote)

Item #4: Move to **Approve an ordinance amending Title 7 (Public Ways and Properties), Chapter 3 (Public Parks), Adding Section 2 of the Village Code of Hinsdale.** (Omnibus vote) (Ord.# 2008-20)

Item #5: Move to **Approve a financial contribution of \$7,500 to produce and promote the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce's summer event series, "Uniquely Thursdays"**. (Omnibus vote)

Item #6: Move to **Approve an ordinance authorizing the sale and/or disposal of items of surplus personal property owned by the Village of Hinsdale.** (Omnibus vote) (Ord.# 2008-21)

Item #7: Move to **Approve a renewal of the contract of Attorney Linda Pieczynski with the only change being an increase in the per session court rate from \$172.00 to \$180.00.** (Omnibus vote)

Item #8: Move to **Approve payment in the amount of \$14,560.00 to the DuPage Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group from the Fiscal Year 08-09 budget.** (Omnibus vote)

Item #9: Move to **Approve an ordinance making a supplemental appropriation for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2008 for a total amount of \$1,376,000.** (Omnibus vote) (Ord.# 2008-22)

Item #10: Move to **Approve an ordinance authorizing transfers of appropriations within departments and agencies of the Village for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008.** (Omnibus vote) (Ord.# 2008-23)

Item #11: Move to **Approve Fiscal Year 2008-09 Blanket Purchase Orders totaling \$1,081,750 and waiving the competitive bid requirements where applicable.** (Omnibus vote)

Item #12: Move to **Approve an ordinance amending Subsection 3-3-5G of the Village Code of Hinsdale related to the number of liquor licenses.** (Omnibus vote) (Ord.# 2008-25)

#### **ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Item #13: Move to **Approve an ordinance authorizing the sale by auction of personal property owned by the Village of Hinsdale (DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference)** (from the EPS 4-14-08 Meeting – inadvertently left off the 4-15-08 agenda.) (Omnibus vote) (Ord.# 2008-24)

Trustee Follett **moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.** Seconded by Trustee Schultz. There was a brief discussion about the budget transfer. Passed on omnibus roll call vote. Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orlor, Williams, Schultz, Cauley and Smith voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: None.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Trustee Williams **moved the Approval and payment of the Accounts Payable for the period of April 11, 2008 through May 2, 2008 in the aggregate amount of \$1,040,360.72 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Seconded by Trustee Follett.

Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orlor, Williams, Schultz, Cauley and Smith voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: None.

### **ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

No reports.

### **ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

Trustee Williams **moved the Approval of a Fee Services Agreement between the Village of Hinsdale and Richard C. Balough.** Seconded by Trustee Orlor. There was a discussion, after which the Trustees decided to investigate further before selecting an attorney to assist the Municipal Electric Task Force. Trustee Williams **withdrew the motion and no vote was taken.** The Board agreed to move this item to the May 19<sup>th</sup> agenda for further consideration.

### **REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

No reports.

## STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief Bloom said that he had distributed copies of the new emergency operations plan to the Board and offered answer their questions about the plan. He advised that once he obtained their signatures on the plan he would be turning it in to the County for approval.

## CITIZENS' PETITIONS PERTAINING TO ANY VILLAGE ISSUE

**Debra Lazar Pearl of 108 N. Garfield** asked whether the proposed outdoor lighting of an additional field at Pierce Park meets Village Code guidelines and if it is the most efficient, state-of-the-art lighting available. She suggested that, if it is not, the Village should investigate other choices. She cited companies that have studied light containment and stated that recent studies have shown that exposure to light at night is linked to decreased health and a 70% increase in breast cancer. She cited a recent ordinance in Homer Glen as an example of good lighting policy. She said she had contacted Ms. Kathy Ames with IDOT in Springfield and that Ms. Ames also sits on ASHTO board, the American Association of Highway Transportation Officers. She advised that they have done a paper addressing sky glow, light trespass and glare. She also noted that she spoke with Dr. Mark Jenkins, the Chief Electrical Design Engineer for IDOT, who assured her that sky glow, light trespass and glare are very much on IDOT's agenda. She advised that the ornamental light posts in our downtown, train stations and parks and the tear drop lights on Ogden do not meet our zoning code on lighting, stating that they emit a lot of glare and that it costs a lot of money to pay for these.

President Woerner asked the Staff and Committees to look into these lighting situations including both code compliance and a potential zoning code rewrites. Director of Parks & Recreation Carrie Hauptert advised that the new Peirce Park lights would be discussed at the Plan Commission meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

## TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Trustee Follett asked whether ComEd should come in to report on their service to the Board.

Trustee Cauley remarked on Kim Angelo's comment that car dealerships would be affected by a 1% increase in the sales tax, noting that the dealerships are exempt from that tax. Trustee Orler noted that food and drugs are also exempt. Trustee Orler also

advised that we anticipate \$5 million will come in from residents' property tax next year and we estimate that the sales tax increase would generate an additional \$1.7 million. He clarified that he had said that we would have to raise our portion of the property tax by 35% to gain that much additional revenue through property taxes.

### ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Follett **moved to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session not to reconvene into Open Session according to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) Sections/(1) Personnel and /(2) Collective Bargaining.** Seconded by Trustee Cauley. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orlor, Williams, Schultz, Cauley and Smith voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara J. Grigola, Village Clerk