

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 2, 2008**

The Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by President Michael Woerner in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:40 p.m. *(Note: Due to technical difficulties, the video recording of this meeting began during the Village Presidents report.)*

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Attorney Ken Florey, Village Manager Dave Cook, Director of Finance Douglas Cooper, Director of Public Services George Franco, Director of Parks & Recreation Gina Hassett, Director of Community Development Tim Bleuher, Village Forester John Finnell, Police Chief Brad Bloom and Fire Chief Mike Kelly and Deputy Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Also Present: Pam Lannom of The Hinsdalean, Alexa Jenner with the Suburban Life and Ken Knutson representing The Doings.

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 July 1, 2008 - Special Meeting, July 10, 2008 Special Meeting and the August 18, 2008 Special Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees.** Trustee Schultz seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orlor, Williams, Schultz, Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS (PERTAINING TO ITEMS APPEARING ON THIS AGENDA)

Mr. Paul Kelly of 5846 S. Garfield addressed the Board regarding his concerns about the emerald ash borer. He believes that 20% of the trees in the Village and 90% of the trees in his area will be lost if nothing is done. He described the initial appearance of the pest in 2002 in Detroit and its subsequent spread to over 15 states. He has spoken with the Village Forester who said that known treatments are very costly and the budget is very tight. Mr. Kelly has researched the problem on the internet and has discovered an unproven chemical solution. He has doused his trees for an annual cost of approximately \$60.00 a tree. Unfortunately, the effectiveness of the product is still unknown but appears to be promising. He urged Village officials to look into this option.

Village Forester John Finnell commented that the Village has been keeping an eye on the situation and are trying to keep residents informed. He estimates the Village has about 1900 ash trees on public right of way. North shore towns do not have a code of chemical applications because they are new and untested. It is important to remove infested trees as soon as possible to slow the spread. Currently, it costs \$3.35/per inch of trunk diameter to do a soil drench or injection and it is a yearly treatment.

President Woerner asked Trustee Follett to take this to the EPS committee. She stated that they have discussed it, but will do so again and perhaps develop a pilot program.

President Woerner pointed out that Mr. Kelly contacted him prior to the Board meeting regarding this issue which allowed staff to be prepared to respond to his concerns and move forward more quickly.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Woerner encouraged everyone to attend the End of Summer Bash on September 12th and enjoy the music of David Cassidy. The gates open at 5:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 8:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items Recommended by Environment & Public Services

Item #1: Move to **Approve the 2008 IPM Plan to control weeds using the pesticide Tripower** (Omnibus vote)

Item #2: Move to approve an **Ordinance Authorizing the Vacation of a Certain Portion of an Unimproved Alley Situated East of and Adjoining 411 S.**

Stough Street in the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois (Omnibus vote)

Item #3: Move to Waive Competitive Bidding and Award the Brook Park Paving to C.B. Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$18,796.00 (Omnibus vote)

Item #4: Move to approve a Resolution Approving Certain Contract Change Order for the Design of a Wet Weather Facility to Huff & Huff, Inc. in the amount of \$13,600.00 (Omnibus vote)

Items Recommended by Zoning & Public Safety

Item #5: Move to Approve a motion to summarily deny the request to forward an amendment of Section 503(e)1 of the Village of Hinsdale Zoning Ordinance, as it relates to Building Height, Building elevation, Floor Area Ratio, and Lot coverage to the Plan Commission based on lack of merit (Omnibus vote)

Item #6: Move to Waive competitive bids and approve the Purchase of 13 SCBA Air Bottles and 4 SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Units) from Air One Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$19,750.00 (Omnibus vote)

Item #7: Move to approve an Ordinance Approving Major Adjustments to the Site Plan and Exterior Appearance Plan for the Property Commonly Known as 830 North Madison Street (Omnibus vote)

Items Recommended by Administration & Community Affairs

Item #8: Move to Award a Bid for the 2008 Road Program to Martam Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,590,939.91 (Omnibus vote)

Item #9: Move to Approve a Resolution Authorizing Contract Execution of the 2008 Road Program by the Village Manager and Village Clerk (Omnibus vote)

Item #10: Approve a Resolution Authorizing Certain Special Times for Work Related to the 2008 Road Program (item removed from Consent Agenda and addressed under the committee portion of the agenda)

Item #11: Move to Approve a Resolution Approving Certain Contract Change Order for the Brook Park Renovation Project-Phase II (Omnibus vote)

Item #12: Move to **Approve a request from the Hinsdale Humane Society to Close Washington Street from Hinsdale Ave. to First Street from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2008 for the 2nd Annual “Ladies Night Out” event (Omnibus vote)**

President Woerner read the consent agenda, excluding Item J on the agenda, into the record.

Trustee Schultz moved **approval of the Consent Agenda as presented**. Trustee Orlor seconded the motion. Village Manager Cook verified for Trustee Cauley that the award of bid for the 2008 Road Program was the lowest bid and that the vendor is reputable.

AYES: Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orlor, Williams, Schultz, Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Resolution Authorizing Certain Special Times for Work Related to the 2008 Road Program

Trustee Orlor explained that the Village wants an early start to increase the probability of completing the project on time. This was approved at the ACA Committee by a vote of 3-1. Trustee Smith recommended reviewing the start time at some point during the project time line, because it will begin to get dark in the morning. Mr. Cook explained that the crucial time for moving the project forward is the initial 4-6 weeks; he agreed that after the time change it would be difficult to work at 7:00 a.m. Board discussion followed. Mr. Cook noted that the contractor would prefer the early start time.

Trustee Follett moved to approve a **Resolution Authorizing Certain Special Times for Work Related to the 2008 Road Program**. Trustee Schultz seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orlor, Williams, Schultz, Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trustee Williams moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the period of August 8, 2008 through August 29, 2008 in the aggregate amount of \$2,093,475.44 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Follett seconded the motion. It was confirmed that a \$23,000.00 check to Copenhaver Construction would not be released.

AYES: Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orlor, Williams, Schultz, Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Central Business District-Northtown-Parking Task Force – Final Report

- a) Adopt the Final Report of the Central Business District-Northtown-Parking Task Force and to refer the Final Report of the Village's Consultant, Camiros, Ltd., for Use in its Ongoing Review of the Hinsdale Zoning Code
- b) Adopt the Final Report of the Central Business District- Northtown-Parking Task Force for Use as an Official Reference to Govern Future Land Use and Design

President Woerner noted that these items will be discussed at the regularly scheduled September 16th Village Board meeting.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

Trustee Follett noted their next meeting is Monday, September 8th wherein they will discuss the leaf program. She briefly outlined the program and noted that bids will be discussed.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

None.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS (PERTAINING TO ANY VILLAGE ISSUE)

Debra Lazar Pearl of 108 W. Garfield read aloud a letter she had previously sent to the Park & Recreation Commission, the Village Board, staff and the Village Manager. She is concerned about proposed lighting for Peirce Park which she states constitutes a 400% increase over the current lighting and would hover above the tree canopy. She would like to know how this proposal came to be; she cannot find any Park and Recreation meeting minutes that mentions this initiative. Trustee Follett explained that this is part of a process and that this item will now go through the public hearing process which will bring to light all facts and disagreements. It was noted that the text amendment recommendation came from staff, but Ms. Pearl thinks it should have come from Parks & Recreation.

President Woerner asked Mr. Cook to draft a memo explaining how we got to this point. Trustee Cauley stated that he agrees with Ms. Pearl that there is a problem. Mr. Cook said the key to the issue is who is eligible to process a text amendment; he invited Ms. Pearl to meet with him to discuss the process.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Schultz addressed his fellow Board members stating that the sales tax referendum is imminent. He would like each Board member to state publicly if it is his or her intention to support the initiative. If not, the Board should consider not placing the item on the November ballot.

President Woerner, Trustee Orler, Trustee Follett, Trustee Schultz and Trustee Williams stated their support of the referendum. Trustee Smith said he would not work against it. Trustee Cauley said that he could support the referendum if the Board agreed that the money would go solely to road projects and that the Board would commit to spending no further monies on consultant fees for land planning or writing papers for trustees. He believes that too much money has been wasted on consultants. Trustee Cauley read the consultant fees paid list that had been provided to the Board in their packet. He feels that some items are not included on the list, particularly the 2004 Gruen & Gruen study. Board discussion followed regarding what items should be included on this list. Trustee Orler outlined progress made on several fronts that was possible because of the input and direction of consultants. Trustee Follett commented that the consultants allow us to be proactive instead of reactive. Trustee Williams also disagrees that money spent on consultants is a waste. She noted that money spent on electrical consulting led the Village to achieve a \$1,000,000 upgrade by Commonwealth Edison to our substation.

President Woerner stated that he is committed to the budget adopted by the Board. It was also noted that revenues from the referendum could not be spent on anything but

the roads. He asked the Board to support the volunteers who will work for the referendum.

President Woerner reminded everyone that he will be at Off the Vine and Friday night and happy to discuss these issues at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Williams moved to adjourn to Closed Session not to reconvene into Open Session under Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) for the purpose of discussing litigation and Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for matters relating to the appointment, employment and compensation of employees. Trustee Schultz seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orlor, Williams, Schultz, Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Deputy Village Clerk