

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2009**

The Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by President Michael Woerner in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, January 06, 2009 at 7:33 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Dave Cook, Village Attorney Ken Florey, Director of Community Development Tim Bleuher, Police Chief Brad Bloom, Fire Chief Mike Kelly, Deputy Clerk Christine Bruton

Also Present: Amy Deis of The Doings and Kevin Knudson from the Hinsdalean

**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 November 6, 2008 and December 9, 2008 Village Board of Trustees meeting minutes.** Trustee Schultz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

**CITIZENS PETITIONS  
(Items on the Agenda)**

None.

## **VILLAGE PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Woerner read a statement regarding recent flooding stating that the extreme and inclement weather produced the flooding conditions. He remarked on the extra hours staff has worked to try and stay ahead of the snow. Chief Bloom added that there were areas flooded he had never seen in 25 years and was surprised at how quickly the water collected.

President Woerner announced a series of upcoming Special Board meetings, the first meeting will be Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to discuss Village infrastructure. These meetings will be conducted in an open community forum format. The next meetings will be in March and will address economic development, housing and zoning and public safety. These meetings are not a candidate forum, but an opportunity for interested citizens to learn more about these issues.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### Items Recommended by Administration & Community Affairs

- a) Acceptance of the FY 2008 Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter (Omnibus vote)
- b) Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2008 to pay the principal of and interest on \$3,500,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008C of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois (Omnibus vote) (R2009-01)
- c) Ordinance Increasing the Municipal Telecommunications Tax as Contained in the Village Code of Hinsdale (Omnibus vote) (O2009-01)

### Items Recommended by Zoning & Public Safety

- d) Referral to Plan Commission – Map Amendment and Subdivision, 230 Ogden Avenue (A-13-2008) (Omnibus vote)
- e) Ordinance Approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for Modifications to a Commercial Building at 48 S. Washington Street (Omnibus vote) (O2009-02)
- f) Ordinance Approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for Modifications to a Commercial Building at 63 Village Place (Omnibus vote) (O2009-03)
- g) Ordinance Approving a Design Review Permit for Site Plan and Exterior Appearance Modifications at 950 N. York Road (Plan Commission Case No. A-08-2008) (Omnibus vote) (O2009-04)

- h) Ordinance Amending Section 6-12-4 of the Village Code of Hinsdale (Install Yield Signs at the Intersection of Fourth & Thurlow Streets) (Omnibus vote) (O2009-05)
- i) Ordinance Declaring Vehicles as Surplus and to be Sold on E-bay (Omnibus vote) (O2009-06)
- j) Ordinance Amending Title 9 (“Building Regulations”), Chapter 1 (“Administrative Provisions”), Section 9-1-4 (“Permit Fees”) of the Village Code of Hinsdale Regarding Permits for Fire Pumps (Omnibus vote) (O2009-06)

President Woerner read the Consent Agenda. Trustee Smith **moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.** Trustee Cauley seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orler, Williams, Schultz, Smith

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

### Accounts Payable

Trustee Schultz moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the period of December 5, 2008 through January 2, 2009 in the aggregate amount of \$2,365,603.92 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Cauley seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orler, Williams, Schultz, Smith

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## **ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC SERVICES**

No report.

## ZONING & PUBLIC SAFETY

### Regional Transit Authority Downtown Planning Grant and Required Village Contribution

This item was introduced for discussion and possible vote by President Woerner, he explained that the ZPS Committee had rejected it on a vote of 3-0. Community Development Director Tim Bleuher reported that he followed up with the RTA and can have staff craft proposals that include working drawings for such things as pedestrian crossings, Metra landscaping area and the Pace bus shelter and come back to ZPS. President Woerner explained that he wanted to discuss this because he has received correspondence from Washington, DC and the incoming administration is considering initiating public works projects. They want shovel ready projects of infrastructure and transportation to spur the economy. If the plans aren't in place, you won't get the nod. The Village has a \$100,000 grant on the table to pay for plans for various projects, but we have to put up \$25,000 of our tight money. Trustee Cauley suggested waiting until staff produces something specific. Village Manager Cook stated that the document before the Board only authorizes moving forward with the process, it does not authorize expenditure of funds. Trustee Orler added that this is a good way to develop plans for future improvements and a way to avoid future costs. Mr. Bleuher noted that we have some time to do this work. Trustee Follett commented that this is a way to get closer to execution; the Village doesn't want to spend any money making more plans.

Trustee Follett moved to **approve the Regional Transit Authority Downtown Planning Grant and Required Village Contribution**. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orler, Williams, Schultz, Smith

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Trustee Smith commented on the presentation at last night's ZPS meeting from the Zoning Code Rewrite Task Force chair and consultant. The ZPS Committee is comfortable with the work that has been done and the recommended changes. The draft proposal is on the Village web site and available for download. The Zoning Code Rewrite Task Force is planning, in two months time, to present to Plan Commission and citizens for a review of the first draft. All agreed that ZCRTF has done a good job.

## REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS

Trustee Follett noted that next Tuesday at KLM a meeting will be held to discuss long range plans for the KLM buildings and park.

## STAFF REPORTS

No reports.

## CITIZENS PETITIONS

**Yamandu Perez, Hinsdale business owner**, addressed the Board regarding his parking concerns and asked for quick action from the Board. He noted economic bad times; stores are closing and he feels excessive ticketing contributes to the problem. Clientele won't come back when they get a ticket; it creates bad feelings. He would be happy to sit with someone to work it out, he asked the Board to please help the merchants. He suggested a sign that states when meters don't need to be fed. He suggested free parking on the perimeter of the business district for people who work in town. Board discussion followed. Trustee Williams feels we should test the need for zealous patrol and encouraged the business owners to get together and educate their employees. Chief Bloom pointed out that parking fines in Hinsdale are lower than any of the surrounding areas and he is open to new ideas. He also stated that 15,000 warnings were issued in 2008. It was recommended that adhesive stickers be put on the meters stating the times of operation.

**Kim Angelo, 525 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**, commented that after watching the ACA meeting last night, it was revealed that of the ten 2008 goals only three were completed and he criticized the lack of achievements of the Board. He also noted that the 25% cash reserve is not being met; resulting in a significant drop since 2003. He believes the problem is profligate spending on attorneys and consultants.

**Jack Uretsky, 206 N. Grant Street**, remarked on the reading of the Hinsdale Club withdrawal letter; he stated that Boards are governed by statutes but nobody reads the governing statutes. He believes that developers in DuPage County have been free with their tokens of appreciation to officials in county townships and villages. He said he heard President Woerner state that 'they had been working with the developers on the Hinsdale Club' and was appalled. He requested the Village code of ethics be distributed and that Village officials be instructed in this code when new people are elected.

President Woerner responded that all Village officials, elected and appointed, take an oath of office. Staff and Board meet with residents and developers alike for guidance, sometimes he is present, sometimes not. When he is there he makes sure

another Trustee is there, but it is legal and it is proper to give citizens, developers and business people guidance as to what the law is in Hinsdale, what can and can't be done and what variances might be needed. Trustee Follett concurred that all officers of the Village read and sign the code of ethics when they take office.

In response to Mr. Angelo's remarks, Trustee Schultz stated that in the matter of former Chairman Nelson's litigation, the ZBA brought it upon themselves and that Judge Popejoy agreed with the Board's position in the case. Trustee Orler stated that the Finance Commission, staff and this Board have worked hard to deliver the first surplus in five years. They have structured a budget to deliver a surplus and bring the cash reserves back to 21%. He also noted that Hinsdale is one of three towns rated AAA. Trustee Orler said this Board has behaved with fiduciary responsibility and have put the Village on the right track.

### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Williams moved **to adjourn the meeting into closed session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation and personnel matters according to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and (1) and not to reconvene.** Trustee Follett seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orler, Williams, Schultz, Smith

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Christine M. Bruton, Deputy Village Clerk