

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 23, 2007
Old Board Room
07:35 P.M.**

The Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by President Woerner in the Old Board Room of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 7:35 P.M.

Present: President Michael Woerner, Trustees Coleman Tuggle, Michael Smith, Vic Orlor, Laura Johnson and Jean Follett.

Absent: Trustee Cindy Williams.

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

Also Present: Eric Martin of The Doings, Christine Martin, freelance writer for the Chicago Tribune, Seth Ufheil of Suburban Life, and Polly Rix of 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 January 9, 2007 Board of Trustees minutes and the December 12, 2006 Closed Session minutes. Seconded by Trustee Tuggle. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Tuggle, Smith, Orlor, Johnson and Follett voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Williams.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

Bill Parry of 423 Glendale Avenue said he is in favor of the text amendment for zoning setbacks. He cited an example on his block of Glendale, which has 3 houses aligned and one set way back. The current zoning laws apply the average, which would require new construction to be set back from the already aligned houses.

Sam Eddins 202 East 4th Street suggested that the required setback would increase for half the lots and decrease for half. He asked for more information before a decision on setback zoning is made. Among the questions he raised were: How many of the recent variances would have been unnecessary with this change? How many variances were non-residential? How many of the 600 building permits granted would require a variance under the proposed new rules? Do the proposed rules achieve the goals we're trying to achieve?

Chris Stent of 231 East Sixth Street he supports the proposed setback text amendment and thinks it's a benefit to the community and will provide for a consistent streetscape.

Sigita Balzekas of 521 Pamela said that the setback issue has come in under the radar and requested that it be removed from the Consent Agenda. She feels that its impact will bump out buildings closer to the street, and she also suggested that the irregularity of setbacks is desirable and part of the charm of an older community.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None.

ELECTRIC MUNICIPALIZATION

PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ELECTRIC MUNICIPALIZATION

Bob Latham of Latham Associates, Inc. summarized his and his partner's background in the utility industry and said they have advised over 50 municipalities in the Midwest. Mr. Latham presented a Preliminary Feasibility Study of Electric Municipalization saying that there are three issues: acquiring distribution lines and substations, purchasing power at wholesale, and operating a municipal electric system. The focus of the project will be on reliability, reinvestment and rates. He advised that high voltage power transmission is open to everyone and is highly reliable. The reliability problems generally occur in the regional and local distribution system. He suggested that public utilities spend the bulk of their equipment budgets rolling out in further-out new suburbs, to the detriment of older communities like Hinsdale. He outlined various cost scenarios to determine the feasibility of the Village operating a municipal electric system. Based on his analysis, he concluded that the municipalization of electric power in the Village of Hinsdale would result in lower rates, while also making improvements in reliability and reinvesting in new transmission equipment.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER & ELECTRIC OF THE VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

Rich Ciesla, Director of the Water & Electric Department for the Village of Winnetka, outlined the costs and procedures for Winnetka's municipal power system. He said they have been providing power to Winnetka for about 100 years, and they can handle 97% of the Village's power needs. He discussed the reliability of their system (very good with only short outages caused by animals or storm-related problems like trees falling on power lines), their program for burying lines and the cost comparison to Commonwealth Edison rates (comparable). Unlike the proposed Hinsdale project, Winnetka operates a power plant, so it both produces and sells power to its residents and to other communities.

COMMUNITY MEETING ON MUNICIPALIZATION

President Woerner announced that Mr. Latham will attend the community meeting regarding municipalization this Thursday at 7:00 pm to answer any questions from the residents.

Village Attorney Florey explained that the first step to approval would be to vote in the February meeting to put the issue on the ballot in a referendum, asking if the Village should operate the system.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Woerner presented the following Consent Agenda items for approval.

RECOMMENDED BY THE ZONING & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Item #1: Move to **Adopt an ordinance approving site plans and exterior appearance plans for modifications to an institutional building at 17 West Maple Street.** (Omnibus vote) (O2007-05 see Ord. Bk. #24).

Item #2: Move to **Adopt an ordinance amending Paragraph 3-110I8 (Front and Corner Side Yard Adjustment on Partially Developed Frontages) and Section 12-206 (Definitions) of the Hinsdale Zoning.** (Item taken separately.)

Item #3: Move to **Adopt an ordinance amending the planned development for Adventist Hinsdale Hospital related to expansion of existing cellular antenna on the existing smoke stack at 120 North Oak Street.** (Omnibus vote) (O2007-06 see Ord. Bk. #24).

Item #4: Move to **Adopt an ordinance approving a special use permit, exterior appearance and site plan approval for nine cellular antennas and accessory equipment at 21 Spinning Wheel Road.** (Omnibus vote) (O2007-07 see Ord. Bk. #24).

Item #5: Move to **Adopt an ordinance approving a special use permit for a museum and land-banking of require off-street parking, site plans, and exterior appearance plans for modifications to the existing building located at 5901 South County Line Road in the Katherine Legge Memorial Park and known as the Zook House/Studio.** (Omnibus vote) (O2007-08 see Ord. Bk. #24).

Item #8: Move to **Approve a resolution supporting recent actions by the DuPage Water Commission and urging the Commission to implement the recent actions by passing a budget that includes a water rate reduction.** (Omnibus vote) (R2007-01 see Res. Bk. #V).

Item #9: Move to **Enter into an agreement for professional services for the 2007 Road Program with Civil Engineering Services in the amount of \$160,000.** (Omnibus vote)

Item #10: Move to **Adopt an ordinance amending Paragraph 3-11015 and Subsection 12-206P of the Hinsdale Zoning Code to allow certain uses to be located in required yards.** (Omnibus vote) (O2007-10 see Ord. Bk. #24).

Item #11: Move to **Adopt an ordinance amending Section 9-6-10 of the Hinsdale Municipal Code Regarding Air Conditioners in Residential Yards** (Omnibus vote) (O2007-11 see Ord. Bk. #24).

Item #12: Move to **Adopt an ordinance amending Section 9-12-13 of the Hinsdale Municipal Code regarding wingwalls .** (Omnibus vote) (O2007-12 see Ord. Bk. #24).

Trustee Follett moved to approve the above items. Seconded by Trustee Tuggle.

Trustee Smith requested that Item #2 regarding setbacks be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate vote. Passed on omnibus roll call vote. Trustees Tuggle, Smith, Orlor, Johnson and Follett voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Williams.

ORDINANCE AMENDING FRONT AND CORNER SIDE YARD ZONING

Trustee Tuggle explained that the issue of setbacks has been discussed in meetings going back to September/October and that the Plan Commission had held two public hearings on the issue and had recommended the ordinance unanimously. The Trustees then discussed the proposed ordinance. Trustee Smith said he supports the objective of the ordinance but feels that the current zoning code works for 95-97% of the homes and that the few issues that come up should be handled by the ZBA.

Trustee Tuggle moved to **Adopt an ordinance amending Paragraph 3-11018 (Front and Corner Side Yard Adjustment on Partially Developed Frontages) and Section 12-206 (Definitions), of the Hinsdale Zoning Code.** Seconded by Trustee Follett. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Tuggle, Orlor, Johnson, Follett voted Aye. Nays: Trustee Smith. Absent: Trustee Williams.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trustee Smith moved the **Approval and payment of the Accounts Payable for the period of January 5, 2007 through January 19, 2007, in the aggregate amount of \$598,995.90 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 Tuggle. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Tuggle, Smith, Orlor, Johnson and Follett voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Williams.

SCALE MODEL

Trustee Johnson advised that the downtown scale model has been completed and it will be delivered as soon as the remodel of the Board Room is finished.

ETHICS COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

Trustee Johnson also advised that the ACA had approved a new ethics compliance program that includes an anonymous ethics hotline and website manned by an outside service and a three-member committee consisting of two Trustees and the human resources coordinator.

ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Tuggle advised that the committee had discussed storm-water management solutions, such as requirements regarding lot coverage and impermeable surfaces.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

Trustee Orlor advised that the committee is working on the storm water issue and has identified 4-5 special service areas. They are in the process of setting up meetings with residents in those areas to discuss solutions.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Trustee Follett advised that Bicycle Task Force had discussed the Safe Routes to School pilot program and the funds available for it through the State of Illinois.

Trustee Smith said that there is a new section about the Odgen Avenue Corridor on the Village of Hinsdale website. The new consultant hired to advise us on the corridor will use this section to communicate with residents.

STAFF REPORTS

DRAFT 2007-2008 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE BUDGET

Village Manager Cook submitted for review the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Annual Performance Budget, saying that every committee will have three months to review it. He advised that by the end of next year, the Corporate Fund balance will be back to 25%, and there will be additional reserves for parking and flood-related mitigation. The plan includes \$200,000 to apply elm tree fungicide to all Village elm trees over a three-year period. He noted that other projects recommended by the ACA, such as streets, burying cables, beautification and vehicle and pedestrian underpasses are not included in the budget at this point, but will be part of the master infrastructure plan which the Finance Commission is working on completing.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Tuggle moved to adjourn the meeting into closed session for the purposes of discussing litigation and personnel not to reconvene in open session. Seconded by Trustee Follett. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Tuggle, Smith, Orlor, Johnson and Follett voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Williams.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Grigola, Village Clerk