

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
February 6, 2007  
Old Board Room  
07:32 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 February 6, 2007 at 7:32 P.M.

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

Absent: Trustee Michael Smith.

Also Present: Village Attorney Ken Florey, Village Manager Dave Cook, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Administration Doug Cooper, Community Development Strategist Tim Scott, Deputy Police Chief Mark Mandarin, Fire Chief Pat Kenny, Director of Public Services George Franco, Building Commissioner Robert McGinnis, Director of Parks and Recreation Carrie Haupt, and Village Clerk Barb Grigola.

Also Present: Mark Lawton of The Doings, Christine Martin, freelance writer for the Chicago Tribune 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 corrected version of the January 23, 2007 Board of Trustees minutes and the January 9, 2007 Closed Session minutes. Seconded by Trustee Orlor. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Tuggle, Williams, Orlor, Johnson and Follett voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

None.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None.

**MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL TASK FORCE PRESENTATION**

President Woerner said that we have come a long way since the EPS began to look into what could be done to bring better and more reliable electrical power to Hinsdale over a year ago. He said it was significant that Commonwealth Edison had sent six representatives to the meeting. He introduced Trustee Williams to give an Electrical Task Force presentation.

Trustee Williams reported that a year ago ComEd had committed to spending \$3.5 million in 10 municipalities in southeast DuPage during 2006-2007, including switch circuit configurations and corrective measures in Hinsdale to

include replacing 2,400 feet of underground residential cable, verification of proper fusing, and upgrading 15 transformers. Trustee Williams said that we have to ask whether this was effective since our reliability has not improved. ComEd has now offered a new plan, an accelerated maintenance program with many of the elements carried over from the 06-07 plan.

Trustee Williams detailed the Village's response to ComEd, an 18-point plan to improve reliability based on our consultant's recommendations. The three key requests, all to be made at no additional cost to Hinsdale residents, are:

- 1) Build 138-12kV networked transmission line and substation
- 2) Replace 10% of overhead lines per year with buried lines
- 3) Achieve reliability equal to or better than the ComEd system average within two years or accelerated burial to 15% per year until the target is reached.

Trustee Williams said that their goals in considering municipalization are: maintaining similar or more attractive rates, attaining system average reliability (1.2 rather than 4.56), reinvesting money in Hinsdale and local control. She explained that the referendum would give the Village the authority to operate a utility, but not the ability to establish a utility. That would require a second referendum a year later.

Trustee Williams then introduced the resident members of the Municipal Electric Task Force: Greg Spitzer, Craig Chapello, and Richard Ciccarone. Craig Chapello said he doesn't see ComEd getting there to do what has to be done. Greg Spitzer stated that he experienced so many power outages that he had put in his own backup generator. Rich Ciccarone said that we should hold ComEd accountable and support the referendum. He advised that his profession is municipal bonds and he has found municipal electric systems to be very low risk.

Village Manager Cook then introduced consultant Louis Irvine who discussed the condition of the system and the economies of municipally owned utilities. He estimated that, despite the costs of upgrading the system and burying the cable, the Village would save \$50-80 million over the next 25 years with a municipal electric utility. President Woerner then invited Fidel Marquez of ComEd to speak. He said they are committed to improve the service to Hinsdale, but that it would take time. He noted that the reliability data Trustee Williams showed is from 2005 and that, as of the end of December 2006, Hinsdale is now 3.3 vs. 4.56 in 2005 and the system average is 1.48 vs. 1.2.

After a Board discussion, Trustee Williams moved to **Approve an ordinance regarding the operation for hire of a public electric municipal utility by the Village of Hinsdale.** Seconded by Trustee Johnson. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Tuggle, Williams, Orlor, Johnson and Follett voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Smith.

Trustee Williams moved to **Approve an ordinance placing a referendum on the April 17, 2007 General Election Ballot regarding whether the Village of Hinsdale shall adopt an ordinance authorizing the Village of Hinsdale to operate for hire a public electric utility.** Seconded by Trustee Johnson. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Tuggle, Williams, Orlor, Johnson and Follett voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Smith.

(Trustee Johnson departed the meeting at 8:23 P.M.)

## CONSENT AGENDA

President Woerner presented the following Consent Agenda items for approval.

### ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Item #1: Move to **Approve the request from the Hinsdale Humane Society to close Washington Street from Hinsdale Avenue to First Street from 5:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, and to place light pole banners and a banner in Burlington Park for the allowable time period.** (Omnibus vote)

Item #2: Move to **Approve a resolution approving a certain contract change order in the amount of \$3,636.30 with All-Bry Construction for additional work to the Board Room Dais.** (Omnibus vote) (R-2007-02 see Res. Bk. #V).

Item #3: Move to **Approve a request from the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce to use various Village properties and to allow street closures, subject to final staff approval, for their schedule of events for 2007.** (Omnibus vote)

Item #4: Move to **Approve the requests from the Hinsdale Community Service Auxiliary for banner placement at Burlington Park to promote its Annual Scavenger Hunt (Quest) Fundraiser for the period of May 6 through May 19, 2007, and banner placement at Burlington Park to promote its Annual Food and Donation Drive during the Fourth of July Parade for the period of June 20 through July 4, 2007.** (Omnibus vote)

Item #5: Move to **Approve the use of KLM Lodge on Friday, February 23, 2007 from 8:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. for use by WGN Radio – The Steve Cochran Show, and to waive the rental fees associated with this event.** (Omnibus vote)

Trustee Tuggle moved to approve the above items. Seconded by Trustee Follett. Passed on omnibus roll call vote. Trustees Tuggle, Williams, Orlor and Follett voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Smith and Johnson.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Trustee Orlor moved the **Approval and payment of the Accounts Payable for the period of January 19, 2007, through February 2, 2007, in the aggregate amount of \$759,702.67 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, Williams, Orlor and Follett voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Smith and Johnson.

## **ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

No reports.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

### **DOWNTOWN LANDSCAPING**

Trustee Orlor moved to **Award Bid #1403, Downtown Landscaping to the T.L.C. Group, Ltd., in the amount of \$90,010.64.** Seconded by Trustee Tuggle. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Tuggle, Williams, Orlor and Follett voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Smith and Johnson.

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

### **2025 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

President Woerner thanked everyone involved in the preparation of the 2025 Executive Summary. Trustee Orlor moved to **Adopt the 2025 Executive Summary.** Seconded by Trustee Follett. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Tuggle, Williams, Orlor and Follett voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Smith and Johnson.

### STAFF REPORTS

None.

### CITIZENS' PETITIONS

**Ben Gribaudo of 525 West Ogden** asked what happens if the Village doesn't take the second step in the process of approving the municipal electric utility via referendum. Attorney Florey replied that the authority would stand until the Board voted to revoke it.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

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