

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, June 22, 2009
Memorial Hall
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Trustee LaPlaca, Trustee Angelo, Trustee Schultz, Trustee Williams

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Dave Cook, Police Chief Bradley Bloom,
Fire Chief Michael Kelly, Community Development Director
Tim Bleuher

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the May 19, 2009 meeting. Trustee LaPlaca moved to approve minutes as written. Trustee Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously. .

Monthly Reports – May 2009

❖ **Police and Fire Departments- April and May, 2009**

Chairwoman Williams asked if any Committee members had any questions or comments on the April and May Police monthly reports or the May Fire report. No questions or comments were received.

❖ **Community Development –May 2009**

Director Bleuher provided a brief overview of the department's monthly report highlighting the building permit revenue for the month of May.

Referral to Plan Commission

Director Bleuher described the requested text amendment as a house cleaning matter because of a contradiction in sign regulations between the Village's Building and Zoning Code with respect to allowed height and intrusion into the right-of-way. He went on to say that the proposed amendment would only clarify the current discrepancy. No discussion. Trustee Angelo motioned to forward to the Plan Commission. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Request for Board Action

❖ **Ordinance Approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for Modifications to a Commercial Building at 8 East First**

Chairperson Williams provided an overview of the applicant's request for site plan and exterior appearance approval for awnings at a downtown business location also noting the unanimous vote of the Plan Commission. No discussion. Trustee Schultz motioned recommending approval, Trustee LaPlaca seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **Ordinance Amending Title 9 (Building Regulations), Chapter 2 (Adoption) Section 2 (Amendments, Revisions and Changes) Sections 2303.1.2 and 2303.4 of the Village Code of Hinsdale**

Director Bleuher made the Committee members aware that the proposed amendment to the Building Code was based on a local ordinance which prohibited wood truss framing in commercial construction. He went on to say that in conversation with the Building Commissioner and Fire Chief there had been recent regulations added which addressed the initial local ordinance and therefore the amendment to remove this prohibition was warranted. Chief Kelly went into more detail on the history of the local regulation and the newer additions to the Code. Trustee Angelo asked Director Bleuher if there was a cost savings to a contractor and Director Bleuher confirmed there was based on the footprint of the building.

Trustee Schultz moved to recommend approval of the above ordinance. Trustee Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **Approval of Annual Contract for Professional Services for Village Prosecutor Linda Pieczynski**

Chief Bloom stated that he recommends approving renewing Ms. Pieczynski contract to prosecute local ordinance cases that includes traffic and building code violations. Ms. Pieczynski has prosecuted local ordinances on behalf of the Village since 1984 and is a noted expert in the field of building code enforcement issues and provides training across the country in this capacity. The contract renewal does not call for a rate increase.

Trustee Schultz motioned to recommend that the Village Board approve the renewal of Ms. Pieczynski's contract to prosecute local ordinance violations. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitation of Bids

❖ **Approval to Seek Competitive Bids for a Wireless Camera System**

Chief Bloom stated that last summer the Village was awarded a grant by the West Suburban Mass Transit District (WSMTD) for the purpose of installing a camera system that would cover grade crossings, train depots and the adjacent platform. The grant requires that the Village contribute 33% of the cost (\$33,000) with the total project cost not to exceed \$100,000. Funds were set aside in the previous budget for this purchase and were carried over and included in the current budget. In December 2008, due to the current financial condition the Village has experienced the ZPS Committee requested that staff return to the WSMTD and request that they fully fund the project. The WSMTD declined additional funding indicating that it would create an unwanted precedent. Chief Bloom asked if the Committee was interested in going forward with the bid process. Chairwomen Williams asked if the equipment could be used for railroad gate enforcement. Chief Bloom indicated no that that is a separate and different system. Trustee LaPlaca asked what the purpose of monitoring the grade crossing was. Chief Bloom stated that in the event of a vehicle driving onto the grade crossing and getting stuck on the tracks and that this has happened several times at both the Monroe crossing and Lincoln Street crossing. Software in the system could be set up to alert our

9-1-1 operators if this occurred and trains could be stopped before a collision occurred. The Committee approved going forward with the competitive bid process.

Discussion Item

❖ Consideration of a Fee Based Parking Program on Grant Street from 55th to 57th.

Chief Bloom stated that student parking around Hinsdale Central High School is at a premium and in high demand. The student parking lot accommodates approximately 200 parking spaces that are available through a lottery system for \$150 per year. Students are also allowed to park on Grant Street adjacent to the school where approximately 65-70 spaces are available. Additionally, some students purchase parking space passes from Belloumini's and park in their lot located at 55th and Madison. Chief Bloom stated that the Village has the option of regulating parking and imposing a fee for parking on Grant Street between 55th and 57th Street which includes approximately 65-70 parking spaces. Chief Bloom stated that he sees a value in creating an economic disincentive for students wishing to drive to school. Fewer cars equals less vehicular congestion and will improve the safety around the school. Permits or a Pay box could be used to regulate parking. Trustee Schultz stated that if the Village goes forward a Pay box would be the preferred method since those spaces are now used on a first come basis. Trustee LaPlaca said that the spaces now are used by athletes who arrive at school early for practice and she is concerned about imposing a parking fee. Chief Bloom indicated that the item on the agenda is for discussion purposes and he would gather additional information from the school on the use of the spaces and complete costs before the next ZPS Committee meeting and give Trustees an opportunity to get some community feedback before a decision is made.

Trustee Schultz moved to adjourn. Trustee Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Bleuher
Director of Community Development