

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2009
Memorial Hall
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Trustee LaPlaca, Trustee Angelo, Trustee Schultz

Absent: Trustee Williams

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 7:55 p.m.

Minutes -

Trustee LaPlaca moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the July 27, 2009 meeting. Trustee Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports

❖ **Police and Fire Departments- June 2009**

Chief Bloom asked the Committee if they had any questions on the monthly reports. The Committee had no questions.

Chief Kelly provided the Committee information from the August monthly report on two residential structure fires that occurred in the Village. Chief Kelly also informed the Committee of several upcoming events. The annual FD/PD Open House will be held October 10, 2009 from 11:00- 3:00 at the Police/Fire Building. October 5-9, 2009 is national Fire Prevention Week where the theme this year is "Stay Fire Smart- Don't Get Burned", and the 15th Annual Silent Parade will be held on October 9, 2009 at 7:00. The parade starts in Hinsdale and proceeds down Chicago Ave. This parade honors those civilians and Firefighters who have lost their lives due to fire.

❖ **Community Development -June 2009**

No discussion.

Referral to Plan Commission - Text Amendment to Section 5-110A(1)(a) and (b), as it relates to overall building height in the B-2 Central Business District

Director Bleuher provided a brief overview of the application by a resident, Karl Weber, who is requesting a text amendment to lower the maximum building height in the downtown, B-2 District from 35-feet to 30-feet.

Trustee Schultz asked if the applicant had paid the appropriate fees. Village Manager Cook confirmed that these have been paid. Trustee Schultz asked about additional fees that might be applied through either staff time or attorney fees. Village Manager Cook responded that if the application were to go to Plan Commission, additional fees would be determined at that time and conveyed to the applicant.

Trustee LaPlaca voiced concern of the time that would be involved by the Plan Commission amidst their busy agendas as this same topic was already widely discussed and finally decided upon and is found in the current zoning code.

Trustee Angelo made a motion to approve the application with no second. Item moves on to the Board of Trustees.

Request approval of payment in the amount of \$14,560.00 to the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group from the FY 09-10 budget

Chief Bloom indicated that the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group is a county-wide group of undercover officers that is commanded by the State Police to perform undercover narcotics investigations. Chief Bloom stated that the police department does not have the resources, expertise or equipment to conduct such investigations that the DuMEG group performs them on our behalf. Chief Bloom stated that they have always been responsive to our needs and very effective conducting local drug investigations. The fair share contribution is based upon a fee of \$520 per officer or \$14,560. The Police Department has belonged to the DuMeg group for over 20 years.

Trustee LaPlaca moved to recommend that the Village Board approve payment in the amount of \$14,560 to the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group from the FY 09-10 budget. Seconded by Trustee Schultz. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance to Consider the Installation of Yield Signs at the Intersections of Fourth and Quincy Street and Fourth and Bruner Streets and review of associated traffic intersection study

Chief Bloom stated that an intersection study was conducted at Fourth and Quincy following a request for a stop sign by a resident. Since the next intersection to the east is very similar in configuration the intersection of Fourth and Bruner Streets was also included in the intersection study. Both intersections are standard uncontrolled intersections. Collision and traffic data was collected and the intersection was evaluated for any sight obstructions that may reduce vision or contribute to a collision (see attached report).

The Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) warrants under section 2B-5 require a combination of a serious collision record (defined as five or more crashes within a 12 month period), restricted views and high speeds for the installation of a stop sign. The data collected does not meet the warrants for a stop sign. However, the MUTCD warrants under section 2B-8 for the installation of a yield sign at both intersections have been met based on a sight obstruction on the northwest corner of Fourth and Quincy and a similar obstruction on the northwest corner of Fourth and Bruner Streets. The warrants this section allow for the installation of a yield sign if a special condition exists such as a sight obstruction and the installation of a yield sign following an engineering study indicates that the problem would be susceptible to correction with the installation of a yield sign.

Based on this review Chief Bloom recommended the installation of yield signs on Fourth Street giving Quincy the legal right of way and Bruner Street giving Fourth Street the legal right of way.

Trustee LaPlaca moved to recommend to the Village Board the amendment of Village Ordinance Section 6-12-3 to allow for the installation of yield signs at Quincy and Fourth Streets eastbound and westbound and Bruner and Fourth Streets northbound and southbound. Trustee Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance approving a text amendment to Section 9-106 as it Relates to Signage in the B-2, Central Business District (Case A-05-2009)

Director Bleuher noted that this was a text amendment brought forward by staff as there exists a contradiction between projecting sign regulations within the Zoning and Municipal Code as it relates to the B-2 and B-1 Zoning Districts. Director Bleuher highlighted that staff had brought to the attention of the Plan Commission that properties would also be affected by the conflicting language that lie within the B-1 District so it was included in the vote for approval by the Commission.

Trustee LaPlaca motioned to approve recommending approval of the above text amendment. Trustee Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimous 3-0.

Ordinance approving site plan and exterior appearance changes to 50 S. Garfield St. – Fullers Little Store – Awning

Director Bleuher provided an overview of the history of the commercial project and the application before the Committee noting that it entailed awnings and some articulation to an existing façade. In addition, Director Bleuher noted there was concern raised by Plan Commission members concerning traffic patterns and potential vehicular and pedestrian conflicts based on the proposed site plan. Lastly, Director Bleuher stated that the applicant, Doug Fuller, had met with Police Chief Bloom to come up with a solution to the perceived problems.

Chief Bloom stated that he had met with Mr. Fuller on-site to come up with a solution that eliminated and relocated parking spaces as well as providing restrictive planting barriers in order to mitigate any potential hazards. Chief Bloom went on to say that the area in the immediate location of First and Garfield Streets would not allow both parking and vehicular movement without cars passing over the property line and onto the public sidewalk along Garfield, therefore, it was the conclusion that this area should remain empty.

Doug Fuller passed out revised site plans indicating these changes. Trustee LaPlaca asked what had happened with the underground fuel tanks. Mr. Fuller responded that they were working with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to remediate the matter by filling the tanks with rock and slurry. He also noted that they have five years to comply with the IEPA's regulations.

Trustee LaPlaca raised concern that this highly visible corner in the downtown business district would be empty and asked the applicant to provide planters along the Garfield property line as well as the north and south property lines for safety and aesthetic purposes. Mr. Fuller responded that he would do so and use the space for the customers to play games and hopefully, if his business is successful, he would expand the patio into this area for outdoor eating.

Neale Byrnes, Plan Commission Chairman, shared his concern with traffic patterns and its potential impact on customers. He further agreed that planters along the perimeter of the empty portion of the lot should remediate any concerns.

Trustee LaPlaca asked Mr. Fuller to present to the Board of Trustees before the next regularly scheduled meeting the planter design and placement on site. Mr. Fuller agreed to this direction.

Trustee LaPlaca motioned to recommend approval of the above request with the modifications discussed. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3 – 0.

Ordinance approving site plan and exterior appearance changes 37 S. Washington – Razny Jewelers – Awning with Signage

Director Bleuher made note that this was a standard awning application in the downtown district with no exceptions to report. Trustee Angelo motioned to recommend approval for the above request. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3 – 0

Ordinance approving site plan and exterior appearance changes 22 N. Elm St. – Hinsdale Humane Society – Landscape and Hardscape Improvements

Director Bleuher described the project by the Humane Society as a patio with seating and landscaping along their north elevation of the existing building.

Trustee LaPlaca moved to recommend approval of the above motion. Trustee Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3 - 0l.

Request for a Waiver of Application and Permit Fees for the Plan Commission application required at 22 S. Elm Street, Hinsdale Humane Society

Trustee Schultz stated the application from the Humane Society was a request to waive fees associated with building permits and the entitlement process. Trustee LaPlaca asked for clarification on how the Board decides upon the granting of such waivers. Trustee Schultz said that he believed this was determined on a case-by-case basis. Village Manager Cook provided an overview of past cases that have come before the Board and pointed out that some not-for-profit applicants had indeed been denied. Village Manager Cook said typically those village-tied agencies such as the Humane Society were granted approval.

Trustee Angelo asked if the employees at the Humane Society were paid or volunteer positions. Lori Halligan, executive director for the society, said that most the positions there are voluntary but her position is paid.

Trustee LaPlaca moved to recommend approval of the above motion. Trustee Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Request for a Waiver of Application and Permit Fees for the synthetic turf replacement project by High School District 86 at 550 S. Grant

Trustee Schultz provided an overview of the request for waivers by the school district and asked Village Manager Dave Cook if the village has requested permit fees in the past from the district. Village Manager Cook responded that they had not but in this case their proposed work requires the replacement of a Village water main and stormwater management which comes into village jurisdiction. Village Manager Cook further stated that the fees in question are related only to the water main and stormwater management. Trustee LaPlaca confirmed that point with Manager Cook that the related permits have nothing to do with the proposed athletic dome; that it was only related to the water main and stormwater management.

Trustee Schultz added that there was a true need for the proposed athletic field as there was a shortage of space with all of the athletic teams vying for practice space and the limited amount of fields available to the school district.

Trustee LaPlaca moved to recommend approval with the condition that the waiver was only related to the water main and stormwater management. Trustee Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3 - 0.

Request for the partial utilization of Village Place for Hinsdale Bank & Trust on Saturday, October 10, 2009 for their annual Oktoberfest celebration

Director Bleuher noted that this was an annual event and requested by the bank and that it ran in conjunction with the Homecoming parade, which takes places through the downtown business district.

Trustee Angelo moved to recommend approval of the above request. Trustee LaPlaca seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Recommend Request to Purchase Replacement Fire Prevention Vehicle Through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative

The Committee unanimously approved to recommend to the Board approval of the purchase of a replacement fire prevention vehicle from Currie Motors, Frankfort, IL for the amount of \$16,175.00.

Discussion ISO Evaluation

Chief Kelly provided the Committee with a report on the ISO (Insurance Services Office) evaluation that the Village received. ISO's evaluation indicated a downgrading of the Village's Public Protection Classification from a Class 3 to a Class 4. Chief Kelly informed the Committee that they are currently in the process of meeting with ISO representatives to get a better understanding of how certain items in the evaluation were determined. A meeting has been set up for October 13, 2009 with ISO. The Chief will continue to provide the Committee with updates on this item.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Bleuher
Director of Community Development