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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2009
Memorial Hall
7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Dave Cook, Police Chief Bradley Bloom, Fire Chief Michael Kelly

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Minutes – September 27, 2009

Trustee Schultz moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the September 27, 2009 meeting. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports -Police and Fire Departments- October, 2009

Chief Bloom briefed the Committee on the October Police and Fire Department Open House held on October 10, 2009. Chief Bloom stated that despite the weather approximately 500 attended the event and attendance seems to be rising each year. Chief Bloom displayed a picture of the Police Department's new prisoner transport van. The van was purchased using seized funds for \$1700 dollars and was jointly purchased by Clarendon Hills and Oak Brook. The van will be used to transport prisoners to the DuPage County jail. In an effort to reduce overtime costs the communities that purchased the van cooperatively have entered into an informal agreement to transport prisoners from each community, which could reduce overtime expenses. Chief Bloom stated this is the first step toward carrying out the Village Board initiative of reducing cost through shared services. Chairman Williams praised Chief Bloom for working toward this initiative.

Chief Bloom mentioned that the Community Notification E-mail System is up and running and approximately 3000 names are in the system. The system is a zero cost way to keep residents informed of police alerts and Village notifications. Messages can be directed to a specific geographic area of the Village. The system was recently used to warn residents on steps to take if they see a coyote and fox around the Village. The Community Notification system is used in addition to the Code Red notification system that provides emergency telephone notifications in the event of an emergency.

Chief Bloom stated he is researching a parking ticket amnesty program coupled with an ordinance that would allow for drivers license suspensions for 10 or more unpaid parking tickets. The ZPS Committee discussed alternative methods for the collection of unpaid tickets such as the shut off of a water meter or the loss of a driver's license. A brief discussion was held regarding this with the direction of checking with the Village President for approval before it come back to the ZPS Committee for consideration. The Committee did not have any questions regarding the Police Department's monthly report.

Chief Kelly did not have any specific highlights from the September monthly report. He updated the Committee on the actions that the Fire Department and the Village were taking in response to the H1N1 virus.

Monthly Report - Community Development – October, 2009

A report was not given for the Community Development Department

Referral to Plan Commission

Referral to the Plan Commission for review and consideration of a Text Amendment to Sections 7-105 (Special Uses) and 12-206 (Definitions) of the Hinsdale Zoning code to Allow Helistops as Special Uses in the Health Services District*

Trustee Schultz motioned to approve a Referral to the Plan Commission for review and consideration of a Text Amendment to Sections 7-105 (Special Uses) and 12-206 (Definitions) of the Hinsdale Zoning code to Allow Helistops as Special Uses in the Health Services District. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cook provided information regarding the time frame and meeting schedule this text amendment will go and stated without any hold ups it could be approved by the Village Board at the end of January 2010. General discussion took place between the ZPS Committee regarding the process for a text amendment.

Referral to the Plan Commission for review and consideration of a Text Amendment to Sections 3-110I(5)(Specified structures and uses in required yards) of the Hinsdale Zoning code to allow generators as permitted encroachments in the interior and corner side yards in R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 Single Family Residential Districts*

Matt Klein provided information on emergency generators in residential applications, representing resident Steve Cochlan. Trustee Angelo referenced that some of these issues may be included in the Village zoning rewrite process and also referenced the opportunity to take these issues through the ZBA process as has been done in the past. He was concerned that it may be more appropriate to take this to ZBA for site-specific requests rather than handle it broadly through the Plan Commission.

Trustee LaPlaca was concerned that the motion or nature of the text amendment was not specific enough and was not in favor of referring such a general text amendment. Trustee LaPlaca also referenced that this may be handled through the Plan Commission with the Zoning rewrite.

Trustee Schultz indicated that this is a common sense issue and that these units are installed throughout the Village and are becoming the norm. Trustee Schultz indicated that this should be referred on to the Plan Commission and sees no reason why it shouldn't.

Matt Klein reiterated that there are many of these units in place due to the problems with electrical outages and the potential for basements flooding. Trustee LaPlaca agreed that this is a Village wide issue and the Plan Commission may be the place to discuss this issue.

Trustee Schultz motioned to approve a referral to the Plan Commission for review and consideration of a Text Amendment to Sections 3-110I(5)(Specified structures and uses in required yards) of the Hinsdale Zoning code to allow generators as permitted encroachments in the interior and corner side

yards in R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 Single Family Residential Districts. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Williams, Trustee LaPlaca, and Trustee Schultz. Nays: Trustee Angelo. The motion was approved 3-1.

Request for Board Action

Ordinance Approving a Design Review Permit for Site Plan and Exterior Appearance Plan Modifications at 710 N. York Road**

Mr. Cook provided background information on this agenda item. He stated the Plan Commission approved the sign unanimously. Trustee Schultz motioned for approval of an ordinance approving a design review permit for site plan and exterior appearance plan modifications at 710 N. York Road. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Waiver of Fees for all but out-of-pocket expenses for Woman's Choice Services at 718 N. York Road*

Trustee Schultz motioned to deny a waiver of fees for all but out-of-pocket expenses for Woman's Choice Services at 718 N. York Road. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Williams, Trustee LaPlaca, and Trustee Schultz. Nays: Trustee Angelo. General discussion took place over the reasoning for denial of this waiver of fees. Mr. Cook stated historically fees have only been waived for organizations that have worked directly with the Village. Trustees Schultz asked the Board to stay consistent with past waiver requests such as this.

Trustee Angelo commented on his vote against the generator issue that he was concerned about attempts to end run the ZBA and that it gets discussed at the Board and not on the consent agenda.

Trustee Schultz commented that we should look at the upcoming meeting schedule for next year and possibly add some meetings as necessary to facilitate moving projects through the process.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Trustee LaPlaca motioned to adjourn. Trustee Angelo seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Kelly
Fire Chief