

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
November 5, 2013**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees was called to order by President Tom Cauley in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7:33 p.m.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Trustees Christopher Elder, J. Kimberley Angelo, William Haarlow, Gerald J. Hughes, Laura LaPlaca and Bob Saigh

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Finance Darrell Langlois, Director of Public Services George Franco, Director of Economic Development and Urban Design Tim Scott and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cauley led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections to the draft minutes, Trustee Hughes moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of October 15, 2013.** Trustee LaPlaca seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley reported a recent incident involving a Burmese mountain dog named Sammy who while at KLM fell into the creek. Due to the recent rains the creek was moving swiftly and Sammy disappeared into a drainage pipe. The police rescued the dog several blocks away; he was unharmed and reunited with his grateful owner. President Cauley thanked Hinsdale Police Officers Louis Hayes, Jr., Thomas Yehl, Tony Maraviglia and Community Service Officer Matt Miller. He noted the dedication and responsiveness of our police department to Hinsdale residents.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Cauley read the Consent Agenda as follows:

Items Recommended by Environment & Public Services Committee

- a) Approve a Purchase Order to Industrial Systems Ltd., in the amount of \$10,695 for Replacement of a Calcium Chloride Tank (Omnibus vote)
- b) Approve the Disposal of Surplus Village Equipment through the DuPage Mayors and Manager Conference (Omnibus vote)

Trustee Saigh moved **to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Accounts Payable

Trustee LaPlaca moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of October 12, 2013 through November 1, 2013 in the aggregate amount of \$854,174.91 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

**Approval of a Contract with Temple Display in the amount of \$17,500 to
Provide Illumination of Downtown Street Trees for the
2013-14 Holiday Season**

President Cauley introduced the item and noted there are two areas of illumination; the downtown central business district and Burlington Park and the Memorial Building. He suggested the Board consider adding additional lights because the holiday season is the best opportunity to show off our Village and remarked on the number of people who see Hinsdale from the windows of the train. He noted the Village is running ahead on sales tax revenue and to the extent we spend money to get people to come to Hinsdale, this may be a direct connection to getting people into town. Director of Economic Development and Urban Design Tim Scott spoke to possible enhancements and provided the Board with a written summary of options. Mr. Scott stated with additional funds we can increase the light count on the downtown trees. In the park, make the fountain more lush and illuminate additional trees around the fountain to create a more finished celebratory appearance. On the Memorial Building, we could add more lights to the spruce tree in front and make a stronger presence by lighting the maple trees that flank the patio, maybe with solid green or solid red lights. President Cauley noted from Mr. Scott's handout that the price for all proposed additions is \$14,000. Trustee Angelo commented this would be a way to improve the impression the Village gives and agrees this will help attract people to downtown businesses. Chairman of the EDC Commission John Karstrand said he agreed with President Cauley's point about the visibility from train and driving by Burlington Park. He noted the upcoming Chamber events, Radio Disney for one, which will bring a lot of folks to town. He also noted, for purposes of visibility, the EDC is working on electric enhancements in the park to create tasteful illumination all year. Trustee Elder said we can't determine the point of diminishing return on the lights. He agrees we could do a better job, but doesn't want to go overboard. He recommended a budget cap of \$30,000. Trustee LaPlaca agrees another \$14,000 is a big jump and agrees with a \$30,000 cap. Trustee LaPlaca commented that the trees at the Memorial Building are the least important to her. She would rather put the money in Burlington Park and the Central Business District (CBD). President Cauley suggested approving an amount tonight and letting staff and the Chamber determine the best way to enhance the lights. Trustees Haarlow and Saigh agreed. Discussion followed regarding canopy lighting versus trunk lighting of the trees. Director of Public

Services George Franco confirmed we are using fewer greens this year; no pole wraps just wreaths. President Cauley summarized the Board direction to increase the decorating budget to \$30,000. Staff, in conjunction with the EDC, will use their discretion with the additional funds, but will not light the two maples by the Memorial Building.

Trustee LaPlaca moved **to increase the Holiday lighting budget to a total of \$30,000**. Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Trustee LaPlaca moved **Approval of a Contract with Temple Display in the amount of \$17,500 to Provide Illumination of Downtown Street Trees for the 2013-14 Holiday Season**. Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Hughes summarized the ACA Committee meeting discussion from last night regarding changes to the liquor code. As a reminder to everyone, this was prompted during the summer request from the Village Cellar to look at hours of operation. In the course of that discussion, we considered restaurants, full service, limited service, prepared foods, etc. and concluded that the language in the Code is not clear and therefore difficult to enforce. Since then staff has looked at these issues and found that there are other ambiguities in the Code. To summarize, there are a number of classifications of businesses that are not useful or distinct from other classifications. Some of these were inserted in the Code to accommodate a single merchant; over time we have aggregated some classes that may not be useful. The direction to staff is to look at it again to only have the necessary classes; to simplify and collapse the classes where possible. There is some need to stratify fee structures on something that is easy to identify and enforce. It is clear there are questions about beer and wine, alcohol and premium spirits. They would like the entire Liquor Code reviewed. Committee would like to see a table indicating which

merchants are in what class and agrees staff should address this work whether or not there is a request on the table to enact an extended service request.

Additionally, the Committee discussed the water meter replacement project. A staff committee is evaluating the bids and will interview three vendors. The early thought is that this may not be decided on price alone, it is a complex project and involves a vendor going into resident homes. We might benefit from one or two trustees participating in the process. Trustee Elder is willing to participate.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

Trustee LaPlaca said the Committee is meeting next Monday, November 11th.

ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Saigh stated the next regular meeting might be changed to start at 6:30 on the same day as the Village Board meeting because some will be out of town because of Thanksgiving week.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Economic Development Commission Update

Mr. John Karstrand addressed the Board on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce regarding holiday greenery. The Chamber used to do all the greenery in town, now it all gets bid out, but the Chamber will contribute \$3,000 to the purchase of this year's greenery. Mr. Franco said the greens are in the Public Service budget. Mr. Karstrand talked about other holiday events; the annual Christmas Walk, Santa and cookie decorating in the park throughout the season.

STAFF REPORTS

No reports.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Saigh commended the staff for their quick response regarding the East Fourth Street construction project, which is now wrapped up. The homeowner came to last the last ZPS meeting and addressed the Board. They recommended staff give relief to the homeowner to finish the construction project. Ms. Gargano, Mr. McGinnis, Mr. Franco and the Village Attorney worked out a solution that was acceptable to the homeowner and residents quickly and fairly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Elder **moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of November 5, 2013.** Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 10 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk