

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
January 19, 2016**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees was called to order by President Tom Cauley on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:38 p.m.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Trustees Christopher Elder, Luke Stifflear, Gerald J. Hughes, Laura LaPlaca and Bob Saigh

Absent: Trustee J. Kimberley Angelo

Also Present: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Police Chief Brad Bloom, Fire Chief Rick Ronovsky, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Director of Parks & Recreation Gina Hassett, Director of Community Development Robb McGinnis, Village Engineer Dan Deeter, Village Planner Chan Yu, Public Services Superintendent Ralph Nikischer, Economic Development Coordinator/Human Resources Administrator Emily Wagner, Management Analyst Suzanne Ostrovsky and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Saigh suggested changes to the language of the draft minutes. Trustee Elder moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of January 5, 2016, as amended.** Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Stifflear, Hughes, LaPlaca and Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Angelo

Motion carried.

**CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Cauley appointed Trustee Stifflear, as the most recently elected trustee to serve on the Village Tree Board with Chair LaPlaca and Trustees Hughes and Saigh. They will convene a meeting in the near future as a tree matter has come to the Village's attention. President Cauley also reported on the Sedgewick property at 55<sup>th</sup> Street and County Line Road; a 24.5 acre parcel zoned R-2. In 2004, the Village passed an ordinance approving

the construction of 36 single family homes on 20,000' square foot lots, which was consistent with the R-2 zoning. In 2007, the owner submitted an application to rezone the property from R-2 to R-5 in order to build an age-restricted empty-nester community that would include 67 units; 19 single-family homes and 48 duplex homes. This proposed project was vetted at 11 Plan Commission and Board meetings; however, the Village Board ultimately defeated the proposal because of the density and some question as to whether or not empty-nester housing was needed in Hinsdale.

While no formal application has been received by the Village, President Cauley said he has reached out to the owner of the property regarding potential development. He explained to the owner that he is free to request zoning relief, but the bar is high for approval. He commented further on his concerns regarding whether or not residents are in favor of empty-nester housing in Hinsdale. The Board would like resident input regarding empty nester housing; there will be a meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. before the regularly scheduled Board meeting, to afford residents an opportunity to be heard. He also provided a phone number and an email address for people to contact the Village on this issue, if they are unable to attend a meeting in February. Ms. Gargano confirmed that all communications will be shared with the Board. President Cauley stated that if the Board entertains the idea, there will be lots of discussion at the Plan Commission and the Board moving forward. The first step at the February meeting is to determine perceived need.

## **FIRST READINGS - INTRODUCTION**

### **Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)**

a) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Subsection 3-3-13 (Terms; Fees) of the Village Code of Hinsdale Relative to Reducing the Annual Liquor License Fee for Class A3 Liquor Licenses (Boutique Licenses)**

President Cauley introduced the item. Burhops, under the old liquor code, paid \$1,000 annually for their license renewal. Under the new liquor code, this fee increased to \$2,500, which given their volume, didn't seem appropriate. This ordinance proposes changing the fee for Class A3 Boutique licensees to \$1,250. Trustee Saigh described Burhops wine business as a convenience to their customers and does not believe they should be included in the same classification as the local wine sellers. Rather, they should be in a classification of their own. Discussion followed regarding the merits of creating a separate class for Burhops. President Cauley suggested the Board approve this item as presented and review any need for changes of classification in the future. The Board agreed to put this item on the Consent Agenda of their next meeting.

b) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Subsection 3-3-13A of the Village Code of Hinsdale Related to the Number of Liquor Licenses (Casa Margarita – addition of Class B4 Packaged Sales)**

President Cauley introduced the item. Mr. Al Lofti and Mr. Chase Lofti addressed the Board. Mr. Chase Lofti explained the train station location makes this a good fit for the addition of packaged sales. He said margaritas they will sell are in a tamper proof, factory sealed container. Police Chief Brad Bloom is concerned with public

consumption. Trustee LaPlaca mentioned the code restrictions on bottle size. Chief Bloom will review the packaging to make sure it meets all requirements. The Board agreed to put this item on the Consent Agenda of their next meeting.

c) **Renew the contract for landscape maintenance and mowing in the amount of \$113,166 for FY16/17 with Beary Landscaping**

President Cauley commented some of this work was outsourced last year. Trustee Hughes had asked for information regarding what staff was doing if they no longer had to mow. Public Services Superintendent Ralph Nikischer provided a memo of explanation. This contract is approximately \$7,700 more than last year. Mr. Nikischer addressed the Board and explained that bio-solids have been cut back because they are used primarily for turf restoration; if they are used on good turf, there is too much growth resulting in increased mowing.

The Board agreed to put this item on the Consent Agenda of their next meeting.

**Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Saigh)**

d) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Temporary Use – 35 E. First – Fuller House Restaurant**

President Cauley said this item is for a seasonal vestibule, which is already installed. He pointed out that this entrance is recessed and presents no problem walking on the sidewalk. Previously, vestibules have been reviewed by the Plan Commission; however, the Chairman of the Plan Commission has seen the vestibule and feels it is appropriate for the Trustees to consider without prior approval of the Plan Commission. The Board discussed the process of approval for temporary uses of this nature.

The Board agreed to move this item forward for a Second Reading at their next meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)**

**Accounts Payable**

Trustee Stifflear moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of January 6, 2016 through January 19, 2016 in the aggregate amount of \$1,255,827.35 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, Stifflear, Hughes, LaPlaca and Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Angelo

Motion carried.

The following items were approved by omnibus vote:

- b) **Extend the current license agreement with Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association (HPTA) through July 31, 2016** (*First Reading – January 5, 2016*)
- c) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Subsection 3-3-13A of the Village Code of Hinsdale Related to the Number of Liquor Licenses (Casa Margarita)** (*First Reading – January 5, 2016*)

**Environment & Public Services (Chair LaPlaca)**

- d) **Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Vacation of a Certain Portion of an Unimproved Alley Situated South of and Adjoining 810 W. Hinsdale Street in the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois at a Purchase Price of \$7,500** (*First Reading – January 5, 2016*)

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

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Stifflear, Hughes, LaPlaca and Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Angelo

Motion carried.

**SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA - ADOPTION**

**Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Saigh)**

- a) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 (“Office Districts”), Section 6-106 (“Special Uses”), of the Hinsdale Zoning Code as it Relates to Special Uses in the O-2 Limited Office Zoning District – Design Work for Home or Office Remodeling Business and Related Showrooms, and;**
- b) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for an Interior Design, Remodeling and Decorating Service Business with a Showroom in the O-2 Limited Office Zoning District at 20 E. Ogden Avenue – LaMantia Design & Construction Company** (*First Reading – January 5, 2016*)

President Cauley introduced these items and explained the language changes to the ordinance as discussed by the Board at the First Reading. Mr. Nick Esposito, attorney for the applicant, clarified there will be no over the counter sales, however, customers will be able to pick up small items that may need to be replaced for various reasons. He also commended Village Planner Chan Yu for his professionalism and assistance throughout the process.

Trustee Saigh moved to **Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 (“Office Districts”), Section 6-106 (“Special Uses”), of the Hinsdale Zoning Code as it Relates to Special Uses in the O-2 Limited Office Zoning District – Design Work for Home or Office Remodeling Business and Related Showrooms.** Trustee LaPlaca seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Stifflear, Hughes, LaPlaca and Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Angelo

Motion carried.

Trustee Saigh moved to **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for an Interior Design, Remodeling and Decorating Service Business with a Showroom in the O-2 Limited Office Zoning District at 20 E. Ogden Avenue – LaMantia Design & Construction Company.** Trustee LaPlaca seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Stifflear, Hughes, LaPlaca and Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Angelo

Motion carried.

- c) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to a Site Plan and Exterior Appearance Plan for the Construction of a new Clubhouse on the Property Located at 830 N. Madison - Salt Creek Club** (*First Reading – January 5, 2016*)

President Cauley confirmed the Board had no issues with this request. Trustee Elder moved to **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to a Site Plan and Exterior Appearance Plan for the Construction of a new Clubhouse on the Property Located at 830 N. Madison - Salt Creek Club.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Stifflear, Hughes, LaPlaca and Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Angelo

Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Oak Street Bridge Commuter parking on Hillgrove and Installation of lighting**

Village Engineer Dan Deeter updated the Board that BNSF will commence overnight work on February 12<sup>th</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup> with back up dates of February 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup> should they be necessary. In terms of the commuter parking, the preliminary plans placed the parking on the north side of Hillgrove Avenue, which decreased commuter parking by nine spaces. This was included as part of Phase 1 of the project and is the current configuration. The Wellness House has expressed concerns that the North County Line Road relocation will impede parking for their staff and visitors. Staff has looked into this, and if the parking is relocated from the north to the south side of Hillgrove, three parking spaces will be recovered. Trustee LaPlaca explained the parking was located on the north side so commuters could take advantage of the sidewalk located on that side of the street; however, that may only be a perceived benefit. Chief Bloom explained the efficient use of the spaces; the parking usage is being monitored and a meeting is scheduled for next week with Wellness House representatives. Discussion followed regarding the Wellness House parking lot and their perception that an agreement exists regarding the lot. Chief Bloom reiterated there is no evidence the relocation of these nine spaces has negatively impacted Wellness staff or visitors.

The Board agreed to reinstate the three spaces on Hillgrove Avenue.

Mr. Deeter informed the Board that some of the preferred street lighting has been installed; the remainder will be installed in February. Trustee LaPlaca noted IDOT has approved the expense that will extend the fencing on the west side of the bridge to match the rest of the bridge.

### **Sidewalk Snow Removal**

Director of Public Services George Peluso addressed the Board. Staff has provided a comprehensive report; he summarized by outlining the public information pieces already in place and reviewing Village practices. He reported survey data from other communities and prices for additional sidewalk clearing.

President Cauley said he and staff agree that it is not a good idea to issue fines to residents; implementation and enforcement would be problematic. He believes residents are responsible, and it would be better to make this a community awareness issue. He commented on the critical links near the train or school, stating it is probably more economical for the Village to manage these areas. Trustee LaPlaca complimented staff on the new materials. Village Manager Gargano said the Village may do a mailing of the brochure next year at start of snow season, but it is likely too late for this season.

## **DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS**

- a) Community Development, November and December
- b) Economic Development
- c) Engineering
- d) Information Technology

The reports listed above were provided to the Board. There were no additional questions regarding the contents of the department and staff reports.

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

None.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

None.

### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

None.

### **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 Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees of January 19, 2016.** Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Stifflear, Hughes, LaPlaca and Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Angelo

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk

