

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
November 1, 2011**

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 1, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Attorney Ken Florey, Village Manager Dave Cook, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Information Technology Coordinator Amy Pisciotto and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Also Present: Reporters from Patch.com and The Hinsdalean

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Geoga provided clarifications to the minutes. Trustee LaPlaca moved **to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2011, as amended.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

None.

## **VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Cauley reported on the announcement made last week that Hinsdale plans to consolidate police services with Clarendon Hills. He reported that the Village faces serious financial pressures in these difficult economic times. Hinsdale has and will experience reduced income and yet major capital expenditures still loom in the future. The Village has already outsourced 911 and successfully undertaken Fire Department shared services resulting in a \$300,000 annual savings. In addition, there have been Police Department staff reductions, but there comes a point where cost reductions could impact services. Over the past two years discussions have occurred regarding sharing services with Clarendon Hills, Burr Ridge, Willowbrook and Oak Brook. Due to recent staff reductions in the Clarendon Hills Police Department, this is a good time to move forward with consolidation. Discussions between both communities have followed and it has been concluded that no meaningful savings occur with sharing services, but only through consolidation. Through a full consolidation and economies of scale, hundreds of thousands of dollars can be saved. Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale Village Boards have both agreed to move forward by planning a consolidation wherein the details will be worked out moving forward with input from Departments and citizens. There will be no layoffs; staff reduction will occur solely thru normal attrition, the pension plan will not be adversely affected and there will be no compromise in the quality of our police services. President Cauley anticipated that the process may take eighteen months to two years to complete. No municipality in Illinois is taking this road yet, and the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority has pledged support for the consolidation as they hope to use this as a model for future consolidations throughout the State.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no Consent Agenda items presented.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

### **Accounts Payable**

Trustee LaPlaca moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of October 15, 2011 through October 28, 2011 in the aggregate amount of \$1,367,754.57 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Geoga seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**Award a Contract totaling \$73,085.25 to MidCo, Inc. of Burr Ridge for the  
Purchase and Installation of a Mitel Telephone System**

President Cauley opened discussion. Mr. Langlois explained that \$65,000 was allocated in the 2012 budget for the replacement of a 20-year old telephone system that no vendor can maintain anymore. He noted that up to \$35,000 of drug seizure money would also be used to fund the system. The Village received five bids, staff reviewed the best two; the proposal before the Board tonight is the technically superior of the two in the area of redundancy. Discussion followed regarding the requirements of spending drug seizure money. Once implemented the Village will no longer have a contractual relationship with AT&T and will experience savings of as much as \$40,000 per year. Ms. Pisciotto explained that those savings would come primarily from the elimination of costly Centrex phone lines, of which the Village has 110, and switching to an IP (internet protocol) system. Trustee Saigh noted problems previously reported with IP systems. Ms. Pisciotto stated that those concerns have been addressed with 911 and that IP systems are very reliable. She also provided an explanation of technical redundancies. Trustee Elder moved to **Award a Contract totaling \$73,085.25 to MidCo, Inc. of Burr Ridge for the Purchase and Installation of a Mitel Telephone System.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

No report.

## ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

### **Ordinance Repealing and Revoking Ordinance Number O2007-1 and Deleting Title 2 (Boards and Commissions), Chapter 2 (Design Review Commissions), from the Village Code of Hinsdale**

President Cauley introduced the item explaining that in 2007 a Commission was created to look into establishing design guidelines for single family homes. Due to the fact that Hinsdale is a non-home rule community, a mandatory process is not legal, the Village could only institute an incentivized process. The only meaningful incentive, as concluded by the Commission, was the elimination of FAR (floor area ratio) for new homes submitting to the design review process. The Plan Commission did not recommend the approving text amendment nor did the Village Board approve. However, President Cauley stated that the Commissioners did a lot of hard work and had produced a well-written document containing design guidelines. This document has been sent to the 65 architects who do business in town and there are copies in the office for any resident who wants to review the material. Trustee Saigh moved to approve an **Ordinance Repealing and Revoking Ordinance Number O2007-1 and Deleting Title 2 (Boards and Commissions), Chapter 2 (Design Review Commissions), from the Village Code of Hinsdale**. Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Trustee Saigh reported that at the last Zoning and Public Safety meeting there was an item from AT&T mobile to install ten antennas on ComEd utility poles. The matter did not receive a vote from the Committee because Trustee Angelo pointed out that AT&T mobile, by its use of the public right of way, need not come before the Village of Hinsdale for approval and Trustee Angelo questioned whether the Village wanted to sign off on these antennae installations. Mr. Luke Stiffler, Hinsdale resident, also questioned if the Village had the authority to act or would want to. He reported that a number of issues were raised, including the height of the antennas, the location, the effects of the technology and proper notice to residents. Trustee Saigh explained that there was enough ambiguity that the Committee was not comfortable acting on it. The Village Attorney is currently reviewing the matter. However, since the ZPS meeting, AT&T has withdrawn their request. Village Attorney Florey stated that he will report his findings in the near future and that if we agree that AT&T does not have to come before the Village for approval, it may still be a building permit issue.

## REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No reports.

## STAFF REPORTS

No reports.

## CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

## TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Village Board of Trustees, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Saigh **moved to adjourn the meeting of November 1, 2011** and not to reconvene. Trustee LaPlaca seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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