

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
January 20, 2015**

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, January 20, 2015 at 7:36 p.m.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Trustees Christopher Elder, J. Kimberley Angelo, William Haarlow, Gerald J. Hughes, Laura LaPlaca (arrived at 7:42 p.m.) and Bob Saigh

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Police Chief Brad Bloom, Fire Chief Rick Ronovsky, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Village Engineer Dan Deeter, Director of Economic Development & Urban Design Tim Scott, Director of Parks & Recreation Gina Hassett, 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

President Cauley suggested a change to the language of the draft minutes. Trustee Hughes moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of January 6, 2015, as amended.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee LaPlaca

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

FIRST READINGS

Administration & Community Affairs

Approve an Ordinance Amending Subsection 7-4B-2(A) of the Village Code of Hinsdale Regarding Water Rates

President Cauley introduced the item and noted this is a pass-through cost. The city of Chicago is raising the rates to DuPage County residents. This is the fourth and final increase the DuPage Water Commission will pass to residents, an increase from \$3.97 to \$4.68/per gallon. The Board agreed to forward this item to the Consent Agenda on February 3rd.

President Cauley mentioned a Woodlands item which was removed from the agenda. He noted Village staff will study the bids in greater detail; this item will move to the next meeting of the Board.

Environment & Public Services

Approve a Funding Commitment for Utility Relocations for the Oak Street Bridge Replacement Project in the Amount not to Exceed \$115,000

President Cauley introduced the item and Trustee LaPlaca confirmed this matter was previously discussed at an Environment & Public Services (EPS) Committee meeting. President Cauley commented that although power lines are unsightly, he might not vote to approve this item in the event of a tie. He explained that revenues to the Village are flat, and this \$85,000 expenditure is steep. Trustee LaPlaca commented that the bridge will be a prominent feature in the community and a lot of time and effort has been put into the aesthetics and appearance of the new bridge. This is the most convenient time to bury the wires. The north side lines zigzag across the road, which is why the expense is so high, as opposed to the south side lines which are estimated at \$30,000. ComEd needs to do engineering and planning, and therefore would like a commitment at this time. In addition to aesthetic considerations, Trustee Hughes said another benefit to this project would be an increase in the reliability of electric service; this is a long term improvement. He stated further this should be considered as the Village will never be in a position to do this in one fell swoop again. Trustee Saigh said the aesthetic consideration is not insignificant. He understands the steep price, but also believes in the long view it is wise for protection, security, safety and because of the proximity to the hospital. He recommends making the expenditure in this particular instance. Trustee LaPlaca commented that what swayed the EPS Committee was Trustee Haarlow's comment about 'touching something once', millions of dollars are being spent on the bridge and we may never have the opportunity to bury the lines in the future. Village

Engineer Dan Deeter explained it is easier and more cost effective to trench the lines in during the construction than to install them in the future which would require tearing up a road. Trustee Haarlow said this is probably the only time to do this and there is a lot to be said to doing this right. He also noted that the photos provided at EPS illustrated the compelling aesthetic reasons. Trustees LaPlaca, Saigh, Hughes and Haarlow are in favor of the expenditure. Trustee Angelo stated that he is not swayed. He thinks it will look nice anyway and this is too much money. Trustee LaPlaca pointed out the bridge is completely funded by grant dollars; for the Village to pay this amount seems reasonable. Trustee Elder is not convinced of either position at this time.

The majority of the Board agrees to the \$30,000 expenditure relating to power lines of the south side and will place this matter on the next agenda as a non-consent item. Village Manager Gargano said the photos provided to EPS will be included in the packet. President Cauley requested the difference in cost between burying the lines now as opposed to later. If necessary, this matter can be discussed again at the next meeting.

Zoning & Public Safety

Approve a Resolution of the Village of Hinsdale Approving the Construction of Utility Lines on Property Jointly Owned by the Village of Hinsdale, Village of Oak Brook and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, for the Purpose of Serving the Ben Fuller House on Adjacent Property

President Cauley introduced the item and explained that the proposed work would be done by the Forest Preserve District, but because of a joint agreement with Oak Brook, they need our approval to proceed. There is no expense to Hinsdale. Trustee Saigh expressed concerns about tree removal. Ms. Jessica Ortega, from the Forest Preserve District Planning Department, addressed the Board. She explained that there would be some trees removed for this project; specifically several small mulberry, cottonwood and ash trees as well as a few box elders and hackberrys. The Forest Preserve would supplement this fall with additional tree planting. The removal of some of these trees will provide additional visibility for the house, which is good for safety. There is no change to the grade of this parcel. She explained the utilities would serve the interpretive center, which is a planned addition to the house. The Board agreed to move this to the Consent Agenda of their next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Administration & Community Affairs

Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for Checks issued on December 19, 2014 and for the Period of January 7, 2015 through January 20, 2015 in the aggregate amount of \$1,510,521.04 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk

Trustee Haarlow moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for Checks issued on December 19, 2014 and for the Period of January 7, 2015 through January 20, 2015 in the aggregate amount of \$1,510,521.04 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Approve an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Village Code of Hinsdale Relative to Standing Committees

President Cauley made note of a change he suggested to Rule 6 regarding the written record of meetings. Trustee Elder moved to **Approve an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Village Code of Hinsdale Relative to Standing Committees.** Trustee Angelo seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

**Adopt Meeting Policies and Procedures; and
Adopt Guidelines for Citizens' Petitions, as is Consistent with the Illinois Open Meetings Act; and
Adopt Guidelines for Use of Recording Equipment, as is Consistent with the Illinois Open Meetings Act**

President Cauley commented that he does not think First Read items should say the intent is to forward them to the Consent Agenda and recommended those items be noted they can proceed either to the Consent Agenda, the Committee of the Whole or as a Non-Consent Item. Trustee Hughes moved to **Adopt Meeting Policies and Procedures; and Adopt Guidelines for Citizens' Petitions, as is Consistent with the Illinois Open Meetings Act; and Adopt Guidelines for Use of Recording Equipment, as is Consistent with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, with proposed modifications.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Hughes, LaPlaca and Saigh
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Environment & Public Services

Move to Waive the First Reading and Approve a Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Local Agency (LA) Portion of the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Oak Street Bridge Replacement Project not to Exceed \$585,000

President Cauley introduced the item and explained that this expense is funded by grant money. Trustee LaPlaca moved to **Waive the First Reading and Approve a Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Local Agency (LA) Portion of the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Oak Street Bridge Replacement Project not to Exceed \$585,000**. Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Hughes, LaPlaca and Saigh
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Move to Waive the First Reading and Ratifying and Approving Land Acquisitions for the Oak Street Bridge Replacement Project in the Amount of \$618,500

President Cauley introduced the item and explained that this is the acquisition of easement property for the Oak Street Bridge project that had to be completed by January 16th for the March letting of the contract. He stated the Village has acquired the land. He thanked staff for their efforts and the hospital for their cooperation. Further, the acquisitions came in \$531,500 below budget. Trustee LaPlaca moved to **Waive the First Reading and Ratifying and Approving Land Acquisitions for the Oak Street Bridge Replacement Project in the Amount of \$618,500**. Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Hughes, LaPlaca and Saigh
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Move to Waive the First Reading and Approve a Resolution of the Village of Hinsdale Approving the Use of a Portion of Village Park Property for Temporary Construction Purposes – Highland Park/Oak Street Bridge Project

President Cauley introduced the item stating that even though the Village owns the park, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requires a special resolution to use part of the park for construction purposes. Trustee LaPlaca moved to **Waive the First Reading and Approve a Resolution of the Village of Hinsdale Approving the Use of a Portion of Village Park Property for Temporary Construction Purposes – Highland Park/Oak Street Bridge Project**. Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Zoning & Public Safety

Move to Waive the First Reading and Approve an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to a Planned Development – Hillgrove Avenue Setback and Floor Area Ratio of Planned Development at 120 North Oak Street – Adventist Hinsdale Hospital

President Cauley introduced the item and explained this relates to an understanding with the hospital regarding the north portion of their property. They will retain the same ability to rebuild on the property as it relates to FAR and setbacks. Trustee Hughes moved to **Waive the First Reading and Approve an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to a Planned Development – Hillgrove Avenue Setback and Floor Area Ratio of Planned Development at 120 North Oak Street – Adventist Hinsdale Hospital**. Trustee LaPlaca seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

The following Department reports were provided to the Board for review:

- a) Treasurer's Report – (distributed with January 5th Finance Commission packet)
- b) Parks & Recreation – December 2014
- c) MIS Monthly Report – December 2014
- d) Police & Fire Reports – November 2014 & December 2014
- e) Public Services Report – November 2014 & December 2014
- f) Engineering Monthly Report – November 2014 & December 2014
- g) Community Development Monthly Report – November 2014 & December 2014

President Cauley suggested each Department Head provide a paragraph including what is worthy of discussion; an executive summary. These items will continue to be listed on the agenda. Trustee Elder asked about Parks & Recreation expenses for platform tennis, to which Director of Parks & Recreation Gina Hassett stated those expenses are just starting to post. Trustee Hughes noted the DuComm budget numbers are higher than anticipated. Police Chief Brad Bloom explained that the budget is calculated at 75% Police and 25% Fire, however, the Fire costs are based on Equalized Assessed Value (EAV). Hinsdale's EAV went up, so our proportional share is higher. It was noted that the actual budget number is \$25,000 higher than the projection. President Cauley remarked on the 2015 Road Construction. He recommended the Board talk about this before moving forward for this year. The Village is in year five or six of a fifteen year plan, and depending on how bad a street is or how frequently traveled, the schedule should be reevaluated. Trustee LaPlaca recommended reviewing as soon as possible, so as to get the best possible pricing when going out to bid. Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois provided an update for the Board regarding the water meter project. Phase I started in mid-November, there has been a 74% response rate, Phase II will begin in January. There has been no negative feedback from residents regarding the installations.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee LaPlaca thanked staff for their work to get the Oak Street Bridge resolutions completed by the January 16th deadline. She also thanked Director of Public Services George Peluso for good work heading into winter, there has been one water main break already and his staff was very responsive.

Trustee Haarlow commented regarding new meeting/agenda procedures. He agrees it would be good to review the process in the future. He expressed concern regarding the Non-Consent Item description on the agenda in that time sensitivity could be abused and possibly provide a way for a special interest group to fast track a matter. Discussion followed wherein it was noted that some matters may not have a first read and may still need to be acted on, to make sure the Village can conduct its business in a timely manner. It was suggested there be a footnote to the agenda to explain the nature of an emergency or time-sensitivity. President Cauley does not want a system that is too loose, especially in the case of some future board that might not be as cohesive as this one.

ADJOURNMENT

President Cauley noted that based on this evenings business, there would be no need to schedule a Committee of the Whole. There being no further business before the Board, he asked for a motion to adjourn into closed session. Trustee Haarlow **moved to adjourn the meeting of the Hinsdale Board of Trustees of January 20, 2015 into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing setting a price for the lease of property owned by the Village; and probably or imminent litigation, not to reconvene into Open Session.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk