

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
February 4, 2014**

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, February 4, 2014 at 7:37 p.m.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Christopher Elder, (arr. at 7:51 p.m.), Trustees 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 Community Development Robb McGinnis, Police Chief Brad Bloom, Fire Chief Rick Ronovsky, Deputy Police Chief Mark Wodka and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Saigh moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of January 21, 2014, as presented.** Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Elder

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley reported that Hinsdale's first female Village President Joyce Skoog passed away recently at the age of 73. He described her successful professional career and her extensive service to her community. He remarked on her extraordinary energy, hard work and devotion to her profession, her community, her church and her family as truly remarkable. On behalf of the Board, he extended condolences to her husband, children and grandchildren.

President Cauley stated he received a letter from Larry Dominick, the President of the town of Cicero, expressing his deep appreciation for the assistance the Hinsdale Fire Department provided to a 4-alarm fire in Cicero.

He also thanked the Public Services staff for their hard work this winter dealing with snow removal and water main breaks. Crews have been working holidays and weekends around the clock; they are on call 24/7 and are doing a good job. He noted the Village still has 370 tons of salt left and are on a waiting list should we need more. Also, we have received a request from the Chamber of Commerce to remove snow from the downtown sidewalks to allow easy access to businesses. He noted that we are working on that; snow is being moved to Veeck Park and the pool parking lot. He asked for everyone's patience.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Cauley read the Consent Agenda as follows:

Recommended by Zoning & Public Safety Committee

- a) Ordinance Declaring Property as Surplus, Approving the Sale of the Surplus Property on the Internet Website E-Bay by Public Auction and Disposing of Items that Have No Value (Omnibus vote) (O2014-03)
- b) Approve Wirf's Industries to Refurbish Engine 1013 as Outlined in the Scope of Work to be Done and Not to Exceed \$31,933 (Omnibus vote); and
- c) Approve that Fleet Safety Services Provide Emergency Lighting for Engine 1013 at a Cost Not to Exceed \$6,892.66 (Omnibus vote)

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Elder

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Accounts Payable

Trustee Angelo moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of January 22, 2014 through January 31, 2014 in the aggregate amount of \$570,429.50 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 Angelo, Haarlow, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Elder

Motion carried.

Ordinance Authorizing One or More Series of Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Bonds of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of not to Exceed \$2,100,000 or in Lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source) in the Aggregate Principal Amount of not to Exceed \$2,100,000 (O2014-04)

President Cauley introduced the item explaining that this is in connection with the water meter replacement program. In order to proceed with the project, we have to have the funding in place which will require a public hearing in the beginning of March. When we get new meters, and people are paying their actual bill for water, it is anticipated this revenue will cover these bond payments. Trustee Hughes moved to approve an **Ordinance Authorizing One or More Series of Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Bonds of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of not to Exceed \$2,100,000 or in Lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source) in the Aggregate Principal Amount of not to Exceed \$2,100,000.** Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Elder

Motion carried.

Approve a Resolution Expressing Official Intent Regarding Expenditures from the Funds of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, to be Reimbursed from Proceeds of Obligations to be Issued by the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois (R2014-03)

President Cauley explained this resolution authorizes the Village to pay for the water meter replacement project work in the interim before the bonds are issued. Trustee Hughes moved to **Approve a Resolution Expressing Official Intent Regarding Expenditures from the Funds of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, to be Reimbursed from Proceeds of Obligations to be Issued by the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois.** Trustee LaPlaca seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Elder

Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

No report.

ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Recommend Case A-3-2014, 133 E. Ogden, be Referred to the Plan Commission for Review and Consideration of a Map Amendment

Mr. Dan Soltis of Cima Developers, representing the BP Amoco, addressed the Board regarding his request for a map amendment to build a car wash at the existing PB site. Trustee LaPlaca asked if the proposed car wash will be physically attached to the existing structure. Mr. Soltis said it would be a free standing retail structure; a car wash and dry cleaner are the intended uses at this time.

(Trustee Elder arrived at 7:51 p.m.)

Mr. Soltis stated the plans are representative of a typical layout for this use, they believe it will fit well at the site, but understand approvals would be an uphill climb. However, they want to work with the Village if it's a viable, feasible plan. President Cauley explained there are standards that must apply for a referral and the Board does not want to send people through the process if there is no appetite for the project. If the standards in §11 601(E) cannot be met, the legislative body can summarily deny the request irrespective of Plan Commission fact finding. He

stated further that he doesn't think this proposal meets any of the standards. Trustee LaPlaca agreed and voiced concerns regarding the 'impact of enjoyment and value of adjacent properties' and the 'availability of adequate ingress and egress' as traffic would increase. Further, she believes the entire intersection was not thoughtfully developed and this is just adding to the mistakes as it will broaden the scope of the congested commercial look of that stretch of road. She said office buildings are an appropriate transitional use to the residential area. Trustee Hughes does not take such a dim view, he does see some community benefit, but without Plan Commission input could not weigh in on the spot. President Cauley said if a Trustee is on the fence, they should vote to refer the project to the Plan Commission. Trustee Saigh echoed President Cauley's thoughts and stated that in the broader context there are very few times the zoning map has been changed, but in the case of Ogden Avenue, most recently Amlings and the animal hospital, the Board has adhered to the Zoning Code. He believes it would be a blatant inconsistency to approve this proposal and disapprove the others brought forward. It was noted that there was no formal request from the animal hospital. Trustee Angelo commented that the owners of the office buildings and residents have a reasonable expectation the zoning will not change; to do so would have an adverse effect on these property owners. Trustee Elder stated he is on the fence as the Village has a lot of office space that's empty; this proposal might be a benefit to the community. Trustee Haarlow agrees with Trustee Angelo and commented that it was important Mr. Soltis had a vetting at the full Board. He explained that the Graue Mill overlay was designed with this intersection in mind and noted that the McDonalds that went in was strictly controlled. There are reasonable restrictions in place and he doesn't see that a more intensive use like a car wash meets the spirit of the overlay district. Continual encroachment on buffered zoning in the Village is of concern and a violation of the spirit of the buffer zone. Trustee Hughes moved to **Recommend Case A-3-2014, 133 E. Ogden, be Referred to the Plan Commission for Review and Consideration of a Map Amendment.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder and Hughes

NAYS: Trustees Angelo, Haarlow, LaPlaca, Saigh

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance Restricting Left Turns from Northbound Monroe Street to Westbound Ogden Avenue Daily Between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (O2014-05)

President Cauley introduced the item and referenced a memo from Deputy Chief Wodka which lays out in detail the incident numbers at this intersection. There are three bad intersections in Hinsdale, this is the second worst. In the five year period

referenced there have been 28 accidents, eight of which involved bodily injury. The volume of cars going left from northbound Monroe to westbound Ogden Avenue is 1,171 in a 24 hour period. With respect to the impact on Madison, it is estimated that the increased volume will be approximately 10% assuming all displaced vehicles from Monroe will then use Madison. While this is a concern, prohibiting a left hand turn would have eliminated all 28 of those accidents. Chief Bloom said the trade-off is traffic vs. safety.

Mr. Michael Nelson of 424 N. Monroe addressed the Board stating he is in favor of approving the ordinance and that he appreciates the work of the Police Department in this matter; the data indicates a number of serious crashes. Even though he thinks this will increase traffic on his street, ultimately it is about safety. He noted that the ZPS Committee expressed a lot of concern about residents' motivation, but he believes that is irrelevant, the facts indicate this is a dangerous intersection. He asked the Board to please approve this ordinance. President Cauley agrees there is objective evidence that supports the safety issue.

Mr. John Allen of 434 N. Monroe expressed concern for his son driving there, and has noted the impatience of drivers waiting at that intersection.

Trustee Saigh added that action on the part of Hinsdale to install a sign might influence IDOT to undertake some infrastructure improvements including possible installation of a left turn lane. Trustee Elder asked that there be a way to warn people of the change, Chief Bloom said they could install a warning sign. Trustee Angelo noted that everybody who signed the petition lived on Monroe, what about the other people in town? He commented that bad decisions can be made at any intersection and believes this action will only serve to move this issue further east on Ogden Avenue.

Chief Bloom noted un-signalized intersections have a higher accident rate, and the proximity to Madison exacerbates the problem. Cars hurry thru the intersection, causing rear end collisions. President Cauley believes there is a line of sight issue, as well. Trustee Hughes commented there are lots of bad intersections on Ogden Avenue; he is concerned with piecemeal corrections. He wondered if IDOT will look at this comprehensively. Chief Bloom said we forwarded this to IDOT and asked them to make infrastructure improvements. They said this is not included in their plans through 2019, but the Village should proceed as this intersection merits the change. Chief Bloom said hopefully they would look at Ogden Avenue all through Hinsdale. Trustee LaPlaca wondered if the hospital improvements, etc. will prod IDOT to look at the area; Chief Bloom thought given the accident history they may.

Trustee Haarlow acknowledged the data provided by the Police Department, but reiterated initial concern that all signers of the petition lived on north Monroe, and that it was not good neighbor policy to push the problem to another street.

However, it is clear from the data this intersection is different and that even if all vehicles went to Madison it would only be a 10% increase. He is swayed by the safety concern these numbers indicate. Trustee LaPlaca moved to approve an **Ordinance Restricting Left Turns from Northbound Monroe Street to Westbound Ogden Avenue Daily Between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Haarlow, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: Trustees Elder and Angelo

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Village Manager Kathleen Gargano echoed President Cauley's remarks regarding the Public Services staff, stating further that they haven't had a weekend off since December. She recapped the expenses caused by the severe winter which include overtime expenses to date of \$83,000; \$60,000 was budgeted. This number does not take into account Saturday or this weeks' events. We have spent \$87,000 on rock salt to date; \$30,000 was budgeted. She said we still have salt and that the early decision to purchase more and minimize usage was a sound one and has served us well. She thanked Public Services for the work they are doing.

Trustee LaPlaca referenced the dumping of excess snow at the swimming pool parking lot, saying she recalled Village Engineer Dan Deeter stating that weight on the pool parking lot was problematic. Trustee Hughes concurred that there had been mention made during the resurfacing project that the underlayer of the parking lot had deteriorated more than expected. Village Manager Gargano will check into this.

Trustee LaPlaca reminded everyone there is an Oak Street Bridge workshop this Thursday, 7:00 p.m. at KLM. It is the first Phase II meeting to discuss design plans and drawings for the bridge. She said if anyone wants to be a part of the community working group, please contact the Village to be on an email list. She also noted there will be no traffic discussion at this meeting. Traffic will be addressed at a separate meeting that will include Chief Bloom and staff to determine how to manage that issue.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn into Closed Session. Trustee Hughes **moved to adjourn the meeting of the Hinsdale Board of Trustees of February 4, 2014 into Closed Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel, and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation, filed or pending before a court or administrative tribunal or when an action is probable or imminent, and not to reconvene.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk