

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
September 18, 2018**

The specially scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Village President Tom Cauley in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: Trustees Christopher Elder, Michael Ripani, Luke Stifflear, Gerald J. Hughes (*present via telephone*), Matthew Posthuma, Neale Byrnes and President Tom Cauley

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom, Chief Brian King, Chief John Giannelli, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Village Engineer Dan Deeter, Administration Manager Emily Wagner and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a) Committee of the Whole of August 14, 2018**

Following corrections to the draft minutes, Trustee Elder moved to **approve the draft minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 14, 2018, as amended.** Trustee Ripani seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Ripani, Stifflear, Hughes, Posthuma and Byrnes

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**b) Regular meeting of September 4, 2018**

There being no changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Byrnes moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of September 4, 2018, as presented.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Ripani, Stifflear, Posthuma and Byrnes

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Trustee Hughes

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

## PROCLAMATIONS

**a) 125<sup>th</sup> Library Anniversary**

President Cauley introduced Library Board President Julie Liesse, Library Director Karen Keefe, and Anniversary Committee members Molly Castor, Nancy Marvan and Ellen Smith who were present at the meeting. He read the proclamation. Ms. Keefe invited all to attend the celebration on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**b) Constitution Week**

President Cauley read the Constitution Week proclamation.

**c) Arts DuPage**

President Cauley read the Arts DuPage proclamation.

## VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

## FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

### Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

**a) Approve an Ordinance Establishing Village of Hinsdale Special Service Area Number 14 (Downtown Parking Garage)**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item which is the next step in the approval process for Special Service Area #14, wherein merchants and property owners contribute to the incremental cost of the larger parking garage. He noted there is nothing new here, but for the passage of time which allows us to take this next step to establish the SSA. This matter has been before the Board four times since May 3, and there are several more steps till final approval in November. There were no valid petitions filed during the 60-day period to do so that expired yesterday.

The Board agreed to move this item forward for a second reading at their next meeting.

**b) Approve the Community Service Officer (CSO) reorganization to include one full-time CSO, one part-time CSO, and two part-time Parking Enforcement Officers (PEO); and Approval of a reorganization addition a full time CSO and shifting**

**c) Approve changes to the Village Pay Plan for 40-hour per week Police Department employees and the reclassification of the Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant position**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item and explained these two items accommodate a reorganization of staffing, which he believes is a sign of good on-going management of roles and work by Village staff. About 10 years ago with the economic downturn, the

Village got tight on personnel, but there are now opportunities to operate more effectively, attract quality staff, and retain them longer.

President Cauley added that the plan currently allows for five part-time CSO positions, but these individuals are hard to keep, and therefore staff spends more time training new hires. Staff is recommending one full-time CSO, one part-time CSO, and two part-time parking enforcement officers. This will result in a \$6,000 net increase payroll increase with the elimination of the part-time evening records clerk position. Trustee Hughes pointed out there are hidden costs to attract, hire and train new staff, and while these costs are harder to measure, they offset the hard costs. Chief Brian King said the numbers before the Board assume the most expensive benefit package; the actual net increase could likely be less than \$6,000.

The Board agreed to move these items to the consent agenda of their next meeting.

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

- d) **Approve a Resolution approving the 2018 South Infrastructure project construction observation contract Change Order #1, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to GSG Consultants, Inc.**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for construction observation due to road repair that has been extended to November 31 due to utility and weather conflicts. He noted that they have done a great job, and still within budget. Director of Public Services George Peluso noted the project is close to \$4 million less than budgeted, adding bid results have been very favorable.

The Board agreed to move this item to the consent agenda of their next meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a) Trustee Stifflear moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of September 5, 2018 to September 18, 2018, in the aggregate amount of \$3,837,730.50 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Ripani, Stifflear, Hughes, Posthuma and Byrnes

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

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

- b) **Award Bid #1651 to Sewer Tech LLC in the amount of \$53,921.50 to perform sewer cleaning, televising, and root cutting services not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$60,000**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item stating this is a routine matter the Board reviews every year. Mr. Peluso explained the cost would be more if all areas were addressed, but this will keep us on schedule. He would like to explore some other options if the money is available.

There is time for this project as it is managed outside of the engineering division. He added it helps with planning if issues are found.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **Award Bid #1651 to Sewer Tech LLC in the amount of \$53,921.50 to perform sewer cleaning, televising, and root cutting services not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$60,000.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Ripani, Stifflear, Hughes, Posthuma and Byrnes

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

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

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

- a) **Approve a Sixth Term Extension of the Recreational License Agreement with the Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association (HPTA)** (*Discussion Item – August 14, 2018*)

Trustee Hughes introduced the item and made reference to a discussion with the Hinsdale Paddle Tennis Association at the Board meeting of August 14. This item will allow the Village Manager to approve month to month extensions for six months starting the end of September. He reported the Village is making good progress with HPTA for a long-term agreement, and is hoping for a second reading by the Board in November. As a result of discussions on August 14 regarding a subsidy and maintenance as well as expanding the hut, the Board indicated we could support \$30,000 annually. The Parks & Recreation Commission should review this at their next meeting.

Trustee Hughes moved to **Approve a Sixth Term Extension of the Recreational License Agreement with the Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association (HPTA).** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Ripani, Stifflear, Hughes, Posthuma and Byrnes

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

### **Zoning and Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)**

- b) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Building Coverage Variation for Property Located at 842 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Hinsdale Illinois – Case Number V-05-18** (*First Reading – September 4, 2018*)

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item that is approval of a variance to build a single family residence. The allowable lot coverage is 25%, the applicant is requesting 62' square feet more, or lot coverage of 26.1%. The matter is before the Board because the Zoning Board of Appeals does not have final authority over this type of request. On July 18, the ZBA held

a public hearing on this matter and approved a side yard setback request, and unanimously recommended Board approval on this lot coverage request. The first reading of this matter was on September 4; the applicant gave their presentation. Trustee Stifflear asked if they had any additional comments for the Board at this time.

Mr. Dan Roberts, architect, and Mr. Mike Spirovski, homeowner, approached the dais. Mr. Roberts began by stating this is the only lot of this size in Hinsdale, and they are only asking for 62' square feet. This approval is less than if they built a detached garage, which they could do by right. He believes this is a reasonable request, and why variations are granted. He explained why they opted for an attached garage; to avoid a three-story box, and allow them to build over the garage. They put the garage against Route 83, so it is less visible. They are asking for the same lot coverage as would be allowed the normal 47' foot lots. Hopefully, the improvement of this lot will spark improvement on this street. Mr. Spirovski added the neighbors were favorable to this request.

Trustee Elder said he struggles with the approving criteria sometimes, but in this case he is inclined to concur with the ZBA. He believes this project makes sense.

Trustee Ripani is not supportive; he is not persuaded that the lot is a unique physical condition, but the bigger factor is the self-created criteria. This home would be a new build from scratch, and is therefore self-created.

Trustee Hughes believes this is a sensible solution to an unusual situation to produce an attractive home.

Trustee Posthuma is concerned about precedence; and people asking for extra footage, but in this case he is in support of this request, because this is a new house on a street that abuts Route 83 and needs improvement. This is a small lot, so he can justify this limited exception.

Trustee Byrnes said he has similar concerns as noted by Trustee Ripani. They bought the property when the current zoning was in effect, and he thinks there could be other remedies.

Trustee Stifflear said this is a difficult decision and recalled when a previous Board changed the authority of the ZBA in these types of matters because a resident at that time had a flooding issue. This is an unintended consequence, and while he is sympathetic, this doesn't follow the letter of the law.

President Cauley stated he will break the tie. He believes the Village Board has more play in making decisions than the ZBA who must follow the letter of the law. He believes this is the kind of request the Board should grant; he does not think it's self-created, and when the home was purchased they likely didn't know the lot was atypical. He added he takes the conversations with neighbors with a grain of salt, because he believes people are not always comfortable voicing their objections. However, this is a unique lot. The Director of Community Development has verified this is the only lot of this size.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Building Coverage Variation for Property Located at 842 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Hinsdale Illinois – Case Number V-05-18**. Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Posthuma, Hughes, President Cauley

**NAYS:** Trustees Ripani, Stifflear and Byrnes

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**a) Road construction update**

Mr. Peluso reported all efforts are to finishing Chicago Avenue by the first week of October. Oak Street bridge will open, too, weather permitting.

### **DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS**

**a) Public Services**

**b) Engineering**

**c) Fire**

The report(s) listed above were provided to the Board. There were no additional questions regarding the content of the department and staff reports.

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

None.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

Mr. Irfan Ibrahim of 216 S. Bodin Street addressed the Board Sterigenics in Willowbrook. This facility is close to Hinsdale and he asked the Board if the Village is doing any testing, involving the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and are we asking enough questions.

President Cauley said the Village Manager is in communication with Willowbrook, the County Board and all environmental protection agencies. He said if there is a problem, the Village supports shutting it down, but Hinsdale does not have jurisdiction in this matter.

Mr. Rahm urged the Board to make this public, to use their appointed and elected position to make it known; no one approves of carcinogens. Trustee Byrnes pointed out that the IEPA and the USEPA have the technology to address and evaluate this issue. Mr. Rahm says the science is clear; these emissions are connected to breast cancer.

Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano said the Village of Willowbrook is taking the lead on this matter. She explained that before additional ambient testing can be done, the newly installed emission controls must be tested; this testing is scheduled for this week. When these are complete, additional ambient tests will be requested. Willowbrook has created a task force to monitor this situation, and will ask that the testing radius be expanded. When this is done the Village will insist that the USEPA include this information in their report. Mr. Rahm said he has no issue with the proposed testing, but is concerned with the leadership of his Village, why our voice

is not being heard. Ms. Gargano assured him that information on this matter will be added to the Village website.

### 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 September 18, 2018.** Trustee Ripani seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Ripani, Stifflear, Hughes, Posthuma and Byrnes

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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