

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
January 22, 2019**

The regularly 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, January 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: Trustees Christopher Elder, Michael Ripani, Luke Stifflear, Gerald J. Hughes, Matthew Posthuma, Neale Byrnes and President Tom Cauley

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois Police Chief Brian King, Fire Chief John Giannelli, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) **Regular meeting of January 8, 2019**

There being no changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Elder moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2019, as presented.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Hughes

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley reported on the status of the parking deck at the middle school. Since his last report, the Village has continued to meet with school district representatives discussing almost exclusively, people on the deck in emergencies. Additionally, there was concern about heavier ambulances and buses on the deck, which would require an additional \$625,000 of

reinforcement. The Fire Department has said there would never be a need for an ambulance on the deck, as there is a dedicated place on south side of the building for emergency vehicles; they can access the deck in an emergency without being on the deck. There are three points off Garfield with direct access to the gymnasium. With respect to special needs buses, the Village will pay for an inlet area by their classrooms, which is more convenient than the roof. There have been numerous meetings regarding an emergency evacuation onto or impromptu gathering on the deck. The Village has contracted with two highly recommended and experienced companies for design and construction of the deck that will be built in 100% compliance to building codes. The bulk of the deck is built to the recommended 50 lbs. per square foot, and some sections are already built to 100 lbs. per square foot, to accommodate snow. He explained that the deck will not collapse because of the post system that supports it, but if it were overstressed, cracks would develop and reduce the usable life of the deck. He said if the deck were filled with cars and there were 800 people on the deck, it would not be overstressed. That is the capacity of the student body and faculty. The Village believes this deck, as designed, is entirely appropriate. President Cauley said the Village is recommending mediation, not to fight with another public body, but to expedite resolutions; delays will cost money. The school has expressed concern with a transitional area, and various other what if's, so the Village met with the designer again, and will reinforce these area to 100 lbs. per square inch at an additional cost of \$100,000. This seems like a viable alternative; the Village is hopeful the school district will agree this meets their concerns, and the Village can go out to bid. If not, mediation will still be required.

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) Trustee Stifflear moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of January 9, 2019 to January 22, 2019, in the aggregate amount of \$1,216,586.19 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, Ripani, Stifflear, Hughes, Posthuma, Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- b) **Approve Phase 2 of Veeck CSO Facility SCADA Improvements to Concentric Integration in the amount not to exceed \$37,200** (*First Reading – January 8, 2019*)
Trustee Byrnes moved to **Approve Phase 2 of Veeck CSO Facility SCADA Improvements to Concentric Integration in the amount not to exceed \$37,200.**
Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Ripani, Stifflear, Hughes, Posthuma, Byrnes
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION

Zoning and Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- a) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Design Review Permit for Illuminated Ground Sign on Property Located at 724 North York Road – Hinsdale Animal Hospital** (*First Reading – January 8, 2019*)

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item noting this is before the Village Board because the property is located in a design review overlay district. The sign is code compliant and has been unanimously approved by the Plan Commission.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Design Review Permit for Illuminated Ground Sign on Property Located at 724 North York Road – Hinsdale Animal Hospital**. Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Ripani, Stifflear, Hughes, Posthuma, Byrnes
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

- b) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 9 (Building Regulations), Chapter 1 (Administrative Provisions), Section 9-1-4 (Permit Fees) Relative to Permit Fees** (*First Reading – January 8, 2019*)

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item that will increase specified permit fees annually on May 1 as tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The ordinance before the Board has been revised per the instruction of the Board at their first reading of the item, to include rounding the amount to the nearest penny, and if the CPI is negative fees do not decrease.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 9 (Building Regulations), Chapter 1 (Administrative Provisions), Section 9-1-4 (Permit Fees) Relative to Permit Fees**. Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Ripani, Stifflear, Hughes, Posthuma, Byrnes
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) **District 86 referendum**

President Cauley began discussion stating this issue is best addressed by the District 86 Board, and that there are laws as to what an elected official can do with respect to an election or referendum. He referenced the Election Interference Prohibition Act, and summarized the Village Attorney's legal opinion. In short, elected officials should not engage in activities concerning a referendum while 'on duty', or in their official capacity. However, Trustees as individuals can take a position.

President Cauley said there are two concerns that have been brought to his attention regarding the referendum. First, that there are other municipal governments where elected officials are taking strong stands, and some residents think the Hinsdale Board should do the same. Secondly, there is concern regarding the impact on property values. He noted an implicit responsibility of the Trustees is to the zoning code and public safety and therefore to maintain the property values of the Village. He added that he understands these concerns, but there are statutes that govern the conduct of the Board.

Ms. Kari Galassi of 610 W. Hickory, representing the YES campaign, addressed the Board regarding Mr. Zack Mottl, interim Mayor of Burr Ridge who has actively campaigned against the referendum, and is raising money to defeat the proposal. She is asking our Village representatives to fight this negative campaign, by endorsing the YES campaign and providing whatever assistance is allowed.

Ms. Beth Burtt of 37 S. Thurlow stated she owned Brush Hill Realtors for 37 years and spoke to the negative impact of the current and possible future permanent elimination of sports and programs in the high school on real estate values. She said healthy schools are a keystone item for people purchasing homes.

Mr. Jeff Waters of 18 N. Bruner spoke about the education efforts at town hall meetings, and said he is in charge of fundraising and outreach. He said of the \$139 million asked for in the referendum, \$45 million will go toward life safety improvements due to failing buildings and those items mandated to be fixed by the State. Additionally, he reported a correlation between teenage anxiety and no sports or extracurricular activities.

Mr. Jason Bier of 721 S. Grant told the Board the life safety issues are very important to him, and he believes Village Police and Fire Departments should get involved. They should attend the town hall meetings, and he invited them to come and educate the public on these matters which include security doors, ADA compliance, and a public address system that is no longer up to code.

Mr. Dave Risinger of 635 S. Park asked what cuts have already occurred. Ms. Galassi said when the November referendum failed, there was a deficit of \$5.68 million that had be covered from the operating budget, resulting in cuts in activities and sports.

Ms. Laurie Thompson, a resident from Clarendon Hills, reported that her eighth grader is concerned about these issues, and there is a 900+ student Instagram account which demonstrates that students are concerned.

Ms. Heidi Novotney of 32 S. Monroe said she moved from the city, and ended up in Hinsdale for their kids and their education.

Ms. Lisa Lundgren of 415 S. Washington stated she grew up in Hinsdale and moved back. She asked the Board to work to make this a better community, she believes the high school is the heart of this community.

Mr. Jay Novotney of 32 S. Monroe said a failed referendum will decimate the downtown; vendors and business will feel a pinch. He said he has run Falcon football for seven years, and although football is declining, they are holding out a good program. These kids look forward to Red Devils, and morale is already declining.

Mr. Jeff Lange of 732 W. Hickory St. reported that when his family came back to the Chicagoland area they looked all around, and would not have considered Hinsdale with this issue before us.

Trustee Ripani stated this is a matter of respect no matter whether a person is for or against the referendum. He said a resident sent him an email stating that their children were being threatened because of their parent's position on the D86 referendum. He asked people on both sides of this issue not to engage in this type of conduct, and demonstrate respect for opposing views. Name calling is unproductive and untrue.

Trustee Stifflear said his nine years of service on the Board and Plan Commission have been to maintain property values. These arguments have hit close to home, but he must heed the advice of counsel. President Cauley said he has to figure out what the Board can do legally. Trustee Elder added he has been a lifelong resident of Hinsdale, and as an individual, he agrees with the arguments presented this evening.

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's Report
- b) Fire
- c) Police
- d) Public Services
- e) Engineering
- f) Community Development

The report(s) listed above were provided to the Board. There were no additional questions or discussion regarding the content 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 22, 2019**. Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk