

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
April 3, 2012**

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, April 3, 2012 at 7:33 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 Manager Dave Cook, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Director of Community Development Robb McGinnis, Director of Parks and Recreation Gina Hassett, Director of Public Services George Franco, Director of Economic Development Tim Scott, Village Engineer Dan Deeter, Police Chief Brad Bloom, Fire Chief Rick Ronovsky, Attorneys Lance Malina and Mallory Milluzzi and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Cauley asked for a correction to content and Trustee Saigh noted two typographical errors in the minutes. Trustee Haarlow moved **to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of March 20, 2012, as amended.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Trustee Elder

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**OATH OF OFFICE - FIRE CHIEF**

President Cauley administered the Oath of Office to new Fire Chief Rick Ronovsky.

## CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

## ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

President Cauley read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

## VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

## CONSENT AGENDA

President Cauley read the Consent Agenda as follows:

### **Items Recommended by Administrative & Community Affairs Committee**

- a) Payment of \$17,863.50 to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for Payment of the Remaining Debt Service Obligation from 2001 (Omnibus vote)
- b) Revised Village of Hinsdale Personnel Policy (Omnibus vote)
- c) Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce 2012 Event Schedule for the Display of Banners, Street Closures and In-kind Services (Omnibus vote)
- d) Free Parking Downtown and Waiving the 2-hour time limit on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> as part of the EDC's Shop Small Business Event (Omnibus vote)
- e) Use of Two Parking Spaces Adjacent to Savory Spice Shop at 42 South Washington for their Special Event on either May 5, 2012 or May 17, 2012 (Omnibus vote)
- f) Ordinance Amending Title 2 (Boards and Commissions), Chapter 12 (Historic Preservation Commission), Chapter 13 (Economic Development Commission), and Chapter 14 (Finance Commission) Relative to Term Limits of Commission Members (Omnibus vote) (O2012-14)

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

### Accounts Payable

Trustee LaPlaca moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of March 17, 2012 through March 30, 2012 in the aggregate amount of \$558,935.91 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.

### Reopener Agreement Between the Village of Hinsdale and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police

President Cauley explained that May 1, 2012 will start the final year of a multi-year contract with the FOP. Under the contract, we have the right to reopen the contract in the final year to renegotiate the terms, which the Board elected to do. Negotiations proceeded and an agreement has been reached that is beneficial to the Village; wages have been frozen for fiscal year 2012 resulting in a savings of up to \$57,000. In return, the Village agreed to 24 hours of leave time to members to care for family members who are ill. There were other clarifications to the contract that have no financial impact. President Cauley thanked Village Manager Cook, Police Chief Bloom and Attorney Tom Melody for their help in the negotiations.

Trustee Elder moved to approve the **Reopener Agreement between the Village of Hinsdale and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

### **Review of FY 2012-13 Draft Budget**

President Cauley began discussion by noting that residents will have one more opportunity to raise concerns about the budget, but this is a time for Trustees to weigh in. He noted that the Eden contribution of \$110,000 for the new ambulance has been made. Other matters that have come to his attention are the repair or replacement of the swimming pool fence and the Burlington wall, for which \$200,000 has been budgeted.

Trustee Saigh asked the Board to consider putting a GIS System (Geographic Information System) into this year's budget. Trustee Saigh believes GIS has broad applicability, is a marvelous advance in terms of digitizing information, and is easily accessible and quickly updated. There would be real impact on decisions made regarding zoning map discrepancies, it would eliminate manual tabulations and would be accurate, reasonable and efficient. It would help with the master infrastructure plan by plotting the basics of the MIP as well as notes and idiosyncrasies. Participating in the GIS consortium would save costs, but would still be \$80-90,000 initially. He commented that Cloud computing is secure. He believes a GIS system ought to be part of this Board's legacy along with the MIP. There is benefit to the community and the operation of Village in the areas of economic development, mapping, surveying, historic preservation and others. He believes it is well worth the financial commitment.

Trustee Geoga responded that he is persuaded as to the utility of a GIS system and the extra demands placed on employees without GIS; however, staff is getting along without it now. His basic concern is that we cannot afford it; he has looked and cannot see a place to put this expenditure, we are already struggling to fund the MIP. Trustee LaPlaca stated that she agrees with Trustee Saigh's explanation of the value, but always appreciates Trustee Geoga's conscientious approach to budgeting. She remarked that the Village has been playing catch-up and many capital expenditures were put off; the same can be said for technology expenditures. She believes GIS is not just nice to have, but necessary. In future years, this technology will not be a luxury, if it cannot be afforded this year; we need to be aware it is something we should consider in the future. She recommends this item move to a priority position going forward. Trustee Angelo observed that the cost of these types of systems comes down over time. President Cauley commented that we can't go back to old spending habits. He referenced substantial capital needs, pension funding and the liability of \$20 million unfunded police and fire pensions. He does not find the arguments for GIS compelling and could not vote for it at this time.

In the matter of the swimming pool fence, Ms. Hassett has provided pictures of the existing fence. Mr. Cook pointed out that it could be repaired but the cost of repair is close to replacement. Most of the wood is in bad shape, the fence was poorly constructed; posts were not secured in concrete. Ms. Hassett noted that the north fence line is loose and kids jump the fence, she recommended that at the minimum that side be replaced. The Plan Commission approved the black chain link fence.

There is \$55,000 in the budget for an ornamental fence, but if we go with the approved commercial, industrial chain link fence option there will be a \$20,000 savings. Trustee Haarlow said it sounds like it needs to be replaced.

Regarding the Burlington wall, Director of Economic Development Tim Scott is working on that issue, there will be more information forthcoming.

Trustee Geoga commented on process related items regarding the budget stating that the Finance Commission has already met and reviewed this budget and the close out of the current fiscal year. After a lengthy hearing and questioning, they have endorsed and recommended approval of this budget as presented. He noted that discretionary items, contributions, etc. will be additional items for approval at the time the budget is adopted. The budget is prepared reflecting assumptions of the Finance Commission early in the year and those projections are watched to accommodate changes. Mr. Cook and Mr. Langlois concurred that on a net basis, changes are positive and this is a fair budget to present.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

### **Award the 2012 Reconstruction Program to John Neri Construction Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,247,524.75**

President Cauley introduced the item stating that this issue was taken up at the last Board meeting where it was determined that Swallow Construction was not the lowest responsible bidder. The next lowest bidder is John Neri Construction who has adjusted their pricing further to come in at budget.

Mr. Nick Esposito, attorney representing Swallow Construction, addressed the Board providing historical information regarding the work Swallow has done over the years for the Village of Hinsdale. Mr. Tony Rendina, Sr., President of Swallow Construction stated that he started his business in 1978; he has a good reputation in the business and has never been treated this way. He asked the Board to review all correspondence and that will indicate they never walked off the Garfield job. Mr. Esposito stated that he has represented Swallow for many years and they are good, honest people. They are still the lowest bidder by almost \$200,000; the question is whether or not they are responsible. He stated that although there was no warranty on the Garfield job, when there was a problem they remedied it. He noted that the delays on the Garfield job were due to a strike, underlaid paving bricks and soil contamination, none of which were the fault of Swallow. He has read Village Board meeting minutes and nowhere is there any mention that Swallow walked off the job or was uncooperative. He talked about mistakes made in bidding, but stated that it happens. He summarized stating that Swallow does not understand why they are not getting this job as lowest bidder, they are worried about future jobs in Hinsdale and if there is a cooperation problem, they would like to resolve it. Mr. Anthony Rendina, Jr. addressed the Board and reiterated Mr. Esposito's remarks.

**Ms. Denise Schneider of 20 E. Third Street** addressed the Board regarding her positive experiences with Swallow during the Garfield project

President Cauley explained that the Village has broad discretion to determine who is the lowest responsible bidder. The Board meeting minutes may not reflect discussion of problems, but he was aware there were problems and would routinely get complaints about the work; the Village Engineer confirms the problems with Swallow. Trustee LaPlaca stated that EPS minutes may be brief, but there are video records and these issues were raised at meetings. There was significant aggravation for staff; she defers to Mr. Deeter's expert opinion because he has to work with the engineers on these projects. Discussion followed regarding whether or not the three weeks that Swallow was off the job was a walkout or a delay, IDOT's role in the resolution and what precipitated the walkout. President Cauley commented that the Village Engineer has said Swallow is not responsible and therefore, he will not change his mind. Trustee Angelo moved to **Award the 2012 Reconstruction Program to John Neri Construction Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,247,524.75.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Trustee LaPlaca clarified that this bid meets the budgeted amount of \$4,000,000; the additional \$250,000 is for the Walnut Street portion of the job, which is work that was scheduled for 2014. This is a shift in funds; capital contingency money is not being used as part of this project.

## **ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Trustee Saigh noted that there was no March ZPS meeting due to lack of quorum, but the next meeting will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also remarked that he went to the hospital addition grand opening and it was very impressive.

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

### **Economic Development Commission Update**

John Karstrand, President of the Economic Development Commission, updated the Board on the Spring promotion, May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Last year, the emphasis was on customer appreciation, this year the theme will be support your small business. He mentioned that

Uniquely Thursday's will be starting soon and thanked the Board for their continued support.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

No report.

### **CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

None.

### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Trustee LaPlaca commented that the electrical aggregation referendum passed with an overwhelmingly favorable vote. The Village will proceed with implementation, starting with two required public hearings to adopt a plan of governance. The Electric Power Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance is available for inspection in the Clerk's office.

Trustee Haarlow reported that he has received complaints from residents who do not understand recent water rate increases. He suggested that explanatory information be provided on the water bills and the website. He reiterated Trustee Geoga's comments on the GIS system and his hope that staff would continue to maintain their good record keeping practices, although manually, until such time as GIS might be implemented.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Village Board of Trustees, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Elder **moved to adjourn the meeting of April 3, 2012.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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

