

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
January 6, 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 6, 2015 at 7:35 p.m.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Trustees Christopher Elder, 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/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, 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**

Trustee LaPlaca moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of December 16, 2014, as presented.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Trustee Haarlow

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

None.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No report.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

Trustee LaPlaca moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of December 17, 2014 through January 6, 2015 in the aggregate amount of \$1,501,708.65 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.

## FIRST READINGS

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

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

President Cauley introduced the item explaining that this ordinance will change the code to conform to the reorganization of how the Board conducts business. The Board agreed to various clarifications to the language of the ordinance. These amendments will appear in the ordinance when it is before the Board for approval at their next meeting. The Board discussed the Tree Board, which is not addressed in this revision, and how it will function moving forward. Village Manager Gargano recalled discussion where members of the Board would be moved on and off the tree board. President Cauley believes the Tree Board should be independent of the Environment & Public Safety Committee and, as new people come on the Board they will be assigned to the Tree Board as they are to the Standing Committees.

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

President Cauley informed the Board that he asked that the language regarding how often and for how long citizens may speak be removed and noted changes regarding his attendance at the Committee of the Whole. He noted that the Chair of the Committee of the Whole meeting would be determined in advance of the meeting. Trustee Hughes adjusted the language regarding the transmittal of agenda materials.

President Cauley explained that after these changes are made, these items will appear on the Consent Agenda of the next Board meeting. Trustee LaPlaca **moved to forward those items considered as First Readings to the Consent Agenda of the January 20<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting, as amended.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## **BOARD ACTION ITEMS/NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Environment & Public Services (Chair LaPlaca)**

#### **Approve a Resolution Approving Land Acquisition for the Oak Street Bridge Replacement Project in the Amount not to Exceed \$1.15 million**

President Cauley introduced the item stating that with respect to the Oak Street Bridge project, there are some outstanding parcels required for easement and the Village is in negotiations for these parcels. The amount we will have to pay will not exceed the \$1.15 million. The Village is required to show proof of payment to the State by Jan 16<sup>th</sup>. The Trustees will be notified of the specific amounts for each parcel as the negotiations conclude. Village Manager Gargano said if this is approved by January 16<sup>th</sup> the project will not be delayed. She also indicated that she has spoken to Mr. Jack George, attorney for the hospital, and may have a number by tomorrow. It was also noted that BNSF has granted an easement without any fees. Trustee LaPlaca moved to **Approve a Resolution Approving Land Acquisition for the Oak Street Bridge Replacement Project in the Amount not to Exceed \$1.15 million.** Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

#### **Approve the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation between the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Village of Hinsdale for the Oak Street Bridge Replacement Project not to Exceed \$10,125,000 Subject to IDOT Approval**

Trustee LaPlaca moved to **Approve the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation between the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Village of Hinsdale for the Oak Street Bridge Replacement Project not to Exceed \$10,125,000 Subject to IDOT Approval.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**Approve the Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation for the Oak Street Bridge Replacement Project with HR Green, Inc. in the Amount not to Exceed \$928,412.65 Subject to IDOT Approval**

Village Engineer Dan Deeter reported this is a housekeeping item and is bundled with the other two items before the Board to stay on schedule. He explained there are no competing bids for this item; consultants are ranked and negotiation begins with the first choice, if unsatisfactory, negotiations would then take place with the second choice. HR Green was the first choice and recommended because they are the logical choice as they were the firm on Phase I of the project. President Cauley remarked that this expense is covered by grants; Trustee LaPlaca noted this amount is under the established budget. It was also noted that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has approved HR Green, Inc. Trustee LaPlaca moved to **Approve the Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation for the Oak Street Bridge Replacement Project with HR Green, Inc. in the Amount not to Exceed \$928,412.65 Subject to IDOT Approval.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**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 provided background on this matter explaining this ordinance is pursuant to a request from the hospital, which arose during the negotiating for the sale of a parcel of frontage property. As part of the Oak Street Bridge project, the Village

intends to make Hillgrove Avenue a cul de sac, widen it and make it a two-way street. This has been part of the project since inception. The hospital has expressed concern that if they give up this strip of land south of Hillgrove, it will have an adverse effect on future development of the hospital property. They would have less Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and setback issues would result. This ordinance will essentially give them back the FAR and setbacks they currently have with the property. President Cauley said we can't bind future Boards, but as a partner with the hospital, we could take into account this land for future FAR and setback calculations. This week they are asking we pass an ordinance which is an adjustment to their existing planned development which will give them the right to a new planned development with the same FAR and setbacks. In essence they want an advance waiver. President Cauley stated he wants the bridge project to move forward, therefore, this ordinance is before the Board for discussion. He said this is not something the Board would normally do, but takes comfort in the fact that a future Board would not be bound to approve any project that might come forward. Board discussion followed regarding the value of the parcel. President Cauley said that Trustee Hughes made a point that the value of the strip of land is tied to the buildability of the property and therefore concluded the property is less valuable than \$50/per square foot. Trustee Saigh pointed out the hospital is the major beneficiary of this bridge project. Trustee LaPlaca stated the hospital initially wanted a waiver of bulk requirements in general, but yesterday narrowed the request to setback and FAR. She explained that if the existing building burned down, they could rebuild exactly what is there, but to make a proposal for something different would still require Board approvals.

Trustee Hughes feels this is a creative way to address the direct value of the property, which he feels is somewhere between zero and \$35/per square foot. It is not \$50/per square foot because there is nothing built on the property. Trustee LaPlaca feels there is value in waiving the FAR and setbacks, and this should be reflected in the purchase price. President Cauley stated that although this is funded by grant money, the Board still has a fiduciary responsibility to the residents of Hinsdale and the residents of the State of Illinois. Trustee Angelo remarked the hospital will have to come to the Board for other issues and thinks they should take that into consideration. Trustee Haarlow commented on the long-term relationship with the hospital and feels it is short-sighted for either party to get into a game of brinksmanship at this point. Trustee LaPlaca said this property runs along the tracks, is not residential, is closer to the tracks and the park, and there is no negative impact to area residents to let the hospital have the FAR and setback benefit. Village Manager Gargano confirmed the hospital understands this would get actual approval at the January 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

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

None.

## DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

Director of Public Services George Peluso informed the Board that the drier December has been beneficial to the budget, and the Village has plenty of salt. Snowplows were, however, out this weekend and Monday. In an effort to be proactive, he sent out letters to residents with frozen lines on how to avoid that problem this winter.

## OTHER BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

## CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

## TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee LaPlaca asked that residents shovel their sidewalks when it snows; it is a challenge to walk on the sidewalks and creates safety issues, particularly for children along the school routes.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hughes **moved to adjourn the meeting of the Hinsdale Board of Trustees of January 6, 2015.** Trustee LaPlaca seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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