

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
September 20, 2011**

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, September 20, 2011 at 7:30 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 Attorney Ken Florey, Village Manager Dave Cook, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Director of Community Development Robb McGinnis, Director of Parks & Recreation Gina Hassett and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Also Present: Reporters from The Hinsdalean, Patch.com and The Doings

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Clarifications to the minutes were suggested and agreed upon by the Trustees. Trustee LaPlaca moved **to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2011, as amended.** Trustee Angelo seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Trustees Geoga and Saigh

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OR COMMISSION**

President Cauley recommended the appointment of Ms. Elyce Rembos to the Economic Development Commission to replace the unexpired term of Jeanie Janes. Trustee Elder moved **to approve the appointment of Elyce Rembos to the Economic**

**Development Commission through April 30, 2012.** Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

### **CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

Ms. Angelique Orr addressed the Board to promote an upcoming community health forum to educate people regarding health care reform. She distributed information and invited all to attend. Meetings will be held at the Community House.

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No report.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

President Cauley read the consent agenda as follows:

#### **Items Recommended by Environment & Public Services Committee**

- a) Approve the Request from Martam Construction, Inc. to Change the Chestnut Street Project's daily start time from 8:00 AM to 7:00 AM during Phase 1
- b) Approve a Resolution for the Chestnut Street Construction Contract Change Order Number 1 in the amount of (\$25.00) to Martam Construction, Inc.
- c) To Approve a Resolution for the 2011 Resurfacing Project Contract Change Order Number 2 in the amount of (30,536.40) to Brothers Asphalt Paving, Inc.
- d) Approve the replacement of a Bobcat – Tool Cat to Atlas Bobcat in the amount of \$40,277.00
- e) Reject all bids for Bid #1503 – Memorial Building Painting
- f) Approve award of bid #1502 to April Building Services, in the amount of \$146,680.00

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**

Trustee Geoga moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of September 3, 2011 through September 16, 2011 in the aggregate amount of \$778,169.60 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, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

### **Woodlands Green Infrastructure Project Discussion**

President Cauley introduced the Woodlands Green Infrastructure Project by providing background on the matter. The Woodlands is part of the Master Infrastructure Plan that budgets \$87 million to fix roads and sewers over a 15 year period whereupon normal maintenance would resume. To fund the MIP, the Board went to referendum and asked residents to agree to a 1% sales tax increase, which was approved. The Board wants to proceed on a pay as you go basis, recognizing that money would likely need to be borrowed for the Woodlands project. This is a long term plan that would leave Hinsdale in a better position after the 15 years and would not saddle future boards with crushing debt. About \$75 million worth of work remains to be done after this year. The anticipated expenditure of \$5 million per year comes from sales tax increase dollars, the motor fuel tax and utility tax and the water and sewer fund. Each year, this Board is setting aside \$1 million from the general fund; however, these numbers may change slightly from year to year. Corporate fund transfers will be more difficult moving forward because of rising employee and pension costs. The Board wants to front-end load the plan, but money would need to be borrowed and even though interest rates are low, the Board must still be prudent. What is too much debt when the goal is to fix our roads and sewers quickly, but not burden future Boards with too much debt? Trustee Geoga has a compromise proposal, consistent with the MIP, which involves a debt cap. Regarding delays, there may or may not be any, it is impossible to be specific when there are so many variables. Any delays in the first half of the MIP will be no more than a year. The Woodlands project might still be completed in six years with the compromise plan.

Trustee Geoga made his presentation (a copy of which is included as part of this record) stating that he had reported at EPS the financing parameters relative to the MIP including likely debt level. It is his personal observation that increasing the Village debt another \$24 million would not be responsible or advisable and he would not support a program of work that would leave the Village in that much debt. There is barely enough funding for the 15 year plan of the MIP as pay as you go, borrowing is necessary, but adds cost to the MIP. There are only three alternatives regarding MIP financing, 1) proceed as proposed and increase debt, 2) reduce the amount of MIP work, or 3) reduce front-end loading by adjusting work schedules. He recommends choosing the third alternative, reduce the front end loading, pick a debt cap and explore the resulting schedule adjustments. If the Board agrees, new MIP related debt will not exceed \$4.2 million of IEPA loans, the SSA bonds and two tranches of \$5 million each, is the recommended approach. This will add about \$14 million to current Village debt levels; the resulting debt at the end of the MIP, while substantial, still preserves a tolerable level of flexibility. Regarding scheduling implications, it is not possible to determine more than one year in advance precise work scheduling, however, delays necessary to meet the debt cap are not likely to be worse than approximately one year in the first half of the program or a 1-2 year possible delay in the second half. This assumes contingencies and allowances are fully utilized, no additional grants are received and there is no improvement realized to our revenue assumptions. What this means for the Woodlands Green Plan is the Board would commence with the formation of the SSA and Phase I engineering. If the SSA is not overturned by petition, the Village would be obligated to spend 100% of SSA bond proceeds on Woodlands streets. He reiterated that it is his opinion that this is a compromise, and as such imperfect, but it will keep Hinsdale moving forward.

President Cauley said the Board needs to give staff a red or green light regarding the Woodlands. He asked the Trustees to weigh in on the compromise following comments from citizens.

**Mr. Bill Seith of 917 Cleveland** addressed the Board as President of the Woodlands-Highlands Association. He thanked the Board for continuing to push this matter forward as improvements are desperately needed. The lack of curbs and gutters and the lack of a drainage system are possibly greater here than any other part of town. He pointed out that survey results clearly indicate overwhelming support of the Green Plan. He credited Trustee LaPlaca for leading on this project and assisting staff with plan structure and Trustee Geoga for looking at the financial interests of the Village and arriving at this compromise solution. He assured the Board of Woodlands support.

Trustee Elder stated he recognizes the Woodlands needs and if the residents are on board, he is, too. This is a good compromise in recessionary times. Trustee Angelo feels there is little downside to this compromise considering the debt is greatly reduced and any time delays are inconsequential. Trustee Haarlow believes this compromise makes sense, he understands the concern of binding future boards with unmanageable debt levels as this

Board similarly faces the constraints of deferred maintenance. He would not be comfortable with more debt than this proposal allows. Trustee LaPlaca stated that she supports the compromise; less debt is always preferable, although she is not as fearful of infrastructure debt because it is a long lasting investment for the Village. Her main goal is to support the compromise and move the Woodlands Green Plan forward. There are always changes that come about in the MIP, delays and accelerations, but this is a good plan moving forward. Trustee Saigh commented that he echos the good comments of the Board and thanked Trustees LaPlaca, Geoga and President Cauley for their leadership on this project; he recognized staffs efforts as well. He said resident input and action will be important as this SSA will require 51% approval from the 188 residents in that area. He strongly urged residents to be involved and follow this process. President Cauley clarified that to deny the proposed SSA would require 51% of registered owners and registered voters signatures on a petition.

On other EPS matters, Trustee LaPlaca reported that she, Village Manger Cook and Director of Parks and Recreation Gina Hassett met with AYSO representatives regarding improvements to the Veeck Park soccer fields. AYSO has stated they will make a significant contribution to that end, however, this is in the preliminary planning stages. She mentioned the ongoing street projects throughout the Village and reminded people of the upcoming scheduled train crossing closings at Garfield, Washington and Monroe.

### **ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Trustee Saigh said the next regularly scheduled meeting will be next Monday. Chief Bloom and Mr. Cook are working on a report regarding added parking near Hinsdale Central along 57<sup>th</sup> Street, but that will most likely not be ready until October.

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

No reports.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Chief Bloom reported they have received a number of phone calls about one specific coyote. They have followed up on the calls and found that this coyote is desensitized to people. Unfortunately, trapping and relocating is not an option, as it will find its way back. If an individual should encounter the German shepherd sized coyote, try to scare it, to re-sensitize the animal. There have been no reports of aggressive behavior.

### CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

### TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Village Board of Trustees, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn into closed session. Trustee Geoga **moved to adjourn the meeting 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)(8) security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property, and not to reconvene.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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