

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011
MEMORIAL HALL
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Chairman Saigh, Trustee Angelo, Trustee Haarlow, Trustee Elder

Absent: None

Also Present: Dave Cook, Village Manager, Robert McGinnis, Community Development Director/Building Commissioner, Brad Bloom, Police Chief, Mike Kelly, Fire Chief

Trustee Saigh called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Minutes – October 2011

Trustee Elder moved to approve the minutes for the October, 24, 2011 meeting as amended. Second by Trustee Angelo. The motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports – August 2011

Police Department

Chief Bloom stated that the department has seen a substantial increase in the number of suspicious persons calls following two residential burglaries and information being disseminated over Village's Community notification e-mail system.

Fire Department

Chief Kelly reported on several items from the monthly report. Chief Kelly informed the Committee of a garage fire on October 14th and the investigation into the cause of the fire indicated that it was due to spontaneous combustion from discarded construction materials. Chief Kelly indicated that the fire department has had several fires that were the result of spontaneous combustion and that the fire department has provided information through the building department to contractors on the proper disposal of materials related to these fires. The fire department would like to work with the IT Department to provide some educational material to the residents on Channel 6 on this issue so that the residents may be better informed when they have a contractor work at their residence.

Chief Kelly informed the Committee that all Department paramedics completed a course in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) which is an additional course that is required by the Department. This course teaches advanced skills in resuscitation and care of cardiac patients.

Chief Kelly also highlighted the Department's participation in the Walk to School event with District 181 schools and the pre-school programs that were offered to the various schools in the Village as part of Fire Prevention Week activities. The schools visit the fire department for a fire safety education program and tour. The turnout was excellent throughout the month of October.

Chief Kelly reported that the 1999 Chevrolet Suburban that was listed as surplus equipment was sold on Ebay for \$3,605.00. The minimum bid was \$3,000.00.

Trustee Haarlow inquired about train delay statistics and if they included ambulance response. Chief Kelly indicated that they did. Trustee Haarlow asked whether the ambulance could use the Oak Street Bridge. Chief Kelly stated that the bridge is able to support the weight of an ambulance, however the bridge is not used very often due to the steep angle of approach and departure which makes it difficult to see if there is any oncoming traffic and that there is no pre-emption of the traffic signal so you would need to wait until the light changed to proceed over the bridge.

Community Development

Robert McGinnis pointed out some of the highlights for the month and gave updates on progress at both the Hamptons of Hinsdale and the Hinsdale Hospital projects.

He also reported that two problem properties the village was dealing with had been sold at auction last month. These were homes that were half built and foreclosed on by the lender. One is slated for demolition and the other is to be completed by the new owner.

Referral to Plan Commission

Recommend Application be Referred to the Plan Commission for Review and Consideration of a Text Amendment to Section 12-206 (Definition), as it Relates to the Definition of “Attached Garage”.

Chairman Saigh introduced this item and gave some brief background on the basis for the referral.

Robert McGinnis added that Staff had deliberately kept the draft definition as narrowly defined as possible. He stated that if the method of attachment created a garage that was undoubtedly part of the principal structure by the fact that it either abutted conditioned area or was connected via conditioned area, that the other questions/ issues of a second dwelling unit on the lot would be resolved on their own.

He stated that Staff had spent a good deal of time trying to anticipate any unintended consequences by defining the term so tightly, but came up with none nor had they received any immediate concerns from any design professionals that were aware of the proposal.

Trustee Elder made a motion to refer to the Plan Commission for Review and Consideration, a Text Amendment to Section 12-206 (Definition), as it Relates to the Definition of “Attached Garage”. Second by Trustee Haarlow. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Board Action

Ordinance Amending Section 5-3-8 (Offenses Relating to Property) of the Village Code Regarding Trespassing in a Public Building and Approval of a Resolution Regarding Rules of Conduct for Public Buildings

Chief Bloom stated that the Village currently has a trespass ordinance but it lacks specific conduct that could result in an order of trespass being given to someone in a public building. In an effort to provide some uniformity and have a fair application amongst all officers and to maintain a pleasant, safe and accommodating environment for all persons using and accessing public buildings maintained by the Village and open to the public, he is recommending that we amend the Village Code section 5-3-8, (Trespassing) that would allow the Village to devise by resolution specific set of rules related to conduct in public buildings.

If approved, the rules of conduct would be posted in public areas of the building and if violated would result in the person being asked to leave the building. Failure to leave the building following a warning to do so would result in a local ordinance trespass violation.

Chief Bloom stated that the Police Department regularly receives complaints of person acting in an offensive manner but have lacked specific rules that could be uniformly applied to all persons. The rules of conduct that have been devised can be uniformly applied to all patrons and will hopefully result in an environment that is pleasant, safe and accommodating to all users of Village owned buildings.

A brief discussion was held by Trustees indicating that they believed this would be a good idea.

Trustee Angelo motioned to recommend that the Village Board approve an ordinance amending the Village code section 5-3-8 (Offenses related to property) and adopting a resolution on Rules of Conduct for Public Buildings Policy. Trustee Elder seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve an Amendment to the ADT Agreement with the Village of Hinsdale

Chief Kelly provided information on the Amendment to the Village's Agreement with ADT involving monitoring and equipment related to fire and burglar alarms. The present Agreement with ADT is expiring in January of 2012.

When Hinsdale joined Southwest Central Dispatch (SWCD) for dispatch services one of the provisions of this Agreement was that when Hinsdale's ADT Agreement expired, Hinsdale would fall under the provisions of the SWCD Agreement with ADT. The Amendment outlines those provisions.

There will be a monthly increase in the wired connections of \$7.50 and an increase of \$11.00 for wireless connections due to a service fee that is included in the SWCD ADT Agreement. This service fee covers expenses related to the monitoring of alarms and the dispatch of emergency services.

Chief Kelly explained that the other monthly charges will remain at the current level and that the Village negotiated with SWCD to maintain the fees that were identified under Hinsdale's current Agreement with ADT so that the customers would not see any service fee increase until the expiration of the Hinsdale Agreement.

The new expiration date of the Hinsdale Agreement will match the expiration date of the SWCD Agreement so there is not any overlap between the Agreements. Trustee Elder stated that this sounds like something we have to do based on the Dispatch Agreement that was entered into in April of 2010. Chief Kelly affirmed that statement.

Trustee Saigh inquired whether this would apply to residential customers and Chief Kelly explained that this Agreement applies to commercial customers that are required to have their alarms monitored by the Village Dispatch Center.

Trustee Angelo motioned to recommend approval of the Amendment to the ADT Agreement with the Village of Hinsdale to the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Elder. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Parking Regulations on Third Street between Grant and Vine Streets

Chief Bloom stated that a parking study was completed by Deputy Chief Wodka following a request from resident Ms. Randi Bemiss, 220 S. Grant Street, requesting that the parking on Third Street between Grant and Vine be changed from the north side of the street to the south. The request cited safety concerns and that the primary destination of people parking on the north side of the street is Immanuel Hall which is located on the

opposite side of the street. Chief Bloom stated Ms. Bemiss was concerned over parked vehicles blocking fire hydrants, blocking private driveways and parking on both sides of the street.

Chief Bloom stated that the current parking regulations prohibit parking on the south side of Third Street and allow 4-hour limited parking on the north side of Third Street. A survey of the block found six (6) private drives on the north side of the street and one (1) on the south side. Fire hydrants are located on the north side of the street.

Chief Bloom said that after observing the area he found that most of the traffic using Immanuel Hall turns from Grant Street onto Third Street. A change in parking regulations would require that cars turn around to park on the south side of the street. This would require cars to turn into a private drive to make this maneuver or make a U-turn at Vine.

Chief Bloom stated that due to the number of driveways and fire hydrants on the north side of the street the south side of the street seems to be a logical place to allow parking. However, in order to park in this area requires drivers to make a U-turn or turnaround in a private drive. This maneuver does raise some safety concerns that when coupled with no clear consensus amongst residents as to where the parking should be leads us to recommend that no changes be made. It should also be noted that many of the safety issues raised can be address with additional enforcement which we will focus on going forward.

Ms. Randy Bemis and Mr. Dan Bemis of 220 S. Grant stated in summary that despite the police department issuing over 58 parking citations that the problem of cars parking adjacent to her house, turning around in their driveway or parking so close to their driveway and at times blocking garbage cans has not improved.

Ms. Ann Smith of 222 W. Third stated that she has the only driveway on the south side of the street and if parking is allowed on the south side of the street cars will be turning around in her driveway. Therefore, she indicated she is against a parking change.

Ms. Rayette Bank of 227 W. Third indicated that she did not want parking on either side of the street and does not want any changes that may increase the number of cars.

A discussion was held amongst Trustees. In summary, Chairman Saigh stated he was apprehensive about making any changes that would impact the number of spaces available to Immanuel Hall visitors since they have no off-site parking available. Chairman Saigh further stated the Immanuel Hall has not had the opportunity to weigh in on the issue either.

Chief Bloom suggested that posting signs stating “No parking between signs” within 3-4’ on either side of the Bemis driveway would address many of the driveway issues. Additionally, it was suggested that the curb adjacent to the midblock fire hydrant be repainted.

Back up materials circulated during the meeting are attached.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Saigh asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Elder made the motion and Trustee Angelo seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis, MCP
Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner