

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 3, 2023**

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 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Trustees Matthew Posthuma, Laurel Haarlow, Luke Stifflear, Michelle Fisher, Neale Byrnes and Scott Banke

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom, Acting Village Clerk / Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, Police Chief Brian King, Director of Community Development Robb McGinnis, Finance Director Alison Brothen, and Village Planner Bethany Salmon

Present electronically: Director of Public Services George Peluso, HR Director Tracy McLaughlin, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike Hayes, and Fire Chief John Giannelli

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) **Regular meeting of December 13, 2022**

Trustee Posthuma moved to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2022, as amended.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Haarlow, Stifflear, Fisher, Byrnes, Banke

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley reported that the Village is transitioning to an on-line parking permit purchasing system. The system will be available by the end of the week. Residents wishing to purchase parking permits online may go to the Village's website and follow the directions on the homepage. Additionally, by the end of this week, the Village will have the ability to pay by text or by QR code for shorter term parking in the Village commuter lots. The Village is also excited to offer limited student parking in the Robbins parking lot. Students may purchase these permits online and are first come, first served.

Premium one day parking is available on Burlington Drive, along the tracks in Burlington Park. This is also pay by text or QR code.

He also provided general tips to homeowners when managing snow and ice on their properties including keeping walkways safe and clear of snow. He also asked residents not to blow or shovel snow in the street as it is unsafe for motorists.

President Cauley provided an update regarding an order that came down from the Federal Court in the Trinity Sober Living case on December 19, 2022 that was favorable to the Village. Trinity Sober Living had sought to amend its complaint against the Village at the close of discovery to add a claim that the complaint that the Village had filed against Trinity was retaliation against Trinity in violation of the Fair Housing Act. The Village's State Court complaint against Trinity alleged that Trinity had violated Hinsdale's Zoning Code because Trinity planned to have more than three unrelated people living in the house Trinity had purchased on north Grant Street. Under the Village Code, you are not allowed to have more than three unrelated people living in a house in a residential district. Trinity was advised that they had to get relief from the Village, either in the form of a variance or a reasonable accommodation before they could have more than three unrelated people living in the house, but they never came to the Village Board. The Federal Court refused to allow Trinity to add a new claim of retaliation.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Posthuma)

a) Approve a one-year contract to Sikich to provide Auditing Services for CY 2022

Trustee Posthuma introduced the item. The Village has used Sikich as our independent auditor for over 16 years. In 2017, the Village issued a request for proposal for audit services that resulted in the selection of Sikich of the recently completed engagement term. The fee of \$33,071 represents an increase of \$1,575 or 5% from the CY 2021 audit. A single audit at an additional fee of \$3,788 will also be required. It was noted that this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the next meeting for consideration.

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

b) Approve an Ordinance Designating 701 Taft Road as a Local Landmark – The Avedisian House – Case No. HPC-07-2022

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item. The Village has received an application from Carl and Cynthia Curry, the property owners, requesting approval of Local Landmark Designation for the single-family home located at 701 Taft Road. The property is located in the R-1 Single Family Residential District. Built in 1958-59, the house was designed by architects George Fred Keck and William Keck, who are known for their passive solar house design and mid-century modern homes constructed throughout the Midwest. The house was recently purchased by the Currys, who have completed an extensive renovation projects to restore and preserve the house. On December 7, 2022, the application was reviewed at a public hearing of the Historic Preservation Commission. No members provided comments at the

public hearing. Based on the findings, the Historic Preservation Commission, by a vote of six ayes and zero nays, with one absent, recommended to the President and Board of Trustees approval of Case HPC-07-2022 – 701 Taft Road – Application for Local Landmark Designation.

Cynthia Curry stated that she admired the home for many years and wanted to renovate it to provide an example to others.

It was noted that this item will be placed on the next meeting agenda for consideration.

c) Approve an Ordinance Approving Variations for Property Located at 714 S. Madison Street, Hinsdale, Illinois, Wolff – Case Number V-05-22

The applicant requests relief from the Maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) limitations set forth in 3-110(E)(1) and the Maximum Building Coverage limitations set forth in 3-110(F)(1) in order to construct a detached two car garage. The specific request is for 22.56 s.f. of FAR relief and 152.75 s.f. of Building Coverage relief. Following a public hearing held on September 21, 2022, the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval of the Requested Variation on a vote of six in favor and zero opposed, with one member absent. No one spoke against the application.

The attorney representing the applicant stated that the home was constructed prior to 1978 and that a garage was never built. The applicant is requesting the smallest two-car garage that can be built. President Cauley asked if the garage will load from the alley and if there is any flooding or water run-off. Director McGinnis responded that the garage will load from the alley and that as a part of the engineering review, stormwater management will be evaluated. Trustee Fisher asked if neighbors had garages. Director McGinnis said he will provide additional information regarding the condition of the alley and adjacent homes to the Village Board.

It was noted that this item will be placed on the next meeting agenda for consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Posthuma)

- a) Trustee Byrnes moved to **Approve payment of the accounts payable for the period of December 8, 2022 through December 29, 2022 in the aggregate amount of \$1,414,424.43 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Haarlow, Stifflear, Fisher, Byrnes, Banke

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The following items were approved by omnibus vote:

- b) **Approve a Resolution Appointing a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA)**

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- c) **Award a Professional Services Contract to HR Green, Inc., for Design Engineering Services for Sixth Street Improvements**
d) **Award a Contract for Rehabilitation of the Standpipe to Era Valdivia Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,212,800**

Trustee Byrnes moved to **approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.** Trustee Fisher seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Haarlow, Stifflear, Fisher, Byrnes, Banke

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- a) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to an Exterior Appearance and Site Plan for Changes to the Residential Subdivision Portion of the Kensington School Development at 527-541 Kensington Court; or Refer the Request for a Major Adjustment to the Exterior Appearance and Site Plan Review for Changes to the Residential Subdivision Portion of the Kensington School Development at 527-541 Kensington Court to the Plan Commission for further hearing and review**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item which was previously discussed at the December 13, 2022 Village Board meeting. Trustee Stifflear noted that additional landscaping renderings have been provided. Trustee Banke stated that he liked the project but was opposed to the gate for three reasons: 1) that he believes the gated community concept is inconsistent with the traditional neighborhood standards which the Village has embraced for the past 150 years; 2) he believes the gated development creates a suggestion that we live in an unsafe community; and 3) his concerns that the development plays into a negative perception that Hinsdale is an elitist town. President Cauley noted that he agreed with Trustee Banke generally but believes that the property is unique given its location across from a parking lot and adjacent to commercial property. The property has also been vacant for many years and other potential projects could be more dense. Lots will also be code compliant. Trustee Haarlow asked if the subdivision will be age restricted. The developer, Julie Laux, stated that she does not want to age restrict as she believes it is a saleable property, and does not want to limit prospective buyers. Trustee Posthuma agreed that it is a unique location near Ogden Avenue and adjacent to commercial. He sees the gate as having a transitional purpose. Trustee Byrnes stated he is in favor of the project due to the commercial nature. He does not believe this is precedential. Trustee Fisher stated that she is not a big fan of the gate but the location provides different challenges. The gate provides additional comfort.

She asked about the proposed additional landscaping and maintenance. Julie Laux stated that she is committing to the additional landscaping and maintenance. She said that it will be a high end development with buyers with high expectations. Trustee Stifflear stated that he agreed with Trustee Banke but that the location matters and does not set a precedent. President Cauley asked when the project is expected to break ground. Julie Laux responded that permits are expected to be submitted soon – possibly as soon as early spring.

A motion was made by Trustee Stifflear to **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to an Exterior Appearance and Site Plan for Changes to the Residential Subdivision Portion of the Kensington School Development at 527-541 Kensington Court.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

- AYES:** Trustees Posthuma, Haarlow, Stifflear, Fisher, Byrnes
- NAYS:** Trustee Banke
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** None

Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

None.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No reports.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Banke moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

- AYES:** Trustees Posthuma, Haarlow, Stifflear, Fisher, Byrnes, Banke
- NAYS:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Andrianna Peterson, Acting Village Clerk