

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Tuesday, January 7, 2014**

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 7, 2014 at 7:33 p.m.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Christopher Elder, Trustees J. Kimberley Angelo, William Haarlow, , Laura LaPlaca and Bob Saigh

Absent: Trustee Gerald J. Hughes

Also Present: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Finance Darrell Langlois, Fire Chief Rick Ronovsky, Director of Community Development Robb McGinnis, Director of Public Services George Franco and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Saigh indicated some minor changes to the draft minutes. Trustee LaPlaca moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of December 10, 2013, as amended.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Angelo, Haarlow, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Elder

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley thanked the Public Services, Fire and Police Departments in connection with all the recent weather related incidents. There have been 23 snow events this year, five on the weekends and three on the holidays. The Board appreciates that Public Services staff is called away from their families at these times. Overtime, as a result, is \$52,591 this year for snow removal and totaling \$63,523. Total overtime paid in 2013 was \$38,741 and in 2012 was \$26,820. Unfortunately, this year we are over our annual budgeted amount of \$60,000, and while we can't do anything about it, he wanted the Trustees to know.

He also reported increased motor vehicle crashes and fire department incidents all related to the snow storms. He noted thanked staff for stepping up to the plate and remarked that many of these employees do not live close to Hinsdale.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Cauley read the Consent Agenda as follows:

Recommended by Environment and Public Services Committee

- a) Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to EJ Equipment, Inc., in the Amount of \$21,864.25 for Repair and Lining of the Debris Tank on a 1998 Vactor
- b) Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Dave Soltwisch Plumbing, Inc., in the Amount of \$15,365 for the Installation of the Memorial Building Lower Level East Patio Drainage System; and

Approve a Purchase Order to Premier Landscaping in the Amount of \$10,311.74 for the Installation of Brick Pavers

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

Trustee Cauley also mentioned that at a Christmas Eve party of a Hinsdale resident one of the guests suffered a heart attack. Thanks to the prompt action of our Fire Department paramedics, this gentleman was taken to the hospital and is expected to make a full recovery. President Cauley thanked Fire Department

personnel Don Newberry, Steve Tullis, Jim Nichols and Nick McDonough recognizing that they are away from their families on Christmas Eve.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois stated that Trustee Hughes had reviewed the bag and had no questions. In Trustee Hughes absence, Trustee Elder moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of December 7, 2013 through January 3, 2014 in the aggregate amount of \$1,799,150.10 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, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

Approve the Purchase of 225 Tons of Bulk Rock Salt from Morton Salt Company in the Amount of \$12,298.50

President Cauley introduced the item referencing a memo that was sent to the Trustees explaining that we had scaled back on salt purchases because we had leftovers, but have used over 900 tons to date. He pointed out that the Village Manager has the authority to approve a purchase up to \$10,000. She has already authorized a \$10,000 purchase resulting in an additional 175 tons of salt. There is a companion item, and he believes it is a good idea for the Board to authorize the Village Manager to buy what we need in the event there are other events. Trustee Haarlow moved to **Approve the Purchase of 225 Tons of Bulk Rock Salt from Morton Salt Company in the Amount of \$12,298.50.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

Director of Public Services George Franco explained that the salt can be mixed with sand and calcium chloride, but that mixture doesn't work in extreme temperatures. He thinks it is important to have more salt on reserve as additional weather events are predicted.

Authorize the Village Manager to Purchase Additional Quantities of Rock Salt as Needed Should the Quantity Cost Exceed \$10,000

President Cauley introduced this item noting this authorization is only for this year and only for salt. Trustee LaPlaca asked if this would require Ms. Gargano to notify the Board of any such purchase. Ms. Gargano responded that she would notify the Board. Trustee Elder moved to **Authorize the Village Manager to Purchase Additional Quantities of Rock Salt as Needed Should the Quantity Cost Exceed \$10,000**. Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, LaPlaca, Saigh
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Approve an Ordinance Approving Floor Area Ratio and Building Coverage Variations for the Single-Family Residence Located in the R-4 Single-Family Zoning District at 206 N. Washington – ZBA Case Number V-12-13

President Cauley said this item relates to the 120 year old historic Queen Ann home built by a civil war veteran. There were plans to demolish the home, the Board asked Community Development Director Robb McGinnis to reach out to the homeowners to try to save the house. In order to preserve the architectural significance of the home they needed floor area ratio (FAR) and building coverage relief. The ZBA considered the variations requested and have forwarded their recommendation to the Board for approval. Mr. Peter Coules, attorney for the homeowner and Mr. Michael Abraham, architect on the project, addressed the Board on behalf of Bob and Anna Livingston. Mr. Coules explained that this is a flat roof house supported by a wooden beam, it is built on two different levels, and has a dangerous and not ADA compliant staircase. The property has an existing coach house, built for a horse and buggy, which only acts as a garage for one vehicle. In order to retain the historic coach house, the owner is asking for floor area ratio (FAR) relief. Mr. Coules also pointed out that they are not changing any

topography on the residential sides of the house. Further, the owners are not intending to add anything extravagant, they have written letters to all the neighbors and all are in favor of the proposed plans. President Cauley asked if there have been any changes since the Board last saw the plans. Mr. Abraham stated there have not.

Trustee LaPlaca thanked Mr. Livingston and Mr. Abraham for their work and effort and also thanked the ZBA. Trustee Saigh added this is a unique case of historic preservation for Hinsdale, the cooperation between the owners, the Village and neighbors a tribute to all. Trustee Haarlow thanked the Village staff for their work and offered kudos to owners for putting up with the process. Mr. Livingston replied that they are happy with the final product.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

President Cauley thanked Mr. & Mrs. Livingston for their efforts. He is sure this was a more expensive route, but this was a home that is worth keeping and preserving what is special. The rules were bent a little for a good cause.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Village Manager Kathleen Gargano echoed the Boards thanks to Public Services, Police and Fire personnel; they have to leave their family multiple times, it wears on them and she appreciates their efforts. President Cauley commented that it takes a special person to respond to a water main break at 3:00 a.m. and stand in freezing water.

Trustee LaPlaca noted the next regular meeting of EPS will be next Monday. She also reported that in December the Chicago Suburban Branch of the American Public Works Association (APWA) awarded the 2014 APWA Sustainability Practices Award to the Woodlands Phase 1 project. The award recognizes excellence in completing public works projects in the area of sustainability practices and alliances for this purpose between municipalities, consultants and contractors. She also noted that this is the second award that the project has received. In November, the Village was notified that the Woodlands Phase 1 project received the American Council of Engineering Companies in Illinois

(ACEC) Special Achievement Award in the Waste & Storm Water Category. She, the Village Manager and the Village Engineer Dan Deeter, will attend award ceremonies for both of these achievements. She offered congratulations to the consultants, engineers, staff and Board for supporting the project.

Trustee LaPlaca also asked that residents please shovel their sidewalks. It is a problem for walkers and with school starting; kids will have to go in the street. Mr. Franco confirmed if residents would keep their sidewalks shoveled, it would keep people out of the streets, which are not safe.

Trustee Saigh noted the next ZPS meeting is scheduled for January 27th.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board and no need for a Closed Session, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Angelo **moved to adjourn regularly scheduled meeting of January 7, 2014**. Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk