

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
February 4, 2020**

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, February 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: Trustees Matthew Posthuma, Luke Stifflear, Gerald J. Hughes (*present by telephone*), Laurel Haarlow, Neale Byrnes, and President Tom Cauley

Absent: Trustee Scott Banke

Also Present: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom, Police Chief Brian King, Assistant Police Chief Tom Lillie, Fire Chief John Giannelli, Assistant Fire Chief Tim McElroy, Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Village Engineer Dan Deeter and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Cauley acknowledged Mr. Jim Piontkowski who has been an employee of the Village of Hinsdale for 40 years. Mr. Piontkowski began his career in 1980 as a public services crew worker, and in 1984 was promoted to Building Maintenance Supervisor, a position which he holds to this day. President Cauley thanked him for his service.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE

President Cauley introduced and swore in three new Police Officers; Mr. Dave Rodriguez, Mr. Mike Dreizega, and Mr. Jim Litrenta.

SWEARING IN OF FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

President Cauley introduced and swore in new Firefighter/Paramedic Mr. Jasmeet Sanghera.

President Cauley thanked all the new recruits for joining our Hinsdale family, and wished them the best for a great career.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEM

a) Parking plan

President Cauley began discussion relating to parking in Hinsdale stating the deck will open this summer and will result in a 40% increase in available parking. By way of background, he explained the Village decided to build a deck because of The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) study that concluded a substantial number of parking spaces in the Central Business District (CBD) are being occupied by merchants and their employees, who feed the meters through the day. CMAP proposed a solution suggesting Hinsdale raise the parking rates. The benefit would be to encourage merchants and employees to park elsewhere, but resident and non-resident shoppers parking downtown would also have to pay the higher meter rate. He has spoken with Trustees, Village Manager Kathleen Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom, and Police Chief King about a solution to the parking problem. The proposed plan includes zoned parking downtown, free parking for residents for three hours, six hour parking in the deck, to discourage commuter parking, but free for merchants and employees, and two paid lots allowing users to park for eight hours or more. Parking tickets will be increased to \$25, not as a revenue generating mechanism, but to discourage merchant parking in the CBD. Lost parking meter revenue is \$196,000, but this can be offset by raising the vehicle sticker fees from \$40 to \$48, and increasing commuter parking from \$620 to \$750 per year. He noted there are 170 people on the wait list for commuter parking permits, and fees have not been raised since 2006. Additionally, there are a number of spots on Burlington and Hinsdale Avenue that will no longer be merchant parking and can now be used for commuters. This increase would generate about \$40,000 annually. Paybox fees would be increased from \$.25 to \$1.00 per hour, resulting in revenue of \$50,000. Altogether, these fee increases will offset lost meter revenue. One of the issues with this plan is whether or not to distinguish between resident and non-resident parking downtown. Currently, 80% of people parking downtown between the peak hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. are non-residents. The rationale for charging non-residents to park is that they do not pay for vehicle stickers or commuter costs, or any other cost related to parking. The other option is to be simple and don't differentiate and allow residents and non-residents the same benefit. There will be education and enforcement challenges.

Trustee Posthuma does not feel increasing sticker costs is appropriate as the current fees are at market rate, however, if residents have free parking, that is a trade-off he could agree to. He is concerned about free parking with the merchant parking issues. He believes it is best to encourage everybody to use the deck, if parking in the CBD is free, people won't use the deck. President Cauley said there are businesses in town that people will be reluctant to use

the deck if it is cold, for example Starbucks, but the main goal is to move merchants out of the CBD. It was further noted that Hinsdale is the only area community that has parking meters. Assistant Village Manager Brad Bloom explained, in terms of enforcement, a License Plate Reader (LPR) system would be used. If people were parked for more than three hours, they would get a ticket. CMAP said the way to effect change is with an economic incentive to park elsewhere.

Trustee Byrnes cautioned the expected revenues from the pay boxes may not net \$50,000 because demand may be reduced. Finance Director Darrell Langlois said they worked that into the numbers. Trustee Haarlow asked about the response from the Chamber of Commerce. Village Manager Kathleen Gargano said they are very supportive of removing meters, and they have found the quarters are a nuisance for shoppers.

Trustee Hughes is confident in the plan to solve the problem, but wants to stay focused on fixing the parking problem in the CBD; to provide readily available on-street parking in the middle of day. He is confident, but not certain. Going back to the CMAP study, there are three tools for managing parking; supply, limits, and price. We have increased the supply and established limits, but he is not confident to eliminate the price tool. Human behavior is unpredictable, and it is an assumption that if merchants move to the deck there will always be available spaces. He does not believe we know whether we have an adequate supply, it will take time to determine real demand. Hopefully, this will encourage more people into Hinsdale. He added there could be a technological solution to the coin problem.

Discussion followed regarding price control, that the \$25 ticket will discourage merchant parking in the CBD, that different rules for residents and non-residents adds to confusion, that there is a cost associated with pay box service fees and credit cards, and there has been no adjustment for any increase in sales tax and food and beverage income. Trustee Haarlow suggested the meter time match the zone. Chief King addressed the enforcement issues, stating the simpler the better; one rule for everybody. Trustee Byrnes said he looks at it from a sales perspective for merchants, removing barriers is a benefit to merchants. Mr. Bloom noted the existing meters can be programmed to match the zone. Trustee Posthuma suggested whatever the Board decides, should be on a trial basis for an entire year before making permanent changes. Discussion followed regarding the rationale for the six hour time limit at the deck.

President Cauley thanked the Board for their input and said discussions will continue on this topic.

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 6-1-4 (“License Fees”) of Title 6 (“Motor Vehicles and Traffic”), Chapter 1 (“Vehicle Licenses”) of the Village Code of Village of Hinsdale Relative to Vehicles License Fees**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item stating this is the first piece of the parking puzzle. Due to the fact that stickers go on sale March 1, per Village code, there is some urgency with this item. Mr. Langlois confirmed Board consensus on this item, to make the proper arrangements to meet the requirements of the code.

The Board agreed to move this item forward for a second reading at their next meeting.

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- b) **Motion to take the following actions relative to the Village's Parking Deck Project:**
- 1. Cancel the existing contract for asphalt paving for the Village Parking Deck to Schroeder Asphalt in the amount of \$263,378.65; and**
 - 2. Waive competitive bidding and award a contract to pave the lower level of the parking deck with concrete to Linblad Construction at a cost not to exceed \$429,000; and**
 - 3. Waive competitive bidding and award a contract to do remaining asphalt work to Accupave at a cost not to exceed \$59,324**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item that includes the necessary steps to change the paving of the lower deck from asphalt to concrete. Following analysis, it has been determined that concrete is preferable as it will hold up significantly better than asphalt. Additionally, certain necessary maintenance equipment for an asphalt surface is precluded from operation under the deck. President Cauley added asphalt was his idea to save costs, but in the long term the concrete will be more cost effective. He expects unused contingency funds will cover the cost of the concrete installation.

The Board agreed to move this item to the consent agenda of their next meeting.

- c) **Approve a contract with Wight Construction to repave the Washington Lot as specified in their quote for a cost not to exceed \$80,174.13**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item and explained this work is separate from the parking deck project, but to proceed with this project while Wight is on site for the deck will provide cost efficiencies for this project. He noted the school district contribution is \$7,000 to this expense.

The Board agreed to move this item to the consent agenda of their next meeting.

- d) **Approve the award of Bid #1659 to Crowne Industries Ltd., for the Fuel System Removal/Replacement in the amount of \$165,690**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item to remove the fuel tanks that are at the end of their 30 year life, and replace the old system with an above ground diesel fuel tank and an unleaded fuel purchasing system. He noted the total cost is slightly over budget. Director of Public Services George Peluso said the new above ground tank should be about shoulder height and not visible to area residents.

The Board agreed to move this item to the consent agenda of their next meeting.

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- e) **Reject all bids, waive the competitive bidding process and approve the purchase of a Video Management System from Pentegra Systems LLC, 780 W. Belden Avenue, Suite A, Addison, IL 60101 for a cost not to exceed \$216,369.78**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item to consolidate police video surveillance, and explained the Village received four bids for the project that were reviewed by the Village Information Technology (IT) consultant, Orbis Solutions.

Mr. Jim Lichter, sales engineer for Pentegra addressed the Board and explained the life expectancy, warranty, maintenance and fees for the system.

The Board agreed to move this item to the consent agenda of their next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Following confirmation of the correct amount of the warrant, Trustee Posthuma moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of January 29, 2020 to February 4, 2020, in the aggregate amount of \$223,114.12 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

The following items were approved by omnibus vote:

- b) **Waive the competitive bidding process and approve the purchase of proprietary software and information technology security managed services from Infogressive Cyber Security of Lincoln NE at a cost not to exceed \$25,423.20** (*First Reading – January 28, 2020*)

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- c) **Approve an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network Agreement (IPWMAN)** (*First Reading – January 28, 2020*)
- d) **Approve an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code and Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation to partially fund the 2020 Infrastructure Project with Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds** (*First Reading – January 28, 2020*)

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- e) **Waive Competitive Bidding and Approve a Professional Services Agreement with MSA Municipal Services Associates, Inc.** (*First Reading – January 28, 2020*)

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

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) **Approve the blanket purchase orders for Calendar Year 2020 totaling \$736,700 and waiving the competitive bidding requirements where applicable** (*First Reading – January 28, 2020*)

Trustee Hughes introduced the item and explained this is a routine item, with the exception of the unexpected necessary addition of temporary staff positions.

Trustee Hughes moved to **Approve the blanket purchase orders for Calendar Year 2020 totaling \$736,700 and waiving the competitive bidding requirements where applicable.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) **Parking deck update**

Mr. Bloom reported the project is proceeding on schedule, taking advantage of the mild weather.

- b) **Tollway update**

Mr. Bloom reported that pile driving for the shoefly has begun on the Western Springs side of the tollway, and parts of the Hinsdale sound wall have been removed.

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

- a) Fire
- b) Engineering
- c) Parks & Recreation

The report(s) listed above were provided to the Board. There were no additional questions regarding the content of the department and staff reports.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No reports.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hughes moved to **adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees of February 4, 2020.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk