

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
April 21, 2020**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees (conducted electronically) was called to order by Village President Tom Cauley in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7:33 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: President Tom Cauley

Participating by telephone: Trustees Matthew Posthuma, Scott Banke, Luke Stifflear, Gerald J. Hughes, Laurel Haarlow, and Neale Byrnes

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom, and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Participating by telephone: Fire Chief John Giannelli, Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Village Engineer Dan Deeter

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT  
INTRODUCTION**

“This open special meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hinsdale is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order of March 16, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the State of Illinois given the outbreak of the novel coronavirus.

In order to mitigate the transmission of the virus and reduce risk of COVID-19 illness, we have been advised and encouraged by the State to postpone consideration of public business where possible, and where a meeting is necessary, to limit public gatherings, and as such, the Governor’s Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Act that members of the public body be physically present. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

The Order allows public bodies to meet remotely and encourages public bodies to ensure that the public may monitor the meeting.”

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Cauley led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **Special Meeting of April 6, 2020**

There being no changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Hughes moved to **approve the draft minutes of the special meeting of April 6, 2020, as presented.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

b) **Regular Meeting of April 7, 2020**

Following changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Byrnes moved to **approve the draft minutes of the special meeting of March 16, 2020, as amended.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

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

President Cauley reported that during this COVID-19 pandemic, the Police, Fire, and Public Services departments are still working. Staff is still in the office, and a Plexiglas shield has been installed at the front desk. Residents are concerned with summer activities and the pool, but the Village is powerless to make decisions until the Governor decides to re-open the State. He reported on the number of diagnosed cases in Hinsdale. He reported on the financial condition of the Village, stating capital projects will be deferred as needed.

The Village is working to put together regulations to help preserve historic homes. The Plan Commission can set a date for a public hearing at their scheduled meeting of May 13; the public hearing would be held on June 10. When people ask for demolition permits, they are being informed of this situation.

Residents in the Bonnie Brae area have expressed concern regarding a flyer they have received about a proposed development east of Adams Street on Ogden Avenue. He explained the process by which any development project would be introduced, outlining Board and Plan Commission review and approvals, noting the most recent Ryan development proposal for the west side of the IBLP property. However, he assured residents that the McNaughton Group has elected to bypass any initial Board review and input, and go directly to the Plan Commission with their proposal. He explained the full Board has never weighed in on this, but that he and Trustee Stifflear would be strong no votes.

### **CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

**Mr. Rob Miller of 231 E. Third Street**, addressed the Board regarding the proposed moratorium stating although he renovated his 1908 home, he believes the moratorium will hurt property values. He also doesn't believe the moratorium would hold up in the courts. He recommends that preservation projects be expedited, and redundant Board and Commission review be eliminated. He also suggested economic incentives with respect to fees and permits. President

Cauley said he agrees with the idea of incentives, and stated the point of the moratorium is to have time to think about what can be done to incentivize. As a non-home rule community, property tax relief is not possible.

## FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

### Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

a) **Approve DuPage County joint bid purchase of bulk winter de-icing salt to Compass Minerals America, Inc. in the amount of \$56,791**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for the purchase of bulk salt through a joint purchasing cooperative for next year. The State of Illinois contract will be presented in October. This is below budget this year. Director of Public Services George Peluso explained the use and purchase of salt will be monitored carefully, explaining we can reduce our allotment request and scale back if we have another mild winter, but storage of the salt is no problem.

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

b) **Award the contract for construction of the East Chicago Avenue Drainage Corridor Improvement Project to H. Linden & Sons Sewer & Water, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$1,949,726**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for work on the East Chicago Avenue drainage corridor. This is a major public works project that will reduce flooding in the vicinity, separate storm and sanitary sewers, thereby reducing overflow to Veeck Park, and provide storm water retention beneath the Highland station parking lot. The tollway is paying for almost the entire project. The Village is \$115,000 short between construction and observation, but the tollway is funding \$2.1 million of the project. The shortfall can be covered with motor fuel tax funds. President Cauley confirmed the Village contribution is 5% of the total project, and the storm water vault, that is slightly larger than the Kensington vault, will be located at Highland Park.

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

Trustee Hughes asked if there is a contingency built in to the numbers. Mr. Peluso said it is not built into this bid document. Mr. Scott Creech, our consultant with HR Green, said typically on roadway projects there is not a construction contingency, but use conservative estimates on items and unit pricing. The contingency is basically built into the numbers. There are some material items that may not be used.

c) **Award the contract for engineering services for construction observation of the East Chicago Avenue Drainage Corridor Improvement Project to HR Green, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$133,514.75**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item that provides for the construction observation on the project Chicago Avenue Drainage Corridor. HR Green did the engineering design work, and has done considerable work for the Village in the past. Staff has always been pleased with their work. He noted MIP funds are available for this project.

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

- d) **Award the contract for construction of the Chicago Avenue Water Main Improvement Project – Phase 1 to John Neri Construction Company in the amount not to exceed \$998,662**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item that is another major project consisting of replacing a 97 year old 12” water main. This water main runs beneath the BNSF tracks, and a break would be catastrophic to the line, and to residents to the south of the tracks. Finance Director Darrell Langlois has advised that MIP funds are available for this project, too. Phase 2 of the project will occur next year. President Cauley said he considered deferring this project, but the Village is scheduled to repave Chicago Avenue next year; there is a \$500,000 surface transportation grant tied to the paving project. The Village doesn’t want to lose the grant funding.

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

- e) **Award the contract for engineering services for construction observation of the Chicago Avenue Water Main Improvement Project – Phase 1 to HR Green, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$75,142.75**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for construction observation for the Chicago Avenue water main project. Staff recommends awarding this contract to HR Green, who did the engineering for the project. This is consistent with Village practice to award the construction observation to the company that did the engineering.

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) Trustee Byrnes moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of April 8, 2020 to April 21, 2020, in the aggregate amount of \$676,525.61 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Stifflear seconded the motion.

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

**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 Second Major Adjustment to a Planned Development and associated Exterior Appearance and Site Plan for Façade and Signage updates at 420 E. Ogden Avenue – Continental AutoSport**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item for the second major adjustment at Continental AutoSport. The dealership will no longer include the Maserati brand. The requested changes are exclusively for Ferrari; they are requesting two Ferrari signs each 15’ high, and a

rectangular 15' square foot building sign. Exterior materials are changed to aluminum composite in metallic Ferrari grey. On March 11, the Plan Commission unanimously approved the request. The Board had no additional concerns or questions at the first reading. Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance approving a Second Major Adjustment to a Planned Development and associated Exterior Appearance and Site Plan for Façade and Signage updates at 420 E. Ogden Avenue – Continental AutoSport.** Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**a) Parking deck update**

Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom reported the project is moving forward on schedule. The lower level concrete will be poured this week, as will various sidewalks.

**b) Tollway update**

Mr. Bloom said the tollway is setting up foundation walls north of the homes on Highland, in preparation for shoofly construction. This will take about three weeks to complete, and will be noisy, but there will be no nighttime pile driving.

### **DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS**

**a) Police**

**b) Community Development**

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

Village Manager Kathleen Gargano reported daily phone meetings with Department heads. She commented they are doing a great job, and people are filling in new roles. For example, Parks & Recreation staff is working with the Economic Development Commission, and all should be commended. She noted the installation of the Plexiglas shield at the front desk, as staff prepares to return to business when given authority by the Governor. She said the first quote for the project was very expensive, but Mr. Peluso and Roadway Supervisor Rich Roehn found a more economical means to build the barrier. She said staff is doing good work every day.

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

No reports.

### OTHER BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

None.

### CITIZENS' PETITIONS

There was no one on the phone wishing to speak, and the Clerk confirmed nothing had been received in writing for tonight's meeting.

### 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 April 21, 2020.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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