

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
May 19, 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, May 19, 2020 at 7:30 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, Police Chief Brian King, Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Village Engineer Dan Deeter, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT  
INTRODUCTION**

“This open 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) **Regular Meeting of May 5, 2020**

There being no changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Hughes moved to **approve the draft minutes of the special meeting of May 5, 2020, as presented.** Trustee Banke 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 Phase 3 of the Governor's plan to reopen Illinois begins the end of the month, noting the Village website includes more specifics. The Hinsdale Farmers Market will open on June 1. He offered congratulations to the 2020 Graduates. The community pool will not open on Memorial Day; staff is waiting for guidance from health officials. He reported area COVID-19 numbers, adding it is difficult to get up to date numbers from the State. He referenced the significant rainfall event this past weekend, and noted that the Madison Street stormwater tank under the Kensington School worked very well. At no point was Madison impassable as it has been in years past.

The Village is in receipt of Rebuild Illinois funds thanks to the work of Director of Public Services George Peluso. This money is to be used for major capital improvements.

The Plan Commission will meet on June 10 to conduct a public hearing on the proposed 180-day Moratorium on tear-downs, and the first review of the application for the redevelopment of the IBLP property. He noted the development proposals can be found on the Village website, and encouraged residents to file comments with the Village Clerk on either matter.

## **CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

**Ms. Julie Laux**, addressed the Board to ask the Village President to encourage the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to hold their June meeting. President Cauley said there is a resolution before the Board this evening to direct Commissions to hold their meetings.

**Ms. Jill Sunderson, Chair of the Economic Development Commission (EDC)**, addressed the Board reporting on work being done by the EDC with the Village staff and the Chamber of Commerce. She thanked Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis and Recreation Supervisor Sammy Hanzel who have been instrumental working on these projects. She has been impressed by their creativity and ability to take on this role. As a resident she is proud of their work. She read the EDC mission statement and noted there are 215 retail spaces in Hinsdale. Their goal is to drive awareness of residents to shop locally and to encourage foot traffic. Under Phase 2 restrictions, they have been using social media to drive awareness. She outlined the various initiatives under way. The Chamber and the EDC have partnered on a survey to collect local business input on the status of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) loans, possible educational needs and how the Village can help. She noted that the Shop Local marketing campaign has begun, and complimented Ms. Bereckis and Ms. Hanzel for their work on the advertising materials for this initiative. The EDC loved the idea of closing streets for restaurants, and would love to include retailers in a similar way, shopping outside will give residents a reason to stroll downtown. The Annual Sidewalk Sale has been pushed back to the end of July, and the Chamber is revisiting the Hinsdale Garage Sale idea.

President Cauley added he has been talking with Chief King and Deputy Chief Lillie about how to use the sidewalks for retail sales. Ms. Sunderson said she will continue to work with Ms. Hanzel and Ms. Bereckis, and thanked Ms. Gargano and Mr. Bloom for their direction.

Ms. Gargano commented it is great to have the EDC working with the Chamber and Village staff, and that the work of Ms. Bereckis and Ms. Hanzel has been a great additional skill set since the maternity leave of Ms. Anna Martch, Economic Development Coordinator.

President Cauley asked the Village Clerk if any written comments had been received. There were none.

**APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HINSDALE REQUESTING CERTAIN ACTIONS BY THE GOVERNOR IN ORDER TO RESTORE LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCELERATE LOCAL REOPENING IN THE WAKE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

President Cauley introduced the item that addresses Governor Pritzker's phased plan for reopening Illinois. He explained we are currently in Phase 3, and there must be 28 days with no increase in COVID cases before moving to the next Phase. Currently, Hinsdale is included in the Cook County region. Many communities are asking not to be included in these larger, denser areas. This resolution asks that Hinsdale be removed from this region. DuPage County is putting together protocols to reopen in a safe manner. President Cauley said we want to open businesses, but high risk people should not be out and about. We do know that the impact of COVID has been low in Hinsdale, and there is no reason to be tied into the same region as Chicago; the negative impact on our local economy will be significant. President Cauley read the resolution.

Trustee Hughes **moved to Approve the Resolution as read by the Village President.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HINSDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DIRECTING VILLAGE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES TO RECOMMENCE THEIR REGULAR MEETINGS AND BUSINESS AS OF JUNE 1**

President Cauley introduced the item explaining he has received emails and there has been public comment at meetings asking that the Village resume conducting regular business meetings, although meetings by telephone are not the best solution to vet important issues. Unfortunately, the State has not allowed this soon enough. The Plan Commission had a successful Zoom meeting on May 13. Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom will provide a tutorial for using Zoom and there are some in the Internet, too. The Resolution before the Board this evening directs Commissions to conduct business electronically. Trustee Hughes suggested all

meetings be conducted with the same platform, and that Village Board meetings move to Zoom. The Board agreed to commence as suggested beginning in June. President Cauley read the resolution.

Trustee Posthuma moved to **approve a Resolution of the Village of Hinsdale Board of Trustees directing Village Boards, Commissions and Committees to recommence their regular meetings and business as of June 1.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

Trustee Hughes asked about the current backlog of matters and asked if we need more frequent meetings until caught up. It was noted that the Historic Preservation Commission and Plan Commission may have backlogs. Discussion followed and the Board agreed to recommend the Chairs of those commissions schedule special meeting to work through their outstanding matters by July 31. Ms. Gargano said she would email the commission chairs to that effect. President Cauley noted these are weighty issues, and expressed concern that residents have enough time to opine.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## **FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION**

### **Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)**

- a) **Approve and Authorize Execution by the Village Manager of a Relocatable Parking Easement Agreement with Metra for commuter parking on certain Village owned property**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item explaining that METRA has agreed to provide the Village a one-time payment of \$500,000, and the Village shall designate 50 Village-owned spaces for commuter parking daily until 9:30 a.m. This will include 30 spaces on Hinsdale Avenue, 12 spaces on the south side of Chicago Avenue between Washington and Garfield, and 10 spaces in the new parking deck. This is a total of 52 spaces that are subject to existing commuter fees. This will not adversely affect parking because the deck will come on line in the middle of the summer. He congratulated staff for their work to procure these funds. This money is already accounted for in the deck budget. Trustee Haarlow confirmed this was a one-time payment, and the spaces would be designated as such in perpetuity. President Cauley said the specific spaces could be swapped for others if necessary, and confirmed they are located on Village property. Discussion followed regarding the prospective use of the spaces.

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) Trustee Stifflear moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of May 6, 2020 to May 19, 2020, in the aggregate amount of \$1,958,736.36 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, Banke, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

- b) **Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction or Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Hinsdale**

Trustee Banke moved to **Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction or Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Hinsdale.** Trustee Haarlow 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

### Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) **Approve an Ordinance Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations within Departments and Agencies of the Village** (*First Reading – May 5, 2020*)

Trustee Hughes introduced the annual routine item and moved to **Approve an Ordinance Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations within Departments and Agencies of the Village.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

### Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

b) **Approve and award a competitive bid for landscaping on the parking deck project to Breezy Hill Nursery of Salem Hill, WI in an amount not to exceed \$130,900**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item stating this and the following item relate to the remaining open items necessary to finish the parking deck.

The landscaping bid is for the six planters on the southwest side of the deck and along Garfield. He said the planters are significant in size, 60' feet long, and 6' feet wide.

President Cauley commented that with regard to these items he feels the School District abused us in this process. They wanted the deck unnecessarily reinforced for an additional \$500,000, to which the Village capitulated. Village and school officials all agreed this location for the deck was in the best interest of the community; the Village worked with the School District in good faith. However, they demanded landscaping along the parking deck and along the school. It was very expensive; the deck had to be reinforced to support the planters at a cost of \$324,280 instead of the \$90,000 originally budgeted. Residents are paying for these extras, but we agreed to get the deck done. He believes the school did a disservice to the community. Trustee Byrnes added we also have to maintain this landscaping.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **Approve and award a competitive bid for landscaping on the parking deck project to Breezy Hill Nursery of Salem Hill, WI in an amount not to exceed \$130,900.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

c) **Approve and award a competitive bid for waterproofing on the parking deck project to Golf Acquisition Group of Hammond, IN in an amount not to exceed \$118,380**

Trustee Byrnes said this item relates to waterproofing the planter boxes, that are lined with waterproof membranes. This process is more complicated than originally anticipated. Once the concrete was poured, it was raked to create a corrugated effect; this was a mistake in the design, it needs to be more substantial than anticipated. However, it is still well within the overall guaranteed number. We reengaged the landscape architect to cost out alternatives, and talked to the low bidder. It was determined that this is the best solution for the maintainability and life expectancy of the planters. It is unfortunate to have to redo work, but this is a small piece in the context of the entire job. Once this is approved, the Village will move forward quickly to complete the project as planned in mid-June. President Cauley noted these are the last bids for the project.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **Approve and award a competitive bid for waterproofing on the parking deck project to Golf Acquisition Group of Hammond, IN in an amount not to exceed \$118,380.** Trustee Banke 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**

Mr. Bloom said the project is moving along, and offered to provide Trustees with a tour of the project. Trustee Byrnes added that the lower level is very impressive. He said the Board can feel good about this.

b) **Tollway update**

Mr. Bloom said there is nothing new to report.

c) **Proposed Village concept plan to facilitate additional dining and retail space in the Village's business districts**

President Cauley began discussion stating he has talked to several restaurant owners. Some have a lucrative carry out business, and to the extent the Village might shut down streets, we don't want to negatively impact this activity. Retail shops are open until 5:00 p.m., and we don't want to prevent people from shopping either. Police Chief Brian King and Deputy Chief Tom Lillie talked to every restaurant owner in town. The idea is not to close any street completely, but rather install jersey barriers on First Street to create one-way traffic, and convert parking from parallel parking and provide more diagonal parking spaces. For Vistro and Baldinelli's on Second Street it is more challenging because the street is so sloped, but every restaurant will have the ability to provide outdoor seating.

Ms. Gargano reported the Chamber of Commerce is onboard. Chief King and Deputy Chief Lillie did a great job reaching out to restaurateurs. She said the concept is still fluid and could change with implementation, but the Village wants to help to boost the local economy. President Cauley said violating the Governor's order is not an option. It was noted that Grant Square and Gateway are also talking about how to implement this in their areas. The goal is to come out of this without vacancies and to remain as close as possible to the 3% pre-COVID vacancy rate. Trustee Byrnes added that some residents have expressed concerns regarding car fumes if they were dining outdoors in the street.

## DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

a) **Public Services**

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**

Trustee Posthuma asked what is the next step for the re-opening resolution adopted this evening. Ms. Gargano explained that it will be included with a cover letter to Governor Pritzker, as well as Senator Glowiak and Representative Mazzochi. We will also send it to DuPage Mayors & Managers and County officials. President Cauley added that the State legislature is going back into session and will be armed with this resolution. He understands that three or four other municipalities have signed similar legislation.

**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 May 19, 2020.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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