

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
November 3, 2020**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees (conducted electronically) was called to order by Village President Tom Cauley on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: President Tom Cauley

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

Absent: Trustee Gerald J. Hughes

Participating by telephone: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom, Police Chief Brian King, 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, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

VILLAGE PRESIDENT - INTRODUCTION

“Good evening. On September 18, 2020, Governor Pritzker entered the latest in a string of emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In light of that declaration, and consistent with various Executive Orders entered by the Governor, and the recent amendments made to the Open Meetings Act in Public Act 101-640, I find that it is not practical or prudent to conduct an in-person meeting. This Open Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hinsdale is therefore being conducted remotely.

Public Act 101-640 allows public bodies to meet remotely during public health disasters, so long as the public is able to monitor the meeting, and certain other conditions are met.

Public comment is permitted during the Citizen’s Petitions portions of the meeting. When we get to those portions of the meeting, I will ask persons wishing to make public comment to identify themselves. If anyone wishing to speak has difficulty connecting to the meeting with ZOOM, please call Assistant Village Manager Brad Bloom at 630.789.7007.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting of October 20, 2020

There being no changes or corrections to the draft minutes, Trustee Posthuma moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2020, as presented.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Stifflear, Haarlow and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Banke

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley commended Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis and her staff for their work creating interesting activities for kids and their parents during the pandemic. He noted the Hinsdale Turkey Trail and a turkey coloring page, and said more details for these programs can be found on the Village website.

The Governor has instituted new restrictions on business and restaurants in response to rising COVID-19 numbers. With these new restrictions in place it is important to support local business. He complemented the Economic Development Commission on their efforts to encourage this effort; and called attention to the Shop Local campaign beginning November 1, and a new Secret Santa campaign.

He reported COVID-19 cases continue to increase, and although hospital admissions have also risen, currently there are no capacity restraints.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

President Cauley introduced the item and provided background for the new candidate noting Mr. Hurley had also been recommended by two members of the Plan Commission. He asked for a motion to approve the following appointment:

Plan Commission

Mr. Patrick Hurley appointed to a 3-year term through April 30, 2023

Trustee Byrnes moved to **approve the appointment to Boards and Commissions, as recommended by the Village President.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke Stifflear, Haarlow and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

President Cauley confirmed no one was on the line waiting to speak, nor had the Clerk received any communications for the Board.

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- a) **Award the Design and Construction Observation Engineering phases of the 2021 Eighth Street Reconstruction Project to Rempe-Sharpe in the amount not to exceed \$127,748**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item and explained that one bidder came in way below the others, but analysis of the bid determined that requested observation hours were not

included, and therefore could not meet the project requirements. Staff is recommending Rempe-Sharpe because they have worked for the Village in the past.

He reported Eighth Street is the last 'poor' street to be addressed, and although it is currently concrete, it will be replaced with asphalt. Village Engineer Dan Deeter said the design is not finished, but the design should be out to bid early next year. He estimates the project at about \$2 million.

Trustee Haarlow wondered whether or not the road should be concrete since that is what it is now. Discussion followed regarding truck traffic and total traffic volume. Mr. Deeter reported concrete would be 1.5-2 times the cost, however, the life span of concrete could be as much as 75 years, as opposed to the 15 years of a bituminous residential roadway. Both estimates depend on traffic. Staff confirmed one 4" water main will be replaced between Oak Street and County Line Road. President Cauley pointed out that approval of this item does not require a decision as to whether or not Eighth Street warrants the use of concrete. Staff will provide additional information regarding traffic and costs when that decision is before the Board.

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

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- b) **Approve the purchase of one (1) new Police patrol fleet vehicle in the amount of \$36,573**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item and explained in September 2020, a squad car was involved in a crash, and the car was totaled. This vehicle was scheduled to be replaced in 2021 or 2022. IRMA will pay \$12,950 toward the replacement, and the cost to the Village will be \$14,623. Funds are available in the capital improvement account.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) Trustee Banke moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of October 19, 2020 through October 30, 2020, in the aggregate amount of \$812,850.60 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

The following items were approved by omnibus vote:

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- b) **Approve State of Illinois joint bid purchase of bulk winter deicing salt to Cargill, Incorporated in the amount of \$31,682 (First Reading – October 20, 2020)**

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) **Approve a Resolution Determining Amounts of Money to be Raised through Ad Valorem Property Taxes for the Village of Hinsdale in the amount of \$10,882,381 (First Reading – October 20, 2020)**

In the absence of Trustee Hughes, President Cauley introduced the item stating this is an annual Board action required by the Truth in Taxation Act.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve a Resolution Determining Amounts of Money to be Raised through Ad Valorem Property Taxes for the Village of Hinsdale in the amount of \$10,882,381.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- b) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Second Major Adjustment to the Planned Development at 111 S. Lincoln Street (First Reading – October 20, 2020)**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item for a property located in the O2 limited office district. This is a three-story building approved as a planned development in 2009. The first major adjustment changed the third floor of the building from lifestyle to medical office. This second major adjustment will again change the third floor use to all O2 permitted and special uses. He said this is consistent with the zoning map, and will make the uses in the building consistent.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Second Major Adjustment to the Planned Development at 111 S. Lincoln Street.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Tollway update

Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom reported the 'shoofly' or temporary tracks over I-294 have been completed, and work to demolish the old bridge will begin next week. This will require overnight work that cannot be prevented, as this will take place outside Village jurisdiction and authority. However, any complaints of noise will be brought to the attention of the Tollway Authority.

Trustee Byrnes reported discussion regarding the design of the pedestrian bridge continues. He explained that one of the design factors is what the form liner should be made of, recommending stonework to mimic nearby Oak Street Bridge. This would be more attractive, but comes at a cost of \$25,000. Mr. Bloom illustrated the options for the Board. Trustee Byrnes also pointed out that the original plan included metal bars over the tollway, but Western Springs is concerned people will drop things onto the roadway. The solution is chain link fence. This matter has not been finalized.

President Cauley commented with respect to the materials used for the form liner, it won't break the bank, it will be here for a long time, and it will be more aesthetically pleasing. Trustee Stifflear added that this Board has taken on a lot of beautification efforts, which residents appreciate. Due to the proximity of this walkway to the Oak Street bridge, he believes the extra money will confirm this commitment to aesthetic consistency.

The Board expressed concern about the chain link fence, and discussed more attractive alternatives. Staff will ask the tollway to look into other options. Mr. Bloom cautioned that the \$25,000 for the stone form liner is an estimate, and a final decision can be made when the bids come in. Mr. Bloom pointed out that we have to come to agreement with Western Springs on the chain link matter because maintenance costs are split. The Board agreed that if we have to have a chain link fence, it likely doesn't make sense to invest \$25,000 on the stone form liner.

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

- a) Engineering
- b) 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

Village Manager Kathleen Gargano reported that last Friday the Police Department did an exceptional job following a tip that an individual was pacing on Ogden Avenue over I-294. Officers

responded, and found that the reported individual was attempting suicide. Review of the video clearly shows our officers did an exemplary job taking charge and containing the situation. They saved a life, and this individual was then transported to the hospital. The training our officers receive proved invaluable. She thanked Sergeant Mark Wodka, Officer Matthew Root, Officer Kevin Berland, and Detective Sergeant Lou Hayes for their fine work, as well as responding officers from Western Springs and Oak Brook.

In additional to President Cauley's earlier remarks, Ms. Gargano added her thanks to Ms. Heather Bereckis and staff who have been using their talents since March to assist with economic development campaigns and efforts.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session. Trustee Stifflear moved to **adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees of November 3, 2020 into closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) litigation, filed or pending before a court or administrative tribunal or when an action is probable or imminent, and not to reconvene.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hughes

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk