

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
November 17, 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 17, 2020 at 7:39 p.m., roll call was taken.

Participating electronically: President Tom Cauley, Trustees Matthew Posthuma, Scott Banke, Luke Stifflear, Gerald J. Hughes, Laurel Haarlow and Neale Byrnes

Absent: None

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

Participating electronically: 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, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis, Village Engineer Dan Deeter

**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 November 3, 2020

Following changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Posthuma moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2020, as amended.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Trustee Hughes

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

President Cauley introduced the following appointments:

#### **Economic Development Commission**

Ms. Lyn Burgess appointed for a 3-year term through April 30, 2023

#### **Police Pension Board**

Mr. Donald Klink reappointed for a 2-year term through April 30, 2022

Mr. Dean Teglia reappointed for a 2-year term through April 30, 2022

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

### CITIZENS' PETITIONS

President Cauley confirmed that no citizen was on the line waiting to speak, nor had any written communications been received by the Village Clerk.

### FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION\*\*

#### **Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)**

- a) **Approve an Ordinance Levying Taxes for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year of the Village of Hinsdale, Illinois Commencing on January 1, 2020 and Ending on December 31, 2020 in the aggregate amount of \$ 14,071,013**

Trustee Hughes introduced this and the following items stating Items a-g relate to the annual process of levying taxes, and abating taxes for debt service for individual bond issuance. It was clarified that the numbers may change for the library portion.

- b) **Approve a Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2020 to pay the principal of and interest on \$5,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012A, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**
- c) **Approve a Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2020 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,710,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Library Fund Tax Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2013A, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**

- d) **Approve a Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2020 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,025,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014A, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**
- e) **Approve a Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2020 to pay the principal of and interest on \$5,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014B, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**
- f) **Approve a Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2020 to pay the principal of and interest on \$9,775,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017A, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**
- g) **Approve a Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2020 to pay the principal of and interest on \$20,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018A, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**

The Board agreed to move Items a-g forward for a second reading at their next meeting.

**h) Approve the Issuance of Blanket Purchase Orders Totaling \$104,600**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item that is annual 'housekeeping' and explained that at the beginning of the year the Board approves purchase orders that will be paid at the Village Manager's discretion, but generally include payments to vendors related to contractor agreements. At the end of year, estimates can be off. In particular this year COVID-19, the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project, and staff vacancies are behind the delta. There are available monies in our budget for this expense. Finance Director Darrell Langlois confirmed for Trustee Posthuma that the expense of GovTemps is an overall savings from the salary and benefits for comparable staff and Baecore.

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

**Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)**

**i) Award engineering services for the 2022 South Garfield Reconstruction Project to Rempe-Sharpe & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$226,807**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for design and construction observation services. This is a 2022 project, but IDOT has a series of reviews that take more time. STP funds will be used to fund the project. Director of Public Services George Peluso said the work on Garfield will terminate just north of the 55<sup>th</sup> Street intersection.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)**

- a) Trustee Hughes moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of October 31, 2020 through November 13, 2020, in the aggregate amount of \$4,208,448.09 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, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda, and discussed and voted as Second Reading items:

**Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)**

- b) **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 (First Reading – November 3, 2020)**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item as a second read for design and construction observation services on Eighth Street from Garfield to County Line Road. Trustee Hughes said our intent to do in asphalt, but information will be provided on concrete, and review pros, cons and relative costs. Trustee Byrnes said we are trying to establish a better way to determine what surface to use than what a street might currently be, and sometimes there just is not a lot of money. Usage numbers on Garfield are 6,700 vehicles per day, on Eighth Street about 1,000 per day. Trustee Byrnes said this will be bid out both ways, and the Board will review at that time.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **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 Banke seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

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

- c) **Approve the purchase of one (1) new Police patrol fleet vehicle in the amount of \$36,573 (First Reading – November 3, 2020)**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item and moved to **Approve the purchase of one (1) new Police patrol fleet vehicle in the amount of \$36,573.** Trustee Banke 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 a Resolution Authorizing Dissolution of the West Suburban Mass Transit District (WSMTD)**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item, which is being presented without a first reading due to time sensitivity. The West Suburban Mass Transit District which has been in place in since the 1970's is being dissolved, and a small amount of funds will be distributed to participating members upon dissolution. President Cauley said Hinsdale received grants from WSMTD over the years; there is no impact to the Village going forward.

Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom added that hundreds of thousands of dollars were given to the Village to fund various railroad related projects. President Cauley stated that Mr. Martin Gross was instrumental in facilitating these grants for Hinsdale, and the Village is appreciative of his efforts.

Trustee Hughes moved to **Approve a Resolution Authorizing Dissolution of the West Suburban Mass Transit District**. Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

b) **Approve a contract with JLD Consulting Group, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$5,500 per month starting December 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2021**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item for lobbyist services with regards to the tollway expansion that has been very helpful and valuable. He noted the contract can be terminated with 30-days notice. President Cauley added that Mr. D'Alessandro has been most helpful and worth every penny.

Trustee Hughes moved to **Approve a contract with JLD Consulting Group, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$5,500 per month starting December 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2021**. Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) **Tollway update**

Mr. Bloom introduced Ms. Nicole Nutter, Ms. Kristi Bruno, and Ms. Jill Ziegler from the Illinois Tollway Authority to further discuss the design of the pedestrian bridge.

Ms. Nutter addressed the Board, stating that following the Board's discussion at their last meeting there are two outstanding items to be resolved. These are fencing and the retaining

wall form. She explained that the fencing is contingent on agreement with Western Springs, but the tollway would like a decision by Thanksgiving so they can develop final design plans. The pedestrian bridge is a Pratt style bridge in weathering steel. Galvanized chain link fencing, PVC coated chain link or vertical metal pickets can be used. She said there are no maintenance obligations with the galvanized chain link, the PVC coated chain link will need to be replaced every 25-30 years at a cost of approximately \$100,000. The pickets will need to be repainted every 25-30 years at an estimated cost of between \$65,000-\$80,000. Trustee Byrnes confirmed that the tollway will pay the cost of initial installation of any of the options. Ms. Nutter said that the pickets were a safety concern for the Western Springs Village Board, but the pickets are 8' feet high, and spaced 4" inches apart. She said they exceed IDOT safety standards. She will be present at the next meeting of the Western Springs Board to discuss their safety concerns.

This Board likes the pickets best, and hopes to come to consensus with Western Springs on future shared maintenance costs.

Decisions regarding the retaining wall are independent of Western Springs. Staff is suggesting the form and color of the retaining wall mimic the Oak Street bridge. Ms. Nutter said the form liner for that design is about \$6,400 more than the standard stacked block liner. The Village would pay for these additional costs. The cost to stain the material to match the bridge is about \$32,000. She noted the tollway standard form liner and stain is no charge to the Village. It was pointed out that the life span of the stain depends on the sun and UV light, but the biggest concern may well be repairs following graffiti. Any maintenance and future staining is the Village's responsibility.

Ms. Nutter said they plan to award the contract in April 2021; payment would be due by end of 2021.

The Board agreed that \$38,000 was reasonable for these long-term improvements.

## **DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS**

### **a) Public Services**

### **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 reminded everyone that the Chamber of Commerce has cancelled the Christmas Walk this year. The budget and capital improvement plan were reviewed last week with Mr. Langlois, Trustee Hughes, and President Cauley. She anticipates a Committee of the Whole meeting will be held in December to discuss these documents prior to final approval.

Ms. Gargano informed the Board that Tier 3 COVID-19 mitigation is in effect. Many municipalities are closing or reducing their office hours, this will continue to be evaluated based on staffing. She encouraged residents to check the Village website, or call first before coming to Village Hall.

She reminded residents to lock their cars, to reduce the opportunity for theft. Chief Brian King added there was a mid-day auto theft on Sunday; the key fob was left inside the vehicle.

## REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No reports.

## 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 17, 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 Banke seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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