

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
7:30 P.M.**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees (conducted electronically) was called to order by Village President Tom Cauley on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: President Tom Cauley

Participating electronically: 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, Assistant Finance Director Alison Brothen, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Interim Village Planner Nathan Parch, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis, and 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 January 19, 2021**

Following changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Hughes moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2021, as amended.** Trustee Stifflear seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Haarlow

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley announced that Finance Director Darrell Langlois is leaving the Village to become the Assistant Controller with Joliet Junior College. He started at the Village in 2009, and helped the Village recover from the recession, and maintain its financial strength. Under his leadership, the Village has continued to earn the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). His efforts were instrumental in securing CARES act funding. The Village is grateful for his service, and wish him well. Recruitment for his replacement has begun, and Assistant Finance Director Alison Brothen will act as Interim Finance Director.

President Cauley expressed appreciation for Public Services staff hard work around the clock to clear the Village streets and the downtown areas during record snowstorms over the past weekend. Last Friday Police Officers Jeff Huckfeldt and Sandra Acevedo found an unresponsive driver in a car in front of the post office. Thanks to their quick thinking, and administering CPR, they were able to dislodge an obstruction in the man's throat. With their help and that of the paramedics that arrived on the scene, this man's life was saved. President Cauley acknowledged the quality of Hinsdale Fire and Police Departments.

With respect to COVID-19, he reported Region 8 has moved into Tier 1, bringing positive changes for bars and restaurants and group events. He also reported an overall reduction in the number of reported COVID cases. Village staff is working with District 86 as a vaccination site, and as vaccines become available, the community will be notified. Village Manager Kathleen Gargano added that residents should continue to register with their County Health Departments.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPROPRIATIONS

President Cauley opened the Public Hearing for the 2021 Annual Appropriations ordinance, which is conducted annually per State statute. The hearing notice was published in the Hinsdalean on January 21, 2021. The document mirrors the budget, with the exception of Account 1100-7209 Accounting Services that includes an appropriation of \$83,220 to cover blanket purchase orders for interim accounting services. In addition, there are contingency line items in each department budget to provide legal spending authority in unforeseen circumstances. The library appropriations are set by the Library Board and are included per State statute. Appropriations total \$57,856,777. He asked if there was anyone on the line wanting to speak to this matter. Hearing none, Trustee Hughes moved **to close the Public Hearing on the Appropriations Ordinance**. Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

President Cauley declared the public hearing adjourned.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) **Approve the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the year January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item, stating this is a routine item except as otherwise noted by President Cauley during the Appropriations public hearing.

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

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- b) **Award the contract for construction of the Chicago Avenue Water Main Improvement Project – Phase 2 to John Neri Construction Company in the amount not to exceed \$1,721,900**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for construction of a new water main along Chicago Avenue between Washington to Stough to replace the existing 98 year old main. The item was bid, and came in well under budget. He cautioned that last year's project replacing this water main encountered unexpected expense, and there are similar concerns for this stretch of the ancient pipe.

Trustee Hughes asked about storage tanks; are they related only to the Fuller's location, and how will contaminated soils be handled. Village Engineer Dan Deeter said we know there is a leaking tank at the Fullers location, the Mobil site is a secondary concern. The Village has tried to collect some costs from owners of those properties, and will handle as the Illinois Environmental Agency directs, however, we need to know what the costs are first, before negotiating with owners for cost sharing. Mr. Deeter said there has been some soil sampling by Garfield Avenue, but they were small samples and not particularly conclusive. Staff will continue to monitor the situation. Discussion followed regarding the budgeting for the work, and the appropriate size of the main for adequate water pressure in the area.

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

- c) **Award the contract for engineering services for construction observation of the Chicago Avenue Water Main Improvement Project – Phase 2 to HR Green, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$121,980**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item stating this is the same project as previously described and it, too, came in under budget. He added that HR Green, Inc. has done a lot of good work for the Village.

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

- d) Award a contract for Brush Hill Train Station Ceiling Repairs to Smith Plastering Inc., in the amount of \$9,250; and Award Heating and Cooling Installation Contract for Brush Hill Train Station to Sendra Services Corp., for the purchase and installation of HVAC equipment in the amount of \$11,149.71**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item and explained that the ceiling collapsed and the heaters came down, fortunately no one was hurt. The likely cause of the accident is the vibration from passing trains. These contracts award money for installation of a new HVAC system, and plastering the ceiling. He noted the Village is responsible for the cost of these repairs in accordance with the lease agreement with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF).

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

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- e) Approve an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to an Exterior Appearance Plan for Façade Changes – Garfield Crossing - 26-38 E. First Street**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item that was referred by the Village Board to the Plan Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission on January 5, 2021. To review, Circa Lighting has requested permission to alter the front and rear facades; remove window muttons and vertical mullions, awnings, replace current front entrances with a single entrance, replace exterior lighting, and install double doors at the rear of the building. He noted the signage request will be reviewed separately. The Historic Preservation Commission approved the request unanimously (6-0), the Plan Commission approved the request unanimously (8-0), provided the outside lights have dimmers, and the only lights on after hours are in the display windows. Ms. Gale Singer, founder, President and applicant had nothing further to add.

Trustee Byrnes asked for a final picture of the doors and lights. Director of Community Development Robb McGinnis said these would be included with the second reading materials.

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

- f) Approve the issuance of a purchase order to WatchGuard in the amount of \$42,249.50 to purchase the WatchGuard V300 Body Worn Camera (BWC) for police operations**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item to approve the purchase of 28 Police Department body cameras. The 2021 budget does include \$30,000 for this as the Village intended to purchase only 16 cameras, but current legislation will require all sworn personnel to wear a camera. Therefore, the number necessary increased from 16 to 28, one for each officer, and three for maintenance and inventory. Staff has applied for an IRMA grant for \$10,000 to help fund this purchase. Chief Brian King stated IRMA has said they will award the grant when the Village provides proof of the purchase. Three vendors provided quotes. Discussion followed regarding the disparity in the bid amounts. Chief King assured the Board that the proposed system works very well, and is used in other municipalities.

It was noted that although the State statute will not require departments to have the cameras until 2024, an earlier installation will provide risk management for the Village and adequate documentation for our officers protection. Most of DuPage County is moving in this direction. Discussion followed regarding maintenance, video storage, and the five-year warrantee. In order to plan for obsolescence, Chief King explained a placeholder will be included in the

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) moving forward. He anticipates training will start right away, and the cameras should be deployed in a couple weeks.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) Trustee Haarlow moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of January 18, 2021 through January 29, 2021, in the aggregate amount of \$600,286.94 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.

The following items were approved by omnibus vote:

- b) **Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority covering the temporary removal of fencing on Tollway property and partial funding of a Village drainage study (First Reading – January 19, 2021)**
- c) **Approve Blanket Purchase Orders for Calendar Year 2021 totaling \$810,723 and waiving the competitive bid requirements, where applicable (First Reading – January 19, 2021)**
Trustee Hughes moved to **approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.** Trustee Byrnes 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 to Appoint an Authorized Agent to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item stating this and the following item relate to the retirement of the Finance Director. These resolutions will assign certain responsibilities to the Interim Finance Director. These items appear without benefit of a first read due to time sensitivity. Trustee Hughes moved to **Approve a Resolution to Appoint an Authorized Agent to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF).** 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 Certified Resolution for Local Government Customer naming BMO Harris as a Designated Depository; Designation of Authorized Officers; Authorized Activities

Trustee Hughes moved to **Approve a Certified Resolution for Local Government Customer naming BMO Harris as a Designated Depository; Designation of Authorized Officers; Authorized Activities.** Trustee Stifflear 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

Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom reported the Village has received a request from the Tollway for local drainage access to the sewer on Mill Street. Staff is in the process of gathering information, but the Tollway has stated without access they will remove a section of the noise wall. Initial concerns are wear and tear on our roadways, traffic and noise. This will likely be a three-month project. More information will be provided to the Board as it becomes available.

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

a) Fire

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 Gargano thanked Mr. Langlois for his service, stating she enjoyed working with him. She believes he is one of the best Finance Directors in the area, and she wished him the best of luck.

Trustee Hughes added his personal thanks to Mr. Langlois and acknowledged him as a conscientious person. The Village would have liked to incentivize him to stay, but he knows this is good path for him. He wished him the best, and thanked him for his support to the Board and staff.

Mr. Langlois thanked the Board for their kind words.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

Mr. Chris Elder, former Village Trustee, echoed those remarks about Mr. Langlois. He thanked him for his years of service, recognized his contribution, and wished him the best.

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 February 2, 2021 into closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel, and 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 Hughes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk