

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 16, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees (conducted electronically) was called to order by Village President Tom Cauley on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:31 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: President Tom Cauley

Participating electronically: Trustees Matthew Posthuma, Luke Stifflear, Gerald J. Hughes, Laurel Haarlow and Neale Byrnes

Absent: Trustee Scott Banke

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, Assistant Finance Director Alison Brothen, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis, and Village Engineer Dan Deeter, Superintendent of Parks & Forestry John Finnell, Village Planner Bethany Salmon

VILLAGE PRESIDENT - INTRODUCTION

Good evening. Due to the ongoing public health emergency, and consistent with the Governor's most recent emergency declaration, various Executive Orders entered by the Governor, and the recent amendments made to the Open Meetings Act in Public Act 101-640, it has been determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent at this time, and this meeting will therefore be conducted electronically.

Public comment is permitted during the Citizens Petitions portions of the meeting. I will ask persons wishing to make public comment to identify themselves before speaking, spelling their last name and stating their address.

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 March 2, 2021

Following changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Posthuma moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 2021, as amended.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Stifflear, Byrnes and President Cauley

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Trustees Hughes and Haarlow

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

b) **Closed Session Minutes of March 2, 2021**

There being no changes or corrections to the draft minutes, Trustee Hughes moved to **approve the draft minutes of the closed session meeting of March 2, 2021, as presented.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Stifflear, Hughes, Byrnes and President Cauley

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Haarlow

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley reported that Village vehicle stickers went on sale March 1, and may be purchased by mail, online, and in person. He commented that he gets calls from residents who want to see more online payment services, for water bills and tickets. Staff is working on this in conjunction with the conversion to a new software system, and anticipate these features by fall of this year. In the meantime, water bills can be paid by mail, by direct debit, or by credit card over the phone.

He reported that, sadly, the Hinsdale American Legion Post 250 will not conduct Memorial Day activities this year.

Community Pool passes go on sale May 1, and the Parks & Recreation Summer Brochure will be available on April 12. He also reported upcoming Easter activities.

Regarding COVID-19, he reported DuPage County continues to lead the metropolitan area in vaccinations, and the number of reported cases continues to decline.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

President Cauley introduced the following appointment:

Economic Development Commission

Ms. Angela Levelli appointed for a 3-year term through April 30, 2024

He outlined Ms. Levelli's qualifications, noting she is the owner of La Fortuna, is also a CPA, and has been a good merchant in the Village for many years. Trustee Hughes moved to **approve the appointment(s) to Village Boards and Commissions, as recommended by the Village President.** Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

Ms. Stacy Hasenbalg of 122 S. Adams, commented regarding Village oversight of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) and the work they do. They have been working in the area of the west Hinsdale train station for over a year, and the debris they leave is concerning. It has looked like a train yard for over a year. She has pictures she can provide. President Cauley said staff will follow up on her behalf.

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) **Award the contract for construction and renovation of the Paddle Tennis Hut located at Katherine Legge Memorial Park to the Red Feather Group in an amount not to exceed \$351,800**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item that relates to the award of a construction bid for the paddle tennis hut at KLM. Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom explained two bids were received, one from Red Feather for \$351,800, and another bid for \$542,313. A meeting was held with representatives from Red Feather, and Mr. Marty Brennen from HPTA, to review the bids. References have been contacted; Red Feather has done significant work in other municipalities and Federal work, as well. Staff and HPTA unanimously recommend this bid. Trustee Hughes added the lower bid is in line with what the anticipated cost would be. It was confirmed that HPTA and staff would have construction oversight. Mr. Brennen stated they are excited to get started; it was a productive meeting with Red Feather. They intend to start the project as soon as possible following Board approval, as their off-season begins next week. He stated Red Feather believes they can finish the work before the September 24 date specified in the bid.

President Cauley explained the cost to the Village is \$40,000; the rest is paid by bank loan, with the Village as guarantor. Trustee Hughes said our 10% obligation is largely met, as the Village covered construction and design costs up to this point. Discussion followed regarding the performance bond and how payments will be made.

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

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- b) **Approve a Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item explaining this is a procedural matter. The Village has to file a new form with IDOT because of construction estimate changes on Chicago Avenue created by the exclusion of the post office drive. Additionally, IDOT wanted construction observation costs included on the form. President Cauley said these are the same numbers, just added differently. Trustee Byrnes confirmed, but reduced slightly because the post office portion has been removed.

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

- c) **Approve the Professional Engineering Services for a drainage study in the amount not to exceed \$31,465 to James J. Benes and Associates, Inc.**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item to fund a drainage study in northeast Hinsdale, explaining that water flows downhill to this area. The study might provide ideas for remedies that have not been explored. He added that \$16,000 is a relatively small amount to spend to maybe

learn something. President Cauley agreed, adding there is a 10-15% chance the study will come up with an affordable option. In any case, the Village will have a study that will show residents it will cost many millions to fix. Discussion followed regarding possible tollway assistance with a solution, and the topography of the street. Village Engineer Dan Deeter noted the study will look at more than one intersection, and provide a model of the whole area.

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

d) Award the contract for construction of the Hinsdale Community Pool Phase 1 & 2 improvements with Alternate #1 to Schaeffgas Brothers in an amount not to exceed \$771,606

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item to award a contract to fix the pool; Phase I includes replacing the lap pool deck, grout and painting, and paving around concession area. Phase II is the replacement of the pool filters. This bid is under budget, and this is an experienced contractor. Trustee Posthuma complimented Parks & Recreation Superintendent Heather Bereckis for her work to get OSLAD grant funding. This project was postponed from last year said Director of Public Services George Peluso, because of COVID-19 and a permit issue with the OSLAD grant.

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

e) Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Hinsdale and DuPage County for the installation and maintenance of folding stop signs at signalized intersections at County Highways

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for folding stop signs at Grant Street, Madison Street and Garfield. When a power outage happens, these traffic signs are unfolded. The County no longer wants to maintain these signs, so the Village can take over. The Police Department recommends doing so.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) Trustee Posthuma moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of March 1, 2021 through March 12, 2021, in the aggregate amount of \$1,201,106.71 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, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

The following items were approved by omnibus vote:

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- b) **Authorization to exceed \$20,000 for snow removal services to Beverly Companies for the Hinsdale Community Parking Deck** *(First Reading – March 2, 2021)*
- c) **Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with METRA to fund the renovation and repair of the Highlands Commuter Train Station** *(First Reading – March 2, 2021)*

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- d) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 6-12-3 of the Village Code of Hinsdale to allow for the conversion of a two-way to a multi-way stop intersection** *(First Reading – March 2, 2021)*

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) **Approve a Resolution of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, Approving and Authorizing Execution of a First Amendment to an Agreement between the Village of Hinsdale and the Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association** *(First Reading – February 16, 2021); and*

Approve an Ordinance of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Guaranty of Term Loan and Governmental Certificate *(First Reading – February 16, 2021)*

Trustee Hughes introduced the item that is a first amendment to an agreement with HPTA, and a loan agreement for the construction of the paddle hut. Originally, the Village intended to finance the project, but it was delayed due to COVID-19, resulting in uncertainty for the Village's financial situation. HPTA suggested bank financing. The documents before the Board have all been finalized since the first reading of these items, including the Village's right to approve any changes to the loan agreement. Mr. Brennan believes all sides are protected in the agreement language, and they are ready to move forward.

Discussion followed regarding a typographical error in the agreement that will be corrected before the documents are executed.

Trustee Hughes moved to **Approve a Resolution of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, Approving and Authorizing Execution of a First Amendment to an Agreement between the Village of Hinsdale and the Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association and Approve an Ordinance of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook**

Counties, Illinois, Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Guaranty of Term Loan and Governmental Certificate. Trustee Stifflear seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

Trustee Stifflear thanked Trustee Hughes for his work on this project. He acknowledged the unique characteristics of paddle tennis, and added it is good the Village supports this group. It was a tremendous amount of work, over many months. Trustee Hughes said this is the result of the work of many people, and acknowledged Mr. Bloom's recent efforts. He said HPTA was good to work with, too.

President Cauley said this would not have happened without Trustee Hughes. He developed a formal way to work this, and brought it to fruition.

Mr. Brennan echoed these remarks, and added the paddle community appreciates Trustee Hughes' hard work. He added thanks to Village staff, Mr. Bloom, and the whole team. It was not easy, but everybody persevered. He believes this is a significant success for them and the Village.

b) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Subsection 3-3-13A of the Village Code of Hinsdale Related to the Number of Liquor Licenses** (*Discussion as First Reading – January 5, 2021*)

Trustee Hughes introduced the item as was discussed in January when some merchant's plans have changed with respect to liquor licensing, and requires changes in the number of licenses in each classification. This ordinance formalizes the numbers we will grant.

Trustee Hughes moved to **Approve an Ordinance Amending Subsection 3-3-13A of the Village Code of Hinsdale Related to the Number of Liquor Licenses.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

Discussion followed regarding future changes. Mr. Bloom explained why it is done this way, but noted a new ordinance in the future that would automatically reduce the number of allowable licenses in each classification.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

c) **Approve an Ordinance Adding a New Chapter 19 (Group Homes Serving Persons with Disabilities) to Title 3 (Business and License Regulations) of the Village Code of Hinsdale, Illinois** (*First Reading – March 2, 2021*)

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item to add a new Chapter 19 for group homes for persons with disabilities, as there had been no specified procedure for reasonable accommodation, and that this has been done on a case-by-case basis.

This ordinance clarifies the conditions under which a group home can operate by right. These standards pertain to location, intensity of use, and parking, but Trustee Stifflear highlighted that any individual group can apply in any location.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance Adding a New Chapter 19 (Group Homes Serving Persons with Disabilities) to Title 3 (Business and License Regulations) of the Village Code of Hinsdale, Illinois.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

Trustee Hughes said this is a good next step for the Village, providing a visible process, clear for all parties.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Tollway update

Mr. Bloom reported he expects to have a draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Tollway for the pedestrian bridge in the near future.

b) Liquor License request

President Cauley introduced a request from Mr. Peter Burdi for his restaurant Nabuki to allow carryout liquor. He explained that the Village allowed this during the pandemic, and this will make it permanent. Trustee Hughes added this supports the success of a strong carryout business. He noted there have not been any negative incidents with the carryout they have been doing. Trustee Byrnes pointed out that the alcohol will likely be consumed at home with the carryout. The Board agreed to the request.

c) Integrated Pest Management

Mr. John Finnell, Superintendent of Parks & Forestry and Pest Management Coordinator provided his annual report on this subject outlining best management for pesticide use. He noted the detailed report is available on the Village website.

Trustee Byrnes complemented Mr. Finnell on his work, and added the Village is fortunate to have him on staff. Trustee Haarlow asked if residents would be notified if pesticides are used. Mr. Finnell said yes, it is also published in the paper according to policy, however, it is not anticipated that any will be used in 2021.

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

a) Engineering

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

None.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn into Closed Session. Trustee Hughes moved to **adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees of March 16, 2021**. Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk