

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING OF THE MEETING  
April 6, 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, April 6, 2021 at 7:31 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, 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, Human Resources Consultant Tracy McLaughlin

**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 16, 2021**

Following changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Posthuma moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 2021, as amended.** Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Trustees Banke

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley announced the Parks & Recreation brochure would be available April 12. Earth Day park clean-up is April 22, and sign up is on the Village website. Regarding COVID-19, DuPage County is 20% vaccinated, and 60% of the population over 65 is fully vaccinated. He reported area numbers, noting the Region 8 positivity rate is up.

## PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY

President Cauley read the Arbor Day proclamation that notes this is the 29<sup>th</sup> year Hinsdale is named a Tree City USA.

## CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

## FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

### Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

**a) Approve a Resolution Appointing a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA)**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item and explained that with the retirement of Finance Director Darrell Langlois, a new IRMA alternate needs to be appointed. This resolution names Ms. Shelley Henn, the Village HR Specialist, to that position.

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

**b) Approve the CY2021 Pay Plans for Full-time, Public Services and Seasonal employees effective May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item stating this is substantive, but routine. This is the annual update to specify employee salary rates. Increases are in line with those negotiated with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) at 2.5%. Additionally, some rolls will be retitled, cleaning up terminology.

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

### Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

**c) Award of Bid #20-445-1335 to Oak Brook Mechanical for the Hinsdale Police/Fire Station Boiler Replacement project in the amount of \$128,750**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item to replace the boiler located in the Police and Fire Station, as a leak was detected and cannot be repaired. He explained \$125,000 has been budgeted for this project. The Village is applying for a \$10,000 NICOR energy efficiency rebate. Director of Public Services George Peluso is confident the Village will receive the rebate, but it will not be disbursed until after the project is completed.

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

**d) Award the contract for construction of the Eighth Street Reconstruction project to J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$1,340,365.15 to reconstruct Eighth Street in asphalt**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item to award a contract for asphalt paving on Eighth Street. He referenced previous Board discussion regarding the possibility of using concrete instead of asphalt, and noted the materials before the Board include pricing for both options. The concrete material is more expensive, and the cost of construction observation is an additional \$50,000. However, the concrete will last about 45 years, and asphalt will need to be redone as many as three times in that timeframe. He noted that Eighth Street is a highly traveled cross street, but not as highly traveled as Garfield, for example. The standard operating procedure with the Master Infrastructure Plan (MIP) has been to use asphalt, and the savings has allowed the Village to do more projects.

Trustee Hughes stated he is happy to have real data, but the difference in cost puts the decision on the edge, the long-term and immediate savings for the asphalt is not as much as expected. He wondered if there are other qualitative factors to prefer one over the other.

President Cauley noted the default position has been asphalt, and the consideration to use concrete has been the usage of the street, particularly when there is significant truck traffic. As such, he does not believe concrete is warranted in this case. He does not believe a 15-year payback justifies the expense, as a lot of streets can be paved with the \$192,000 difference in cost. Trustee Byrnes noted these dollars would pave about half a mile of additional street. Trustee Stifflear explained the net present value factor is only 4%, making the costs close to being no difference. However, there is greater flexibility to the Village of having the \$192,000 in pocket, and better uses for the money. Trustee Posthuma suggested there is more money to play with in the construction budget due to savings on other projects. He believes if there were a cross street to pave in concrete, this is the one. It is south of the tracks, and goes through from Route 83 to County Line Road. He added Sixth Street does as well, but is less attractive because of stop signs and narrow brick streets.

President Cauley said using under-budgeted money that way undermines the discipline of budgeting. He acknowledged this is a very good price for the concrete paving, and agrees Eighth Street is more of a thoroughfare than others, but even so, the Village would still realize 15 good years out of the street if it were asphalt.

Village Manager Kathleen Gargano reminded the Board that \$600,000 of maintenance was deferred in 2020, and we would want to do that work this year or next. Some of the funding in our original projections has not been realized, and the Chicago Avenue project has not been bid yet. With respect to the west Chicago Avenue project, Mr. Peluso said it is not being reconstructed, only resurfaced at this time with some grant funding, as it was suggested Chicago Avenue would be a good candidate for concrete. Village Engineer Dan Deeter added in either design, the materials used for the sub-base will greatly increase the strength of an asphalt road.

Trustee Hughes said he tilts toward asphalt, but the other thing that relates to traffic and wear and tear and the frequency of resurfacing, is the level of disruption when it is resurfaced. Mr. Deeter confirmed the repair to concrete is more disruptive to traffic because of the cure time, with asphalt the street is passable faster. A water main break on a concrete street is a more significant repair. Mr. Peluso said there are about 30-40 water main breaks a year throughout the Village. There was some discussion regarding the necessity of any sewer separation in this area, which is very low. Trustee Haarlow agrees Eighth Street is the go-to cross street, and a more significant artery than one might think, but she appreciates the value of saving \$192,000. Mr. Peluso explained why construction observation costs are higher for concrete, due to method and process, and additional material oversight and testing, and adds several

weeks to the project. Mr. Deeter said an additional five weeks of curing time is required for concrete.

Trustee Banke believes this is about fiscal responsibility, and given the tenuous revenue situation as a result of the pandemic, he leans toward asphalt. Trustee Hughes stated he thinks the Village should do asphalt; 15 years is the average and rule for budgeting for asphalt, but there is a wide range. If it is a 20-year cycle, the advantages of concrete are further diminished. President Cauley added the \$192,000 saved is an investment in the future for other infrastructure projects.

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

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

**e) Approve an Ordinance Approving Variations Relative to Phase II of the Replacement and/or Construction of New Improvements for Hinsdale Central High School at 5500 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale, Illinois – Hinsdale Township High School District 86 – ZBA Case Number V-06-20**

Trustee Stifflear introduced Items e and f, that relate to the Phase II renovation and expansion of Hinsdale Central High School located in the I-B District. These improvements include a one-story fine arts addition and entry plaza, a two-story student services and special education addition, replacing the grandstand and press box, a ticket booth, upgrading baseball backstops and replacing fencing, and parking lot lighting.

On January 20, 2021, the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing and approved variations for the grandstand and press box. However, the ZBA does not have final authority over five of the variation requests, but unanimously recommended Board approval. Before the Board for approval are requests for partial replacement of perimeter chain link fencing, playing field backstops, an accessory structure ticket booth, and parking lot lighting.

The Plan Commission held a public meeting on March 10, 2021 with respect to the exterior appearance and site plan, and unanimously recommended approval by the Village Board.

Mr. Nick Graal, architect for the project, addressed the Board to review the plans. He explained these plans are part of Phase II of the referendum approved project, and construction for Phase II has not started. They are waiting for approvals, and hoping to start as soon as possible. He said the goal is to match existing conditions with upgrades to today's standards. The proposed bleacher and press box replacement includes an upgrade for accessibility, and a more appropriate sized press box. The new structure will be slightly lower than the existing grandstand, and does not encroach any further into the property line than the current structure. The ticket booth structure is two feet higher than the allowable height, but will match the aesthetics of the huddle house. At the varsity baseball field, they will replace the backstop only. It is chain link now, but will have a masonry knee wall with safety netting, matching the aesthetics of the backstop installed at the junior varsity field last year. He described the courtyard offices, special education classrooms, the fine arts addition, band rooms, practice rooms, and associated plaza. He outlined additional fence installations, that are a one for one replacement of existing chain link fencing, and a new fence installation in the outfield at 57<sup>th</sup> & Grant to protect the field of play from a drainage basin. The two new parking lot fixtures in the south lot off Grant Street will match the existing four poles to the north. Again, an aesthetic match to Phase I. He noted there is some pathway lighting included in the courtyard, in addition to these new parking lot light poles, but the photometrics are included and do not exceed allowable levels. Trustee Stifflear added there were no

comments or objections from any residents or neighbors at the Plan Commission public meeting.

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

f) **Approve an Ordinance Approving an Exterior Appearance and Site Plans for Phase II Improvements for Hinsdale Central High School at 5500 S. Grant Street – Hinsdale Township High School District 86**

This item was discussed in conjunction with the previous item.

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

g) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Lot Coverage Variation at 33 S. Garfield Street, Hinsdale, Illinois – Flynn- ZBA Case Number V-02-21**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item that is a request for relief from the total lot coverage requirement of 80%. This applicant is asking for 86.3%. He noted nothing is changing at the property, the existing building and tenants will remain the same. This was an illegal non-conforming property, but the new owner wants the necessary approvals to make it a legal non-conforming property. On February 17, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) voted 7-0 to recommend approval of this variation by the Village Board. There was no opposition at the public hearing, and there are letters of support from the neighbors on both sides of the property.

Ms. Jamie Zaura, architect representing the homeowner, addressed the Board. She noted this is a 118-year old building. The barn serves as the residence of the current owner, the home is office rental space. This property is located in the O-1 District, and many of the other properties in this district are double the size of this one. If this lot was similar to others this would be a non-issue. She noted the character of the building will remain unaffected, and the property owners next door at 35 and 27 S. Garfield support this variation.

Trustee Stifflear noted this is an historic home, and as the Board has discussed, variations like this are what should be done to preserve these types of buildings.

The Board agreed to move this item forward for a second reading at 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 March 15, 2021 through April 2, 2021, in the aggregate amount of \$550,674.04 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Hughes 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) **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** (*First Reading – March 16, 2021*)

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

- c) **Approve a Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code** (*First Reading – March 16, 2021*)
- d) **Approve the Professional Engineering Services for a drainage study in the amount not to exceed \$31,465 to James J. Benes and Associates, Inc.** (*First Reading – March 16, 2021*)
- e) **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** (*First Reading – March 16, 2021*)
- f) **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** (*First Reading – March 16, 2021*)

Trustee Byrnes moved to **approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.** 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 an Ordinance Amending Subsection 3-3-13A of the Village Code of Hinsdale Related to the Number of Liquor Licenses** (*Discussion as First Reading – March 16, 2021*)  
Trustee Hughes introduced the item stating this ordinance amends the liquor code to increase the allowable B4 – Packaged Sales licenses by one to accommodate the request of Nabuki, and moved to **Approve an Ordinance Amending Subsection 3-3-13A of the Village Code of Hinsdale Related to the Number of Liquor Licenses.** 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 there were no updates at this time.

b) **Liquor License request – Yia Yias Café, 13 Grant Square**

President Cauley introduced the item that is a request for a B2 – Restaurant license serving beer, wine and spirits. Mr. Demitrios Panos, business owner, addressed the Board and explained that with the pandemic he is trying to find other ways to increase revenue, and noted his customers ask for this.

The Board agreed to the request.

### **DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS**

- a) Community Development
- b) Parks & Recreation
- c) 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.

Ms. Gargano reported some communication from the community regarding tracking 5G legislation. She wanted the community and the Board to know staff is monitoring legislation, and working with DuPage Mayors & Managers to address the concerns of residents, focusing on the local control aspect.

### **REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

None.

### **CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

None.

### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Trustee Hughes reported that Governor Pritzker has signed yet another unfunded mandate for pension benefits; a retroactive increase to Fire Department pension benefits. This may or may not be a good thing, but no one knew this was coming. Mayor Lightfoot was quoted as saying 'This bill is fiscally irresponsible and validates a Springfield practice of cutting back room deals without full transparency and faith.' Trustee Hughes agrees with her, and pointed out there has been years of this type of thing where instantly our liability goes up, but our assets remain the same. The Village has not tracked the impact of these actions to point to an amount, but maybe we can start to pick up what part of the unfunded pension is attributable to actions such as this. Perhaps ask our pension auditors to estimate the effect of this bill. President Cauley agreed adding the unfunded pension problem is not the fault of Village governments, but the fault of Springfield. Illinois is the worst state for fiscal responsibility. Ms. Gargano added this bill might only be applicable to the City of Chicago, but she will look into this and report back.

## 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 April 6, 2021.** Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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