

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
May 4, 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, May 4, 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, Finance Director Andrea Lamberg, 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, 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 April 20, 2021**

There being no changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Posthuma moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2021, as presented.** Trustee Hughes 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 officially welcomed Ms. Andrea Lamberg as the new Finance Director/Village Treasurer. He reminded residents that summer pool passes are available, and to check the website, and that vehicle stickers were due by May 1. With respect to summer programming, all events are subject to State regulations. Walk-in clinics are being set up to administer COVID-19 vaccinations. More information is available on the Village website. He reported immunization and case numbers.

President Cauley announced that Trustee Jerry Hughes is retiring, and newly elected Trustee Michelle Fisher will take his place. Re-elected were Trustees Neale Byrnes and Matt Posthuma. He noted that Trustee Hughes served on the Village Board for eight years, but had been involved in Village government prior to that. He voiced his opinion on several serious issues prior to joining the Finance Commission in 2009, and was appointed Chair in 2011. During his tenure on the Village Board, he served on the Environment & Public Services (EPS) Committee, and chaired the Administration & Community Affairs (ACA) Committee. He worked with the Finance Director and auditors, was instrumental in the current long-term agreement with the Hinsdale Paddle Tennis Association, has been working on an agreement to move the HCS Community Services Food Pantry to a larger location with more parking, and water rate issues. He has always been polite and respectful of residents and staff, and worked with the Board to build consensus. President Cauley offered his personal thanks and best wishes, noting appreciation for his hard work.

All other Board members echoed President Cauley's remarks, adding their thanks and hope that Trustee Hughes will stay involved in Village government, as did former Village Trustee Chris Elder. Trustee Hughes said it has been an honor to serve as Trustee, and to work with his fellow Board members. He feels one of the best things in life is working with a team on things that matter, and succeeding. This Board has checked those boxes, and will leave things better than they found them. Village Board members are stewards of resources, assets and institutions, but more importantly the health of Village government as a civic institution. For this he gave credit to President Cauley, who took deliberate steps to change the culture of the Board, Trustees are dedicated, and do the work. He also hired Village Manager Kathleen Gargano, which was instrumental in hiring top talent, adding Ms. Gargano and the Department Heads are a well-oiled machine.

He worries about getting good people to serve, noting the Caucus is dormant. He thanked Trustee-elect Fisher, and re-elected Trustees Byrnes and Posthuma for their service. It takes time to learn the job, and it takes a toll. He thanked President Cauley, and he thanked his family.

Ms. Gargano added her appreciation on behalf of the staff.

## **OATH OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS**

Village Clerk Christine Bruton administered the Oath of Office to re-elected President Tom Cauley. President Cauley administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Trustees Matt Posthuma and Neale Byrnes, and newly elected Trustee Michelle Fisher.

President Cauley announced new seating at the dais, and new Committee assignments.

### ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Trustee Byrnes moved to adjourn the meeting of May 4, 2021, sine die. Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

### CALL TO ORDER - RECONVENE

Following the seating of the newly elected members of the Village Board, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees was reconvened by President Tom Cauley on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 8:08 p.m.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Trustees Matthew Posthuma, Laurel Haarlow (arr. 8:13 p.m.), Luke Stifflear, Michelle Fisher, Neale Byrnes and Scott Banke

Absent: None

### PROCLAMATION – BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

President Cauley read the Building Safety Month proclamation.

### CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

Trustee Posthuma asked if the next meeting will be in person. President Cauley said that would be the hope, but in order to conduct a hybrid meeting, some additional equipment is necessary. He added he respects any decision an individual Trustee might make as to whether they are comfortable meeting in person. Village Manager Kathleen Gargano confirmed the current capacity of the board room is 100 people.

### FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

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

- a) **Approve an increase to the budget for lobbying services in the amount of \$33,000 to continue the contract with JLD Consulting through the end of November 2021, OR: Terminate the agreement with JLD Consulting effective June 1, 2021**

Trustee Posthuma introduced the item that relates to the expansion of I-294, noting important from the Village perspective is the Oasis, as it provides \$550,000 of sales tax revenue per year. It will be going down on Labor Day for three years. There were some legislative efforts

in the past to divert Oasis revenue from Hinsdale to other municipalities, so it made sense to engage a lobbyist. Mr. Bill Ryan, attorney, recommended John D'Alessandro. Last November the Board approved an extension of his contract, and the question before the Board is whether or not to officially budget the remaining six months of the one year term. The cost is \$5,500 per month, but the contract can be terminated with 30 days notice. Mr. D'Alessandro's services have been worthwhile, in addition to the Oasis, he has been helpful getting grant funds released and working with the Illinois Department of Revenue on sales tax on Cook County gas stations. Mr. Bloom added our revenues are up from what was budgeted, and the Village has the funds to cover this cost. The Village is in the process of negotiating an agreement with the Tollway on the Oasis, a very lengthy draft has been received for review. President Cauley said the Board should look at a lobbyist expense with careful scrutiny, as there is opportunity for abuse. He would rather not have one, but Mr. D'Alessandro has been very helpful to Hinsdale, and he would like to keep him in the loop. Negotiations regarding the Oasis are still in flux, this cost is money well spent. Trustee Byrnes is in favor of this expense, but expressed concern that we might need to be prepared for a longer term. President Cauley hopes not, and believes the draft IGA should be complete in the next few months.

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

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

**b) Approve DuPage County joint bid purchase of bulk winter deicing salt to Compass Minerals, in the amount of \$56,791**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for the purchase of ice for next winter. DuPage County has a contract with Compass Minerals; the Village buys off that contract. The same allotment will come from the State of Illinois, and be awarded in October. Director of Public Services George Peluso said this is our standard allotment.

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

**c) Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Tollway and the Villages of Hinsdale and Western Springs for the construction, maintenance and use of a pedestrian bridge**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Tollway Authority and Western Springs for the pedestrian bridge that specifies Tollway engineering and construction cost and design, and outlines Village directed design changes on the approach wall up to the bridge. The IGA outlines specified routine maintenance costs, not to exceed \$20,000 annually, and shared costs with Western Springs. It outlines indemnification and liability. Staff and Attorney Bill Ryan have reviewed the document. It was noted the cost to paint the bridge and stain the approach wall is \$38,000.

Attorney Bill Ryan, addressed the Board, and confirmed the parameters of the agreement with respect to routine maintenance, and the \$20,000 budget cap. President Cauley suggested these be articulated in the indemnification portion of the agreement to provide clarification. This is not a substantive change. Discussion followed regarding the cost of painting the bridge, a cost that is shared by Western Springs.

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

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

**d) Approve an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to an Exterior Appearance and Site Plan – Dr. VanWormer-Hartman – 110 E. Ogden Avenue**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item that is major adjustment for the property at 110 E. Ogden Avenue. He explained that in March 2020 the applicant received exterior and site plan approval for the the vacant building at this property, however, the project was never started. They have made some changes to the proposal, that relate to changes in the roofline, and architectural features of the windows. There have been no changes to the footprint of the building, the setbacks, building height, floor area ratio (FAR) or lot coverage. The new changes were reviewed by the Plan Commission and unanimously approved, with the direction the building color should be reviewed. Trustee Stifflear asked the applicant to provide an example of the color choice for the next meeting.

Mr. Mike Zalud, project manager, explained they are intending to eliminate the flat roof in favor of something more interesting that will be pitched in the front and clad in shingles. The intention is that it appear more residential. He will provide a sample board at the next meeting.

Trustee Stifflear added there were no resident comments at the Plan Commission meeting. The Board agreed to move this forward for a second reading at their next meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**a) Trustee Haarlow moved Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of April 19, 2021 through April 30, 2021, in the aggregate amount of \$495,634.07 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk. Trustee Banke seconded the motion.**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**b) Approve the CY2021 Pay Plan for Part-time employees effective May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 (First Reading – April 20, 2021)**

There being only one Consent Agenda item, Trustee Byrnes moved to **Approve the CY2021 Pay Plan for Part-time employees effective May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION

### Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- a) **Approve a Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code** (*First Reading – April 6, 2021*)

Trustee Byrnes explained this is a procedural matter only that substitutes the words 'Rebuild Illinois' for 'MIP' funds in the document. The resolution must specifically call this out to allow the Village to use these funds.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **Approve a Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code**. Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

- b) **Award the contract for the construction of the Eighth Street Reconstruction Project to J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$1,340,365.15** (*First Reading – April 6, 2021*)

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item that was previously discussed at the April 6 Board meeting regarding reconstructing Eighth Street in asphalt or concrete. This consideration was prompted by a favorable concrete bid; however, the price of the concrete reconstruction is still \$192,000 more than asphalt. He also noted that the concrete street would last about 30 years longer than asphalt.

He explained that standard operating procedure with the road program has been that non-major streets be finished in asphalt, major thoroughfares be finished in concrete. The Board indicated at their last meeting that Eighth Street is a key cross street. He provided traffic study data that shows 1,100 cars use Eighth Street per day, compared with the 6,700 cars that use South Garfield. He pointed out there is a 90 year old water main that will need replacement within the next 45 years, and the concrete would have to be torn up. The Village will repave Chicago Avenue this year, but has yet to go out to bid. He would recommend asphalt for this project.

Discussion followed regarding the timing of water main replacement, and sump pump discharge in the area. Trustee Posthuma said he likes concrete where cost effective, but is willing to go with asphalt, but looking ahead, to the extend we can take care of water main replacement when repairing a road, that would be more cost effective, and convenient for residents. President Cauley explained that would be the goal, but in order to move quickly to address the condition of the roads, water main work was postponed. The additional cost of water main work would severely limit the number of roads that could be fixed.

Mr. Peluso added he believes there will be an increase in the price of the concrete moving forward. Discussion followed regarding the price of concrete, and when to include water main and sewer work with the roads.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **Award the contract for the construction of the Eighth Street Reconstruction Project to J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$1,340,365.15.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

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

- c) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 9 (Building Regulations), Chapter 1 (Administrative Provisions), Section 9-1-4 (Permit Fees) of the Village Code of Hinsdale Relative to Permit Fees** *(First Reading – April 20, 2021)*

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item and explained that permit fees, by the current ordinance, are tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The building department received complaints from builders about the odd amounts that were being charged as a result. The ordinance before the Board will revise the fee calculation to round to the nearest dollar when the fee is over \$100, and round to the nearest nickel when the fee is under \$100.00.

Trustee Byrnes pointed out that the numbers in the ordinance are larger than the 1.4% CPI. Director of Community Services Robb McGinnis explained that the numbers included in the ordinance are the original fee increases from 2018. There have been two increases since then that are not reflected in the original document.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 9 (Building Regulations), Chapter 1 (Administrative Provisions), Section 9-1-4 (Permit Fees) of the Village Code of Hinsdale Relative to Permit Fees.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) **Tollway update nope**

Mr. Bloom stated there is no update at this time.

- b) **Liquor License Request – Zazu Salon & White Buffalo Barbershop**

Mr. Anthony Segretto, owner of Zazu Salon & White Buffalo Barbershop, addressed the Board. He is asking for help as merchants and as property owners in the downtown to make up for COVID-19 losses. He would like the same consideration for a liquor license as another business owner in town. Mr. Bloom pointed out that the Class C license for which Mr. Segretto is applying is available to any merchant wishing to make application, and

permits the sale or dispensing of alcohol by the glass. He confirmed that absent Board objections, an ordinance increasing the number of allowable Class C licenses would be presented to the Board upon receipt of complete applications from Mr. Segretto. Trustee Banke suggested the Board codify exactly what the limits of liquor sales are. He sees that this particular request should be approved, as others in this classification have been, but is concerned about an increased number of 'one-off' requests. He thinks time should be spent to get clarity for this and future Boards. President Cauley said we have granted these requests except when there is an objection, for example, the recent request of from the gas station restaurant. He would be happy to review any suggestions for clarification, although there have been no complaints from residents.

### DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

#### a) 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.

Ms. Gargano reported she spoke with Ms. Karissa Kapcar, an outreach coordinator from Senator Durbin's office, who is setting up pop-up clinics in the area to administer leftover vaccines. They hope to target labor and service workers and clients of the food pantry. Up to 700 shots are available. The Village will assist in community notification, and Chief King has been alerted for traffic control.

### REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No reports.

### CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

### TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Posthuma reported a lifelong Hinsdale resident wanted to compliment public services on the snow plowing this year, saying it was the best job he has ever seen. He complimented Director of Public Services George Peluso and his team for a job well done.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Banke moved to **adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees of May 4, 2021**. Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None



Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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