

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
September 7, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Village President Tom Cauley in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:32 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Trustees Matthew Posthuma, Laurel Haarlow, Luke Stifflear, Michelle Fisher, Neale Byrnes, and Scott Banke

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom, Assistant to the Village Manager Trevor Bosack, Police Chief Brian King, Finance Director Andrea Lamberg, Director of Community Development Robb McGinnis, Village Planner Bethany Salmon, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Present by phone: Fire Chief John Giannelli, Assistant Fire Chief Jon Carlson, Village Engineer Dan Deeter, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis, HR Director Tracy McLaughlin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Cauley led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **Regular Meeting of August 10, 2021**

There being no changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Posthuma moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2021, as presented.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Trustee Fisher

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Cauley reported that Uniquely Thursdays concluded last week, and he thanked staff and the Chamber of Commerce for another successful season. The Farmer's Market will be temporarily relocated to the other side of Burlington Park due to Chicago Avenue roadwork. The work on Chicago Avenue should be completed by November, and consists of resurfacing work following the watermain replacement project. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) will close the rail

crossings at Garfield & Lincoln and the pedestrian crossing at Park Avenue overnight on Saturday, September 18. The community pool is closed for the season following their best attendance year since 2006. Work is starting on pool improvements partially funded by grant monies. He reported COVID-19 area statistics.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION**

President Cauley provided biographical information and administered the oath of office to new Police Officers Giovanni Montecinos, Sandra Acevedo, Matthew Gallik and to Sergeant Dan Blake.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

President Cauley asked for a motion for the reappointment of Ms. Alice Waverley, Mr. John George, and Mr. Joseph Alesia.

Trustee Banke moved to **re-appoint Ms. Alice Waverly to a three-year term as chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission, Mr. John George to a three-year term on the Parks & Recreation Commission, and Mr. Joseph Alesia to a five-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

President Cauley thanked Ms. Waverley, Mr. George, and Mr. Alesia for their continued service to the Village.

### **CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

**Ms. Patricia Halikias, representing 531 N. Oak Street,** addressed the Board regarding the subdivision of her property into two code compliant lots of approximately the same size. The existing single-family home will remain where it is, and there are no current plans to redevelop either lot. They are asking for a waiver of the requirement for a submission of final engineering plans with the request to subdivide.

### **FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION**

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

- a) **Approve a Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT); and Approve a Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code (RBI); and Approve a Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code (General Local Funds)**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for funding the reconstruction of south Garfield from Hinsdale Avenue to 55<sup>th</sup> Street in 2022. Due to the fact that this is Federal funding, IDOT requires approval of the proposed resolutions to address the funding sources used: motor fuel tax (MFT), REBUILD Illinois (RBI) and general local funds. There is no budget impact. The Board agreed to move this to the Consent Agenda of their next meeting.

- b) **Reject all bids, waive competitive bidding, and award the sewer cleaning, televising, and root cutting contract to National Power Rodding Corp. in the amount of \$44,789.40 with authority to perform additional sewer cleaning, televising, and root cutting services not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$60,000**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item and explained the Village annually solicits bids for sewer cleaning, televising, and root cutting surfaces. National Power Rodding was the lowest bidder and has done work for the Village before. Discussion followed regarding the possible reasons for the notable disparity between the dollar amount of the bids.

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

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

- c) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Tentative and Final Plat of Subdivision (531 N. Oak Street)**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item, and referenced the earlier comments of Ms. Halikias indicating the subdivision would result in two code compliant lots. He explained the difference between a tentative and final plat. The final plat has all measurement requirements for such things as setbacks and floor area ratio (FAR), but since nothing will be built at this time, the code permits the Board to waive these requirements. He noted that a public hearing was held at the Plan Commission, there was no resident input, and the Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request.

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

- d) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Site Plan, Exterior Appearance Plan, Design Review Permit and Sign Permit for Exterior Changes to an Existing Convenience Store Building and Gas Station Canopy at 149 E. Ogden Avenue (BP Amoco)**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item for exterior changes to the building at the northwest corner of Ogden Avenue and York Road. This building consists of the BP gas station, The Pride convenience store, and the Urban Counter restaurant. The changes are to the existing awning and canopy, the wall sign on the convenience store building, the gas station canopy sign and light bar, and modifications to the existing ground sign. He noted these changes were unanimously recommended by the Plan Commission.

Mr. Dan Soltis, representing the applicant, addressed the Board explaining these requests are the continuation of ongoing efforts to improve the aesthetics of building. He illustrated the proposed changes. They are planning to replace the green awnings with a Cordoba brown awning, and will paint the roof a matte black. They will remove the Pride sign from the window, and install a similar code compliant sign on the roof. The roofline and material will not be changed. The canopy over the gas pumps will be upgraded to include a better lighting product that is more weather resistant, however, the illumination and lumens will remain the same. The 'bullnose' will be slightly wider, but this change would likely not be noticeable.

Trustee Fisher asked about landscaping changes, to which Mr. Soltis replied that landscaping had not been contemplated at this time.

With respect to the ground sign, they are moving the Pride logo above the BP logo. This new sign will be six inches shorter than the existing sign, reducing the height to 9' feet. The total square footage of the sign is less than 50' square feet, and is code compliant. The Plan Commission approved the higher height of the sign than the 8' feet allowed by code several years ago. The Urban Counter portion of the ground sign will be eliminated, but the Urban Counter sign will remain on the building in its current location and configuration. Village Planner Bethany Salmon noted the Plan Commission recommended additional landscaping, but it was not a condition of approval. Discussion followed regarding site lines, and replacement of dying landscaping. Mr. Soltis agreed to incorporate the Board's landscaping recommendations for Ogden Avenue and York Road. 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 August 9, 2021 through September 3, 2021 in the aggregate amount of \$1,797,728.95 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, Haarlow, Stifflear, Fisher, Byrnes, Banke

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

*The following item was approved by omnibus vote:*

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

- b) **Award Nels Johnson Tree Experts, Inc. the Tree Pruning contract for year 3 of the contract not to exceed the remaining Calendar Year 2021 available budgeted amount of \$47,628.50 and not to exceed the approved Calendar Year 2022 budget**

Trustee Byrnes moved to **approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.** Trustee Banke 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

None.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a) **Tollway update**

Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom reported there were no updates at this time.

**DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS**

- a) **Community Development**
- b) **Engineering**
- c) **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.

**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. Trustee Banke moved to **adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees of September 7, 2021**. Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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