

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
November 16, 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, November 16, 2021 at 7:33 p.m., roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Trustee Laurel Haarlow

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) **Regular Meeting of November 2, 2021**

Trustee Posthuma moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 2021, as presented. Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley reported the Village Board will consider the ordinance to levy the taxes to be received in calendar year 2022, noting the regulations by which the levy can be increased. This year Hinsdale's levy is 2.3%, which is calculated based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 1.4% plus new construction.

He shared good news for the 161 property owners in the Woodlands that were part of Special Service Area 13. Ten years ago the Village issued bonds to fund a portion of the Woodlands drainage improvement project, and levied a property tax increase for these 161 properties to help pay off the bonds. This upcoming year is the last year of the bonds and the levy. The Village has an excess fund balance, and will use these monies to reduce the levy and pay off the bonds. The

reduction of the tax levy by \$112,000 spread across the 161 properties will reduce the property tax bills for these residents by an average of \$700.00.

In other matters, he noted that Saturday, November 27 is Small Business Saturday, the Annual Tree Lighting will be Friday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m. and will kick off the Christmas Walk, and forms are available on the Village website for the Decorate Hinsdale's Holiday Trees program. Further, he reported the DuPage County 7-day rolling Coronavirus positivity rate is at 3.3%.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Posthuma)

- a) **Approve an Ordinance Levying Taxes for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year of the Village of Hinsdale, Illinois Commencing on January 1, 2021 and Ending on December 31, 2021 in the aggregate amount of \$14,286,413**
- b) **Approve a Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2021 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,710,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Library Fund Tax Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2013A, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**
- c) **Approve a Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2021 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,025,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014A, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**
- d) **Approve a Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2021 to pay the principal of and interest on \$5,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014B, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**
- e) **Approve a Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2021 to pay the principal of and interest on \$9,775,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017A, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**
- f) **Approve a Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2021 to pay the principal of and interest on \$20,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018A, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**
- g) **Approve a Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2021 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,655,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**

Trustee Posthuma introduced Items a-g and explained Item a will levy the taxes requested by resolution at the November 2 Village Board meeting. Items b-g formally abate the property tax on six bond issues to make the required payments. He noted that the amount of the library abatement is an estimate, and will be finalized prior to the second reading of these items.

The Board agreed to move Items a-g forward for a second reading at their next meeting.

- h) **Approve an Ordinance abating a portion of the tax hereto levied for the year 2021 to pay the principal of and interest on \$1,575,000 Special Service Area Number Thirteen Bonds, Series 2012B, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**

Trustee Posthuma introduced the item referenced by President Cauley in his opening remarks. This ordinance will abate the property tax for the Woodlands bonds. The bonds

were issued in 2012 to fund the resident portion of the Woodlands drainage project. The final payment is due in 2022, there is an excess fund balance that can cover most of the debt payments. Staff is recommending using the fund balance to abate at \$112,000. The remaining tax levy is \$78,000.

After debt payments next year there will be a \$3,700 reserve for any tax refunds due at a later date.

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

- i) **Approve Blanket Purchase Orders for Calendar Year 2022 totaling \$684,537 and waiving the competitive bid requirements, where applicable**

Trustee Posthuma introduced the item for the approval of the 2022 blanket purchase orders. The Village Manager has purchasing authority up to \$20,000, but this action will approve multiple purchases from the same vendor. He noted this is essentially the same list as 2021. The Board agreed to move this forward for a second reading at their next meeting.

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- j) **Waive competitive bidding and award a contract to Orbis Solutions for the repair of the Railroad Security Camera System at a cost not to exceed \$33,451**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item that waives the competitive bidding and awards a contract to Orbis Solutions. In June of this year, lightning struck the camera system rendering it inoperative. These cameras monitor the grade crossings, platforms and stations. Orbis Solutions is our current information technology (IT) contractor, and this familiarity justifies waiving the bidding. Staff did contact the company that installed the camera system for a bid, but it was \$49,000 higher than the Orbis quote. The Village will reimburse the insurance company for the deductible, making the net cost for the repair \$25,000.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Posthuma)

- a) Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of October 28, 2021 through November 10, 2021 in the aggregate amount of \$4,305,275.01 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, Stifflear, Fisher, Byrnes, Banke

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried

The following items were approved by omnibus vote:

- b) **Approve a contract extension with JLD Consulting to provide lobbying services through the end of May 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$33,000 (First Reading – November 2, 2021)**

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- c) **Award a Pavement Management Study and Master Infrastructure Plan Development engineering services to HR Green in the amount not to exceed \$57,400** (*First Reading – November 2, 2021*)
- d) **Approve State of Illinois joint bid purchase of bulk winter deicing salt to Compass Minerals in the amount of \$42,679** (*First Reading – November 2, 2021*)

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- e) **Approve payment to CDW-G for ten (10) Panasonic Toughbook In-Car laptop computers and printers at a cost not to exceed \$44,567.49**

Trustee Banke moved to **approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried

SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- a) **Approve an Ordinance Approving an Exterior Appearance and Site Plan for Façade Improvements to an Existing Building at – 33 E. First Street – Frederick Lynn Haberdasshere** (*First Reading – November 2, 2021*)

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item to approve façade improvements to the former Hinsdale Furrier building. The Plan Commission (PC) and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviewed the request for the Frederick Lynn Haberdasshere and made recommendations that have been incorporated by the applicant. The application was unanimously approved by both the HPC and the PC.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance Approving an Exterior Appearance and Site Plan for Façade Improvements to an Existing Building at – 33 E. First Street – Frederick Lynn Haberdasshere.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

- b) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Design Review Permit and Sign Permit for the Installation of a New Sign Cabinet on an Existing Ground Sign Base - 920 N. York Road - The Derm Institute** (*First Reading – November 2, 2021*)

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item and reminded the Board that everything requested by the applicant is code compliant, but comes to the Board because the property is in an overlay district. He referenced previous Plan Commission discussion of illumination and the color of the sign, but the application was unanimously approved, so long as a dimmer is installed on the sign.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Design Review Permit and Sign Permit for the Installation of a New Sign Cabinet on an Existing Ground Sign Base - 920 N. York Road - The Derm Institute.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) **Tollway update**

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

b) **Tollway Flooding Event June 26, 2021**

Village Manager Kathleen Gargano reported that 36% of the claim have been paid, and no claim has been denied to date. She stated that Walsh continues to be responsive.

c) **Snow Shovel Program**

Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis gave a Powerpoint presentation explaining the program for the Board. She said it is a volunteer program, and illustrated the form required from the seniors requesting the service, and the form required from the volunteers who will shovel. She explained the various ways information about the program will be provided to residents.

d) **Outdoor Dining**

Ms. Gargano said staff is working on concepts for a temporary solution for businesses to accommodate outdoor dining to avoid a permanent change to infrastructure. The current outdoor dining ordinance will expire on December 31. Restaurants have been contacted, and the jersey barriers will be picked up before the holidays to increase parking availability. Nabuki and Fuller House plan to stay open until December 31. President Cauley thinks it is prudent to do one more year on a temporary basis to see if there is an appetite for outdoor dining moving forward. Discussion followed regarding the program and the intention to keep First Street a one-way street.

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. Trustee Banke moved to **adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees of November 16, 2021.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk