

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
November 30, 2021**

The specially 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 30, 2021 at 6:30 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, Fire Chief John Giannelli, Assistant to the Village Manager Trevor Bosack, Finance Director Andrea Lamberg, Assistant Finance Director Alison Brothen, Director of Community Development Robb McGinnis, Director of Public Services George Peluso Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis, Human Resources Director Tracy McLaughlin and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

No report.

CITIZENS’ PETITIONS

None.

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION**

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Posthuma)

- a) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 1 (Administration), Chapter 6 (Village Board of Trustees), Section 1-6-5(A) (Meetings of the Board) of the Village code relative to start time for the Village Board of Trustees meetings**

Trustee Posthuma introduced the item to change the start time of regular meetings of the Village Board from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Staff surveyed Board members for consensus, but the Village code must be updated to reflect the change.

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

b) Review the draft 2022 Annual Budget, for approval on December 14, 2021

Trustee Posthuma introduced the item. Village Manager Kathleen Gargano thanked Finance Director Andrea Lamberg, Assistant Finance Director Alison Brothen, and Assistant to the Village Manager Trevor Bosack for their hard work on this budget. She said the highlights of the budget will be reviewed tonight, and the transmittal letter is a good summary. She also noted that the recent retirement of a Police officer will impact the personnel expenses. These changes will be reflected in the final document.

Ms. Lamberg made a PowerPoint presentation to review the budget for the Board, beginning with the 2021 projected General Fund operating results, noting the 25% reserve was easily met. General Fund revenues are primarily from property taxes, sales tax, and utility tax.

The Board discussed the effect closing the Tollway Oasis will have on these revenue numbers.

Ms. Lamberg will report back with more definitive numbers. General Fund expenses were reviewed, with personnel and benefits being the largest portion. President Cauley suggested reviewing the reserve balance mid-year to see if funds over 25% could be used for other purposes. Ms. Lamberg reviewed the Water/Sewer Fund numbers that include the new tiered water rates. Ms. Gargano noted there is still water loss, but the watermain replacement program in the upcoming years will start to correct that loss. Director of Public Services George Peluso there is an annual leak detection survey that pinpoints leaks that are addressed throughout the year.

It was noted that road salt and fuel costs have increased, budgeted repairs and maintenance are higher because of deferred items during COVID. Parking deck maintenance costs are new, and historic preservation incentives are budgeted at \$30,000.

With respect to public safety pensions, the State requires 90% funding by 2040. Ms. Lamberg will provide the Board with the dollar amounts necessary to get to this level.

Trustee Posthuma asked if there are any bonds with higher interest rates that we can prepay. Ms. Lamberg has reached out to our bond advisor.

The Board agreed that staff did a great job on the budget; Ms. Lamberg thanked Ms. Brothen and Mr. Bosack for their significant efforts in the production of the 2022 Annual Budget.

SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION – None

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 specially scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees of November 30, 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 7:29 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk