

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
March 15, 2022**

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, March 15, 2022 at 7:02 p.m., roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Trustee Luke Stifflear

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

Present electronically: Fire Chief John Giannelli, Deputy Fire Chief Jon Carlson, Acting Finance Director Alison Brothen, and Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis

Mr. James Fletcher, 621 W. Maple, asked about Ryan Companies options for bringing a project back to the Board if the Board votes not to refer. President Cauley explained the Ryan item is being held till the next meeting of the Board at the request of the developer. They cannot bring the project back unless it is substantially different.

Ms. Catherine Reidel, 449 Briargate Terrace, suggested the IBLP property be a Village park instead of a Ryan development. President Cauley explained he and Trustee Haarlow have discussed this option, but it would require a bond issuance, and a referendum. He does not have a feel for how the entire Village would feel about this, but it is an idea that has been raised. He stated he would welcome further discussion on this idea. Ms. Reidel said residents would be willing to work on this.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley announced the Parks & Recreation summer guide is available on the Village website, and pool pass registration starts on April 1. He reported area COVID-19 statistics are at an all-time low.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Posthuma)

- a) Trustee Haarlow moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of February 24, 2022 through March 9, 2022 in the aggregate amount of \$1,088,629.01 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, Haarlow, Fisher, Byrnes and Banke

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Stifflear

Motion carried.

President Cauley reiterated, regarding the following Consent Agenda item, that this is a good deal for the Village, as the Tollway will contribute \$500,000 to the \$1.1 million expense of the water tower maintenance.

The following item was approved by omnibus vote:

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- b) **Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Village of Hinsdale and the Illinois Tollway Authority ('Tollway') to construct an Emergency Water Interconnect and Provide Water System Maintenance (First Reading – March 1, 2022)**

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

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Haarlow, Fisher, Byrnes and Banke

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Stifflear

Motion carried.

SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- a) **Approve the final payment to Cummins in the amount of \$21,147.51 for the rental of an emergency generator for back-up power at the CSO Facility located at Veeck Park**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item to pay for the cost of a rental general backup power system at Veeck. After repairs were made to the backup generator, the unit was started up in January but the system failed. The cost of the generator is \$12,000 per month. Staff has found a more economical rental until the repairs are done. He noted that insurance may cover some of the costs. Mr. Bloom added a specialist has been hired to evaluate insurance coverage. Director of Public Services George Peluso staff should know more by the end of the week.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **Approve the final payment to Cummins in the amount of \$21,147.51 for the rental of an emergency generator for back-up power at the CSO Facility located at Veeck Park.** Trustee Fisher seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Haarlow, Fisher, Byrnes and Banke

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Stifflear

Motion carried.

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- b) **Approve a Referral to the Plan Commission for Consideration of a Map Amendment, Planned Development Concept Plan, and Special Use Permit for Hinsdale Senior Residences by Ryan Companies**

This item was not addressed, and will be continued to the next meeting of the Village Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) **Chamber of Commerce – Annual Events**

Chamber President Eva Field, Chairman of the Board J. Ford Sunderland, and Marketing Director Amanda Wagner were present to represent the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Field stated that this is the same request as last year, with no changes or adjustments.

The Board had no objection to the request.

- b) **Zoned Parking in Central Business District**

President Cauley introduced the item regarding the removal of 300 parking meters in the Central Business District (CBD). This is something the Village has been considering for some time, but was shelved during COVID. Additionally, COVID started just as the new parking deck was opened, so there has not been good information about how the deck would be used, or how it would impact on-street parking. However, as things have started to return to normal, there is a better sense of what parking behavior can be expected. He believes that carrying change to feed meters is a real inconvenience and may have discouraged residents and non-residents from making trips into the CBD. The removal of the meters will likely have a positive impact on business. Recent studies show the deck is 75% occupied during peak hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On-street parking during these hours is 87-89%, the goal being 85%. This is a good time to consider removing the meters. Instead of parking meters, the Village would initiate 3-hour zoned parking in the CBD. This is long enough for most people to shop, visit a salon, or lunch. Police license plate readers would be used for enforcement, and tickets issued after three hours in order to ensure turnover, and to discourage parking by people who work downtown or employees of area businesses. Currently the parking ticket fine is \$8.00, this would be raised to \$25.00. This is a good rate to discourage unwanted parking. The Garfield and Washington parking lots are 6 hour lots at \$1.00/per hour.

There is no limit to the length of time a person can park in the deck, however, President Cauley noted that these details can be refined as we go along. Pre-COVID meter revenue was about \$196,000. These dollars will be offset by an increase in the price of Village stickers, increasing the ticket fee, and increasing the Washington lot hourly rate from \$.25 to \$1.00. The Village may realize an increase in sales tax and food and beverage tax, as more people come downtown when there are no meters. Discussion followed. It was suggested that the Garfield and Washington lots be increased from six hours to a full day to increase usage. Concern was expressed regarding informing the public of the changes. Police Chief Brian King described the educational component of this initiative. Staff is recommending going live with the program on June 1. This will give staff time to address communication and bagging the meters.

c) Outdoor Dining Design Standards

Assistant to the Village Manager Trevor Bosack made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the information that has been gathered for outdoor dining and design standards for same. He thanked Trustees Burns and Fisher, Historic Preservation Chair John Bohnen, Plan Commission Chair Steve Cashman, Economic Development Chair Jill Sunderson, and local restaurateurs for their input and feedback. Community stakeholders have indicated a desirable solution eliminates the jersey barriers and tents, and ensures uniformity and high-quality aesthetics. Staff will seek Village Board approval on design standards, planter box and/or platform options, application and permit fees. Design standards relate to tables, chairs, umbrellas, signage, lighting and more. Mr. Bosack illustrated various options for these elements. He talked about the 'parklet' system, noting a sample is installed at the water plant as a pilot site. Also being explored are different planter box options. Mr. Bosack also addressed the application process. The Village will require an Outdoor Dining Permit Application that will require a Certificate of Insurance, and an agreement to follow design standards, fees, and site plans. With respect to fees, staff is recommending an application fee of \$100.00, and additional public property use fees modeled after the existing public use of sidewalk space regulations. Fees will be levied annually. Discussion followed regarding the length of the outdoor dining season, and storage of parklet materials for the winter, should the Board agree to this option. It was also noted that grant dollars have been identified for the purchase of the parklets, but the expectation will be that restaurants help maintain the equipment after the Village's initial purchase and installation.

d) Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Mr. John Finnell, Superintendent of Parks & Forestry and Pest Management Coordinator provided his annual report on this subject outlining best management for pesticide use. The IPM report explains the environmentally sensitive and economical management of turf maintenance, prairie maintenance, tree preservation, sustainable landscaping and mosquito abatement.

He noted the detailed report is available on the Village website.

Discussion followed regarding the extension of the sound wall on Route 83 to 55th Street. Director of Public Services George Peluso explained that the prairie in this area is managed by the Village, but the sound wall is a State issue, and they have no appetite to fund that project.

It was indicated that while the treatment of Dutch elm disease through the annual injection program has been very effective, the disease will likely never be eradicated.

e) Tollway update

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

f) Tollway Flooding Event June 26, 2021

Mr. Bloom reported there are only a few residents remaining with pending claims.

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

a) Historic Preservation Commission - street sign toppers

Village Planner Bethany Salmon informed the Board that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has voted to add street sign toppers for the Robbins Park historic district. These have been ordered, however, supply chain issues may likely delay delivery. The cost is \$3,000 for every intersection in Robbins Park. She said the next step will be gateway entry markers. Village Manager Kathleen Gargano noted there are HPC funds budgeted and available for these projects.

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 into Closed Session. Trustee Stifflear moved to **adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees of March 15, 2022 into closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, and not to reconvene into Open Session.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Haarlow, Fisher, Byrnes and Banke

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Stifflear

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk