

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
December 14, 2010**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees was called to order by President Tom Cauley in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 7:33 p.m.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Trustees J. Kimberley Angelo, Bob Saigh, Laura LaPlaca, Cindy Williams, Doug Geoga and Bob Schultz

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Attorney Ken Florey, Village Manager Dave Cook, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Finance Darrell Langlois, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Director of Economic Development Tim Scott and Deputy Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Also Present: Chuck Fieldman – The Doings, Dennis Jacobs – Patch.com, Ken Knudson- Hinsdalean

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Geoga provided clerical corrections; Trustee Saigh requested a change in the language regarding his remarks in reference to historic preservation and President Cauley asked for a correction to the spelling of a name. Trustee Angelo moved to **approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 15, 2010, as amended.** Trustee Schultz seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Williams, Geoga, Schultz

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

None.

## VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley commented that one of the goals of this Board is to do everything within its power to revitalize the downtown business district. To that end, Trustee Angelo has been working hard to put together a task force composed of landlords, real estate brokers, retailers, restaurant owners, bankers and concerned residents to address how to accomplish this goal. To date task force members will include: Ali Graeme, Osa Anden, Steve Ahrens, Peter Burdi, Alix Chesno, Jay Javors, Dennis Jones, Susan Joyce, Caroline Palmer, Chris Schramko, Sam Segretto and Dan Spinazola. Trustee Angelo, with the help of the Village's Director of Economic Development Tim Scott, is currently polling task force members to compile a list of agenda topics and meeting times. The first meeting will be in January 2011. He is confident that this task force will develop concrete ideas to assist in retaining existing business and bringing in new ones.

President Cauley updated the Board on new tenants in the business districts. He also noted that base sales taxes have increased for twelve consecutive months by \$147,584 or 9% over last year. In November, the Village collected \$25,989 in food and beverage tax revenue. This exceeds the budgeted amount by \$5,572 or 27%. Through November, annually, the Village has experienced an 18% increase. He believes these are signs of revitalization in the CBD.

## CONSENT AGENDA

President Cauley read the Consent Agenda as follows:

Items Recommended by Administration & Community Affairs Committee  
2010 Tax Levy Documents

**Item A: Ordinance Levying Taxes for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year of the Village of Hinsdale, Illinois, commencing on May 1, 2010 and ending on April 30, 2011**

**Item B: Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2010 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,500,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2001, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**

**Item C: Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2010 to pay the principal of and interest on \$4,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (State Shared Income Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2003, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**

**Item D: Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2010 to pay the principal of and interest on \$3,045,000 General Obligation Bonds (Library Fund Tax Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2006, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**

**Item E: Resolution abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2010 to pay the principal of and interest on \$3,500,000 General Obligation Bonds (Water and Sewerage Systems Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois**

**Item F: Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning on May 1, 2010 and ending on April 30, 2011, in and for the Village of Hinsdale Special Service Area No. 9-Localized Drainage Solution**

**Item G: Waive Fees for the Garden Study Club of Hinsdale**

**Item H: Resolution of Authorization for the PARC Grant Application**

Items Recommended by Zoning & Public Safety Committee

**Item I: Refer to Plan Commission Case No. A-33-2010 for a Text Amendment to Section 6-106 to Allow Real Estate Offices, with a Maximum of 10 Agents, as Special Uses in the O-1 Office District**

**Item J: Refer to Plan Commission Case No. A-38-2010 for a Text Amendment to Section 9-104(F3) of the Hinsdale Zoning Code as it Relates to Parking and Driveways for Residential Uses**

**Item K: Approve an Agreement with Park Mobile, Inc. to Implement a Parking Fee Convenience Cell Phone Application for the Highland and Chestnut pay Box at a Cost not to exceed \$1,500.00**

**Item L: Award of Competitive Bid to Purchase Nine (9) Squad Car Video Recording Systems and a Video Server per Bid Specifications to L3 Mobile Vision of Trenton, NY for a Cost not to exceed \$57,937.00**

**Item M: Ordinance Approving a Map Amendment for the Property Located at 303-315 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Item N: Approve a Temporary Use Permit for 333 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Street for the Period 12/15/10 through 1/31/11**

Items Recommended by Environment & Public Services Committee

**Item O: Ordinance Vacating the West Half of Public Alley Right-of-Way Adjacent to and East of 639 S. Quincy Street at a Purchase Price of \$8,000.00**

**Item P: Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Hinsdale and the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District No. 181 for the Purchase of Rock Salt**

Trustee Geoga moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Trustee Angelo seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Williams, Geoga, Schultz

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Trustee Angelo moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of November 13, 2010 through December 10, 2010 in the aggregate amount of \$3,305,454.44 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion. Village Manager Cook explained that annual debt service payments, invoices for the IDOT share of Garfield Street, some additional capital payments and two payrolls contribute to the size of the warrant this month.

**AYES:** Trustees Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Williams, Geoga, Schultz

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

### **Discussion of Tree Preservation Ordinance**

President Cauley began discussion by stating that at the last meeting of the Village Board a memo from the Village Attorney indicated that because Hinsdale is a non-home rule community there are limitations in regards to a fine or penalty for tree removal on private property. However, he would like to proceed with some version of the proposed ordinance. Trustee LaPlaca reported that she and the Village Attorney have discussed this issue in the last few weeks and that Mr. Florey has done some research into case law and has not changed his opinion that without statutory authority, the Village cannot regulate healthy trees on private property. She also pointed out that the Beautification Task Force has worked hard to put this ordinance together for the protection of trees, and without the proper State authorities, she would like to recommend going back to EPS to develop a process for construction and demolition. Currently an owner has to provide a tree inventory. She would like developers and homeowners to indicate what they intend to remove. Mr. Florey agrees a requirement could be crafted that removal of a healthy tree would require notice. Trustee LaPlaca wants to raise awareness and allow dialogue to minimize tree removal. She stated that no Board action is required at this time, just a recommendation to send the matter back to EPS.

Ms. Candy Cleveland, member of the Beautification Task Force, addressed the Board stating that she has done some research into non-home rule Villages and that Glencoe

and Kenilworth have private tree ordinances. She also discovered that Winnetka, Northfield and Lake Forest enacted their tree ordinances before they became home rule. It was unclear as to whether the communities cited had fines in effect for the removal of trees on private property. She believes the residents of Hinsdale have expressed support for the proposed action and thanked everyone for their efforts and considerations.

Trustee Schultz questioned the need for private property controls, he believes it would be difficult to enforce and create problems for the building department. He agrees it is important to value trees, but thinks most Hinsdale residents do. Trustee Angelo commented that he respects staff time, but it shouldn't dictate policy. Trustee LaPlaca noted tree preservation was a key survey item. Director of Community Development Robb McGinnis described the existing policy regarding tree inventories and construction permits and noted that the Village Forester is an integral part of the process. Discussion followed regarding current procedures and proposed measures. President Cauley recommended the matter be sent back to EPS to fine tune and do whatever is possible and consistent with the law.

On other matters, Trustee LaPlaca noted that the Woodlands Green initiative prepared by staff and Clark-Dietz was submitted to the IEPA. We could possibly hear in the spring if Hinsdale is one of 7-10 projects that will be awarded grants for green projects. She also explained that an advisory committee is required by IDOT for funding of the first feasibility study for the Oak Street Bridge. The first meeting will be in January; the opportunity to participate will be noticed.

## **ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

No report.

## **REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Economic Development Commission Update**

John Karstrand, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission, updated the Board on Hinsdale for the Holidays. He also noted the EDC is working with the Plan Commission on a sign ordinance. Mr. Tim Scott gave a presentation on the matter to the Plan Commission who were on board with the recommendation, but wanted some changes to the language.

Trustee Geoga commented that the annual budget process begins this Thursday at the Finance Commission. Trustee Williams asked when the budget will come to committees; Trustee Geoga explained that he doesn't have that calendar. Trustee

Schultz asked President Cauley if he has determined what the process will be this year, to which President Cauley responded that he has not.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Village Manager Cook said that the draft 2011 Meeting Schedule has been distributed to Boards and Commissions for review, any comments should be made by Friday at which time the schedule will be published. He also noted that the budget should be approved by the end of April 2011.

### **CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

None.

### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Cauley stated there is need for a Closed Session of the Village Board tonight. Trustee LaPlaca **moved to adjourn the meeting of December 14, 2010 into Closed Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel and not to reconvene into Open Session.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Williams, Geoga, Schultz

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Christine M. Bruton, Deputy Village Clerk