

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
March 1, 2011**

The 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, March 1, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Trustee Laura LaPlaca

Also Present: Village Attorney Ken Florey, Village Manager Dave Cook, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis and Deputy Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Also Present: Chuck Fieldman – The Doings, Dennis Jacobs – Patch.com

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Saigh moved **to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2011**. Trustee Angelo seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee LaPlaca

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Cauley read the Consent Agenda as follows:

Items Recommended by Zoning & Public Services Committee

Item A: **Ordinance Authorizing a Variation from Subsection 3-110(F1) for the Construction of a Detached Garage at 217 Ravine Road**

Item B: **Ordinance Approving a Map Amendment for the Property Located at 722-728 N. York Road**

President Cauley explained that the 217 Ravine Road item is the product of the new ZBA procedure whereby if a hardship is beyond their authority, they can make a recommendation to the Village Board for approval. Trustee Geoga moved **to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.** Trustee Schultz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee LaPlaca

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Accounts Payable

Trustee Geoga, on Trustee LaPlaca's behalf, moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of February 5, 2011 through February 18, 2011 in the aggregate amount of \$668,078.72 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Schultz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee LaPlaca

Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

No report.

ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Williams agreed to let President Cauley summarize the proposal presented last evening at the Zoning and Public Safety Committee meeting. He stated the directors of Washington Square are in receipt of a proposed contract for the sale of the building that needs a quick response; the new owners would leave the façade the same; the real change relate to the use of the building. When you change a senior living facility to an assisted living facility, the applicant is required to go thru an approval process. They are asking this Board if there is a sense of opposition to the use, the Board can't vote, but to the extent that there are questions or specific concerns, now is an opportunity to address those. Trustee Williams suggested they come tonight to see if there are questions, she further recommended they file an application and begin the process. Village Manager Cook outlined the date restrictions necessary to move this forward, but noted that because of publication dates, April 13th is as soon as it can be done.

Trustee Geoga noted the Finance Commission will meet on Thursday, which will be the first opportunity for public input on the draft budget, there will be a presentation explaining the features of the proposed budget.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No reports.

STAFF REPORTS

No reports.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

Ms. Carol Wroble, President of Washington Square and Ms. Joyce Skoog, Board member for Washington Square addressed the Board. Ms. Wroble explained they have an opportunity to be purchased by Edens Supportive Living, there is a short time line because of Washington Square's financial position; this as a great opportunity to use that facility. The needs of Edens Supportive Living match the existing building. Washington Square was founded when a previous Village Board felt senior housing was needed in this community. Ms. Skoog provided historical background stating that Washington Square was built in 1974; its mission

was to provide an affordable retirement option. She explained that senior housing has changed in the last 15 years; people now look for independent living, assisted living and full-care facilities when necessary. They are now much larger campuses; Washington Square never had the capacity for full continuum care. She said they have tried everything in the last ten years, they continued to make improvements and renovations to the property to provide an attractive living option for seniors. However, they could not keep the facility full; and therefore had to close their doors. Ms. Wrobel noted this proposal uses the existing structure, reestablishes an ongoing business at a currently vacated spot, offer tax income and would be no burden on the school system. It would operate like Washington Square with little to no impact on the Village at large. She pointed out that Eden currently has two facilities and will open two more in 2012 demonstrating a proven track record. She said she appreciates all efforts to make this expeditious.

Mr. Mitch Hamblet, President of Edens Supportive Living, addressed the Board stating that any exterior improvements to the building might be done in the future; they intend to focus on the interior at this time. There will be a very minimum parking requirement, but public transportation is key and the nearby train and bus route are advantageous. This is privately funded housing, they anticipate the same number of residents as previously housed in Washington Square. Residents will be ambulatory and required care services range from an hour to three a day. Edens Supportive Living is a for profit company, they do no fund-raising and are cash buyers at this time. They have 12-15 years experience working with these groups and are confident they can fill the space. He anticipates the reconstruction could be complete before next winter. Their architect has reviewed the property for code compliance and accessibility. Trustee Saigh expressed concern for ample staff and visitor parking. Mr. Hamblet stated there are currently 35 parking spaces available, and based on activity at his other locations, he does not anticipate this being insufficient. He confirmed that this facility serves residents ages 22 thru 64, a segment of the population that does not qualify for senior housing and benefits and there is a rehabilitation component to their services. Additionally, he stated that it is their intention to pay any outstanding bills of Washington Square. President Cauley cautioned that the Plan Commission process still must take place and they will take a fresh look at the proposal.

Beth Barrows 319 W. Washington told the Board that Washington Square has been a good neighbor and she understands the need for services as proposed. She is cognizant of the effect a property in decline can have on a neighborhood and applauds the reuse of the building.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Village Board of Trustees, and no need for a Closed Session, Trustee Angelo **moved to adjourn the meeting of March 1, 2011.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee LaPlaca

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Deputy Village Clerk