

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
June 5, 2012**

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, May 15, 2012 at 7:45 p.m.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Trustees Christopher Elder, J. Kimberley Angelo, William Haarlow, Doug Geoga, Laura LaPlaca and Bob Saigh

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Dave Cook, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Director of Economic Development Tim Scott, Police Chief Brad Bloom, Fire Chief Rick Ronovsky and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Elder moved **to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of May 15, 2012.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley reported that in the past several months he has heard from residents who have had cause to call the police and were impressed with how quickly they responded with a squad car. Not only were they quick to respond they made the residents feel comfortable. He contrasted this experience to those reported in other suburbs. Hinsdale is fortunate to have a high quality police department. Further, as we look forward to consolidation with Clarendon Hills we will insist on maintaining the same quality police force. Relative to the consolidation, staff reports the Village will realize an annual savings of \$600,000.00. He commented that for a Village the size of Hinsdale, this is an extraordinary amount of money that could be spent on various infrastructure projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Cauley read the Consent Agenda as follows:

Items Recommended by Administration & Community Affairs Committee

- a) Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations within Departments and Agencies of the Village for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012
- b) Approval of an Ordinance Making a Supplemental Appropriation for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2012
- c) Approval of a Payment of \$12,955.03 to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for Membership dues for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year
- d) Approval of a Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to Loan Agreement, Notes, and Bonds between the Village of Hinsdale, the Community House, Inc., The Northern Trust Company and Harris Bank Hinsdale N.A.
- e) Consideration of an Economic Development Commission Annual Budget Policy for Account #1016-7710
- f) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 2 (Boards and Commissions) Chapter 13 (Economic Development Commission), Relative to the Economic Development Commission Membership

Items Recommended by Zoning & Public Safety Committee

- g) Refer Application to the Plan Commission for Review and Consideration of a Text Amendment to Section 5-105C, to Allow Fitness Facilities as Special Uses in the B-1 Business District
- h) Award Foster Coach/Medtec, the lowest responsible bidder, the Contract for the Purchase of one 2012 Type 1 Modular Ambulance in the amount of \$189,357.00
- i) Purchase a Power Pro Ambulance Cot from the Stryker EMP Corporation in the Amount of \$13,122.00

President Cauley asked Chief Ronovsky about the \$200,000 price of an ambulance versus the low \$20,000 trade in. The Chief explained that in addition to depreciation there have been technology changes that will have to be upgraded to remarket the vehicle. Trustee Saigh moved to **approve the Consent Agenda, as presented**. Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Accounts Payable

Trustee Saigh moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of May 12, 2012 through June 1, 2012 in the aggregate amount of \$1,561,890.02 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk**. Trustee Geoga seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

Award the Woodlands Phase I Infrastructure Improvement Project to PirTano Construction Company, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed \$4,545,000.00

President Cauley introduced the item explaining this is Phase I road construction in the Woodlands. Trustee LaPlaca noted this is a good bid and gives as a comfortable contingency of 10%. Trustee LaPlaca moved to **Award the Woodlands Phase I Infrastructure Improvement Project to PirTano Construction Company, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed \$4,545,000.00**. Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Oak Street Bridge Update

President Cauley began by stating that this project is picking up momentum and he wants to make sure that all interested residents have access to all available information. He stated that nothing will be decided tonight, this is a purely informational meeting. The Village has received grant money from State and Federal agencies, but to use the money various agency standards must be met, including the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the American Disabilities Act. Additionally, the height of the bridge is mandated by BNSF. One of the IDOT requirements is that the bridge must be two lanes; this raises concerns residents have regarding possible increased traffic. We don't want to encourage non-resident cut through traffic nor do we want to install traffic controls that will make it inconvenient for residents to get around town. Chief Bloom has suggested several traffic calming options; we will start with stop signs and escalate only if necessary. From his perspective, the goal is to maintain current traffic flows over the bridge. Residents are also concerned about the regrading south of the tracks along Oak and Chicago which is mandated by the BNSF bridge height requirements for site lines. The objective tonight is to apprise the Board and residents of the minimum requirements necessary to receive funding and to provide an update on the status of the project.

Trustee LaPlaca explained that at the May 10th Community Working Group meeting, Clark-Dietz provided information relating to traffic volumes, signaling and a preliminary design. Based on resident feedback, the Village went back to Clark-Dietz to minimize the impact to the residential area and to use traffic devices that comport with neighborhood feel and still provide the benefits of a new and updated bridge. The goal is a bridge that will function at the highest level required and still fit the character of the community. Clark-Dietz has come back with a proposal that does that. Mr. Allen Staron, from Clark-Dietz and Ms. Marilyn Solomom from IDOT are here tonight to answer questions. She noted there is one more community working group meeting at the end of summer to go over changes and revisions and in the fall a public meeting will be conducted to present actual findings, actual designs and what will be submitted to IDOT for approval.

Mr. Allen Staron, Senior Vice-president with Clark-Dietz Engineers, made a power point presentation to the Board which illustrated that Phase I is preliminary engineering and environmental studies, Phase II is the design phase to begin in 2013

and be completed in 2014 when contractor bidding can start. Phase III is the actual construction that could be complete by 2015. To date, two public meetings and four Community Working Group meetings have been conducted. A traffic signal was part of the proposal at Chicago and Oak and Chicago and County Line, a grade increase of 18" and widening Chicago Avenue was also proposed. Feedback on street work was negative; residents felt the signals and street widening were not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. However, BNSF requires that the vertical clearance of the bridge must be 23.4' and the federal highway administration requires the bridge accommodate two-way traffic. Therefore, the bridge will be 16' wider than the current bridge, which includes a 5' sidewalk on both sides and 3' higher than the existing bridge. The four way stops at Oak and Chicago and at County Line and Chicago will remain, there will be no street widening and the grade increase will be 10" instead of 18". Reconstruction of Chicago and Oak Streets will require that some residential driveways be reconstructed. There will be a retaining wall on the east side of Oak Street. There is a house owned by the hospital that would need to be acquired as part of the project. There are also challenges to the north of the tracks to accommodate the hospital driveways, more work and coordination to be done with the hospital. Hillgrove is currently a one-way street; under this design concept it would be a two-way street, but all access would be from County Line Road only. It would be widened 8' to the north, with a sidewalk to connect Oak and County Line. The parking impact would be nine spaces lost, fifteen would remain. Clark-Dietz will meet with the hospital this Friday for their comments, meet with them again and then complete the preliminary design package to submit to IDOT. After their review, another Community Working Group meeting will be conducted in late summer. Necessary changes will be made and resubmitted to IDOT. The final preferred alternative will be presented at a public meeting in the fall.

Ms. Marilyn Solomon, Field Engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation, addressed the Board. She summarized IDOT's involvement to date, reiterated the BNSF vertical clearance requirements and the IDOT requirement that the bridge be two-way because a one-way bridge is functionally obsolete. She said that either stop lights or stop signs are acceptable, but IDOT needs to know that traffic will not back up on the bridge.

Mr. Staron remarked that traffic simulation indicates that a traffic sign would be satisfactory. Trustee LaPlaca noted that the Village intends to reevaluate the traffic situation periodically after the bridge is completed. Mr. Staron said that drainage issues will be more manageable since the road is not being widened and the maximum height of 12' of the retaining wall will be closest to the bridge and will obviate taking park land. Ideas of how the retaining wall will look remain to be discussed.

Ms. Maggie Jessopp, 560 N. Oak Street, asked Mr. Staron about the changes to Hillgrove. He explained that this is new information, but traffic studies have been

done. Chief Bloom remarked that they would start with turn restrictions at certain times of day, speed bumps and cul de sacking of streets to calm traffic, but they want to keep the north/south traffic at least as efficient as it currently is.

George Kanary, 509 Highland Rd, commended Clark-Dietz for doing a good job under difficult circumstances and being sensitive about the aesthetics they intend to use. With respect to the exit from the hospital, he thinks the hospital should revise and exit on Elm Street. He also expressed concern about the effect of salt on the bridge if it is poured concrete.

Ms. Lois Mejdrich, 515 Highland Road, recommends that even if the bridge needs to be two-lanes, the traffic should only go one way at a time, as it does now. President Cauley remarked that would be a more drastic approach and would perpetuate the current backups on Oak Street. He said that option is not off the table, but there would be other steps to try first.

Michael Meissner, 1405 Chanticleer Lane, expressed his view that an underground tunnel is a more desirable option than a bridge, he understands the costs, but is reasonably certain a two-lane road would not be required. He is concerned about the change to Hillgrove and the loss of parking spaces. With respect to the east facing portion of the retaining wall, he suggested planting pockets to create something attractive. Also, if there are to be two sidewalks, he suggested the easterly one be on the retaining wall to make it functional.

Bob Fischer, 303 N. County Line Road, appreciates efforts to keep traffic the same as it currently is. He expressed concern regarding any traffic near the park. He asked if there is a public safety benefit with respect to this new bridge, to which President Cauley explained that fire trucks would be able to cross the bridge and that a new bridge is not a choice, the useful life of the current bridge is only about five more years. Mr. Fischer asked if the bridge will have a bike lane. President Cauley said we're not there yet, that would be a subject for future discussion.

Erika Bikucius, 4 N. Oak Street, asked Mr. Staron how her property would be impacted on the northwest corner of Chicago and Oak. She is specifically concerned that she will not be able to turn into her driveway when there is two-way traffic. Mr. Staron replied that her driveway will be rebuilt; a right turn will be same as it is now, and there will be potentially more gap time to make a left turn. Trustee LaPlaca noted the sight lines will be improved and she will be able to see oncoming vehicles. Ms. Bikucius wants to know the exact dates and times traffic studies were conducted. Mr. Staron will provide.

ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Saigh reported that the Committee did not recommend the Fox restaurant at this time, however, conversation is continuing with Mr. Fox. There was a strong draft from the attorney about the cell phone antennae's; there will be more discussion on that matter. Chief Ronovsky had reported that as a result of the July 4th incident last year where a gentleman collapsed in the parade, the Fire Department received the Hartmann Award. Chief Bloom had announced the first quad railroad gate system is in place at the Monroe intersection. Finally, Director of Community Development McGinnis reported that the Edens project is proceeding rapidly.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No reports.

STAFF REPORTS

No reports.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

APPROVE AMENDED AND RESTATED VILLAGE MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

President Cauley introduced the item stating that the Village entered into a contract with Village Manager Cook in March 2006 that has been amended in 2007, 2008 and 2009. This is a new contract with Mr. Cook for one more year that changes the compensation structure in the best interest of the Village. Trustee LaPlaca moved to approve the **Amended and Restated Village Manager Employment Agreement**. Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Elder **moved to adjourn the meeting of June 5, 2012.** Trustee Angelo seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk