

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 18, 2010
MEMORIAL HALL
6:30 p.m.**

Present: Chairman Williams Trustee LaPlaca, Trustee Angelo,

Absent: Trustee Schultz

Also Present: David Cook, Village Manager; Robert McGinnis, Community Development Director/Building Commissioner; Brad Bloom, Chief of Police; Mike Kelly, Fire Chief

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Discussion Items

Live Fire Training/Demonstration in a Demo House

Chief Kelly introduced Paul Valentine from Nexus Engineering who is a colleague of Don Mershon who is a Village resident. Don approached the Fire Department and is interested in working together to conduct live burn training in his home which he intends to demo and redevelop the property. Chief Kelly explained the benefits of having the opportunity to do live burn training and explained the unique opportunity to also conduct some demonstration burns that would test the effectiveness of residential fire sprinklers. Paul and Don are fire protection engineers and as part of this training would have residential sprinklers installed in certain areas of the house for this evaluation. Paul Valentine addressed the Committee and explained the value to this type of training and evaluation of residential sprinklers, especially in an existing residential structure. Chief Kelly explained the process for conducting live burn training which includes an application to the Illinois EPA for a permit and following the requirements of NFPA for live burn training. Chief Kelly informed the Committee that the Village Attorney was consulted and that there was not a need for a specific ordinance for this type of training and indicated that obtaining the proper permits, informing the neighbors and the trustees is the usual process. Trustee LaPlaca questioned how accessible this will be to the public and whether Nexus Engineering would directly benefit from this training. Paul Valentine indicated that the benefit to Nexus would be from learning more about the placement of residential sprinklers from a research standpoint and would not be looking to promote their company. Chief Kelly explained that we would not be allowing the public to gather around the training site but could use this to educate the public through local television and the possibility to invite the elected Village officials to participate to get a better understanding of fire conditions and the use of residential sprinklers. Chair Williams encouraged participation of the Trustees in this type of training. She had previously participated in a similar type of training and found it very beneficial. Trustee Angelo agreed that it would be good for Trustees to view this type of training and see how sprinklers work. Chief Kelly indicated that hearing no objection he would move forward and work with the owner on the permitting process.

Request for Board Action

Recommend Approval of an Extension of a Temporary Use Permit for 26 E. First Street through 10/31/2010

Mr. McGinnis provided background information regarding this agenda item and stated that the applicant felt the location of the temporary use was good and as of this meeting zero complaints were filed with the Village over this type of use in the downtown. Bill Hogan, green house representative, stated sales were good and he was looking to extend the temporary use permit by 3 months. Trustee LaPlaca motioned to recommend approval of an extension of a temporary use permit for 26 E. First Street through 10/31/2010. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes – April 20, 2010

Trustee LaPlaca moved to approve the minutes for April 20, 2010 meeting. Trustee Angelo seconded. Minor adjustments were addressed and corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports – April 2010

Fire Department

Chief Kelly highlighted a call that occurred on April 30th at the Hinsdale Middle School involving a coach bus that struck an electrical pole that resulted in live wires coming down on the bus. This was a very serious incident that fortunately resulted in only minor injuries. FD officials met with Dist. 181 officials after the incident to discuss the incident and address future training needs. Chief Bloom and Kelly also attended a meeting at the Middle School held by the principal to address any concerns from the parents. Chief Kelly updated the Committee on the progress of the shared service agreement with Clarendon Hills. To date both Villages have adopted new ambulance fee schedules and inspection fee schedules, a committee of representatives from each fire department worked on standardizing response cards, the dispatch and radio frequency changes occurred on April 27th, the notification system for Chief Officers has been improved for both agencies and meetings were scheduled so that the Chiefs of each Department met with members of the other Department to facilitate communication between agencies.

Police Department

Chief Bloom said that the 9-1-1 Center transition from Hinsdale to Southwest Central was completed on April 27th, 2010 and went very smoothly. Chief Bloom stated that the 9-1-1 phones were seamlessly transferred over as well as the alarms and radio functions. Chief Bloom stated that this was a very large project that was completed in less than 56 days. Chief Bloom recognized the efforts of Deputy Chief Mark Wodka who oversaw much of the project.

Chief Bloom stated that there are still several outstanding issues including an intermittent problem with people calling the administrative number after 11 pm intermittently receiving a busy signal in the voice mail system and other minor technical issues. Additionally, per our agreement with Southwest and because we chose to remain a member of the DuPage ETSB and utilize their resources that we must reimburse Southwest for .32 cents for every AT and T wireline phone. After several

months we have had a great deal of difficulty with AT and T providing the surcharge line count. We are continuing to try to determine this number.

Chief Bloom stated the in September 2006 a pipe bomb was detonated at the main train station. The suspect in the case has been in Federal custody in Salt Lake City following a similar incident there. Chief Bloom stated that the suspect was indicted in April by the US Attorney for the 2006 Hinsdale incident. Chief Bloom discussed the police department's participation in the PEERS grant that promotes railroad crossing safety and enforcement and thanked officers participating in this program from May through August.

Chief Bloom stated that the police department will have security presence at the High School tomorrow following an anonymous bomb threat.

Community Development

A Community Development report was not given.

Request for Board Action

Recommend Referral to the Plan Commission for Review and Consideration of Case A-09-2010 for a Text Amendment to Section 5-110G, as it Relates to Existing Non-conforming Structures in the B-2 Central Business District

Chairman Williams stated the purpose of this text amendment would be to protect certain non conforming structures such as historic buildings if a natural disaster or fire ever struck the downtown. Trustee Angelo expressed his concerns with the broadness of the draft ordinance and felt the language could be more focused. He also questioned if a building were destroyed how tall it could than be rebuilt. Mr. Cook stated he recommended for building owners to conduct a survey on each of their buildings to be placed on file to determine the size, height, etc. in case the building is destroyed. Trustee LaPlaca expressed her concerns with this text amendment because it does not address other non conformities such as setbacks and if a building is destroyed all this text amendment would grant is height. General discussion took place over this agenda item regarding the next steps and the best plan of action for regulations in the downtown. Trustee LaPlaca motioned to Recommend Referral to the Plan Commission for Review and Consideration of Case A-09-2010 for a Text Amendment to Section 5-110G, as it Relates to Existing Non-conforming Structures in the B-2 Central Business District. Chairman Williams seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Williams, Trustee LaPlaca. Nays: Trustee Angelo. The motion passed with a vote of 2-1.

Recommend Approving the Request from the Chamber of Commerce to close Chicago Avenue from Garfield to Washington Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday June 11, 2010

Trustee Angelo motioned to recommend Approving the Request from the Chamber of Commerce to close Chicago Avenue from Garfield to Washington Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday June 11, 2010. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommend Approving Waiver of Competitive Bid Process and Approve the Purchase of Six Hand Held Parking Computers from T2 Systems for \$29,781

Chairman Williams questioned if this item was budgeted in the 2010-11 budget. Chief Bloom confirmed this item was budgeted for in this years budget. Trustee LaPlaca motioned to Recommend Approving Waiver of Competitive Bid Process and Approve the Purchase of Six Hand Held Parking Computers from T2 Systems for \$29,781. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motioned passed with the following vote: Ayes: Trustee LaPlaca, Trustee Angelo. Nays: Chairman Williams. The motion passed with a vote of 2-1.

Recommend Approval of Two Ordinances to Declare Village Personal Property as Surplus and to be Sold at Competitive Auction

Trustee Angelo motioned to Recommend Approval of Two Ordinances to Declare Village Personal Property as Surplus and to be Sold at Competitive Auction. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Trustee LaPlaca questioned where funds are allocated once the equipment is sold. Chief Bloom stated funds are placed into the Village General fund once they are sold.

Resolution Approving Release of Sewer or Ditch Grant

Mr. Cook provided background information regarding this agenda item. He stated due to a shift in boundaries over the last 100 years and this ditch is no longer located in Hinsdale and this release must be granted before anything can be done with the property. Trustee Angelo motioned to approve a release of sewer or ditch grant. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed unaminously.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Trustee LaPlaca motioned to adjourn. Trustee Angelo seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis, MCP
Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner