

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2010
MEMORIAL HALL
6:30 p.m.**

Present: Trustee Angelo, Trustee Schultz, Trustee LaPlaca

Absent: Chairman Williams

Present: Robert McGinnis, Community Development Director/Building Commissioner; Brad Bloom, Chief of Police; Mike Kelly, Fire Chief; Sean Gascoigne, Village Planner

Acting Chairman Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes – October 25, 2010

Trustee LaPlaca moved to approve the minutes for October 25, 2010 meeting. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports – October and November 2010

Fire Department

Chief Kelly stated through the month of November the Hinsdale Fire Department has handled roughly 275 more calls when compared to the previous year. He also discussed a call where both Police and Fire worked together with the help of an AED in order to resuscitate a 66 year old man. He commended both Police and Fire and also thanked a Village resident that donated funds in order to purchase the AEDs for each squad car. Trustee LaPlaca questioned if a controlled burn exercise was still being planned. Chief Kelly stated due to issues with the building permit application and the bank loan this process has been delayed and may even be cancelled. He stated he would keep the Committee updated.

Chief Kelly updated the Committee on the alarm fee process and stated the written language in the Village code is out of date. He requested for Police and Fire to draft new language for discussion at a future ZPS meeting.

Police Department

Chief Bloom reviewed the October and December monthly reports with the Committee.

Community Development

Mr. McGinnis stated in the months of October and November revenue was up and new single family homes were higher compared to all of last year. General discussion took place regarding the part time employee that was hired to monitor the Hinsdale Hospital construction. Discussion also arose regarding the status of the project and if it was on time.

Referral to Plan Commission

Referral of Case 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

Trustee LaPlaca motioned for the Referral of Case 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. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously. General discussion took place over the approval process and meeting times for this text amendment.

Request for Board Action

Approve a Permit for Temporary Use at 333 W. 57th St. for the Period 12/15/10 thru 1/31/2011

General discussion took place over the temporary use and the location of the temporary use and the timetable for the completion of the cell phone antenna towers. Chief Bloom questioned if this will have any effect on the Police and Fire receivers on the cell tower. A representative from 333 W. 57th St. stated this will have zero effect on the Police and Fire receivers. Trustee LaPlaca motioned to Approve a Permit for Temporary Use at 333 W. 57th St. for the Period 12/15/10 thru 1/31/2011. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Referral to Plan Commission

Referral of 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

Mr. McGinnis provided background information regarding this agenda item and stated the purpose of this text amendment was to address an issue that was not defined in the code. General discussion took place regarding the wording of the text amendment and how many properties this could effect in the Village. Trustee Angelo motioned for the Referral of 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. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Board Action

Recommend Entering into 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 \$1500

Chief Bloom presented a proposal to provide a service that would allow parking Pay box users in both the Highland and Chestnut Street parking lots to pay their parking fees remotely via a cell phone application. Under the terms of the program the Village would charge a convenience fee of .75 cents per transaction of which .37 cents would go to the application vendor and .38 cents per transaction would go to the Village. The start-up costs for this service are \$1500 dollars and covers signage and account start-up costs.

Chief Bloom estimates that the payback would be approximately 8 months. Chief Bloom also stated that this is a voluntary program and the parking fees for users not using this system would remain the same.

Trustee LaPlaca motioned to recommend approval for Entering into 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 \$1500. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommend Awarding a Competitive Bid to Purchase Nine (9) Squad Car Video Recording Systems and a Video Server per Bid Specifications to L3 Mobile Vision of Trenton, NJ for a Cost not to Exceed \$57,937

Chief Bloom stated the he is seeking approval to replace our current squad car video recording system. The current system is approximately six (6) years old and we have had considerable maintenance and reliability issues. We have come to rely on the squad car video recording system as an important tool in the prosecution of DUI offenses and in reconciling citizen complaints we may receive. Chief Bloom stated the recording system is installed in each patrol unit and is automatically activated when the emergency equipment is activated. Officers are equipped with microphones that record conversations with drivers for traffic related offenses.

Chief Bloom mentioned that Deputy Chief Wodka conducted considerable research into the available video recording systems and subsequently developed specifications.

The specifications were published and we entered into the competitive bidding process sending bid packets to nine video camera vendors. We received bids back from three (3) vendors:

L3 Mobile Vision Inc \$57,937
AMR Digital Corporation \$44,494
Coban Technologies \$73,933

The bid specifications called for complete video systems for eight 8 squad cars, removal of the old equipment and installation of the new system. Additionally included is the video server and achieving system and a 12 month warranty on both.

In our review of the bid respondent's equipment specifications we found that only L3 Mobile Vision met the published specifications. The attached bid review table specifies what specs were not met. Additionally we surveyed the current customers using this equipment and found that they were satisfied with L3 Mobile Vision performance and reliability.

Based on this we are recommending awarding this bid to L3 Mobile Vision Inc. We have budgeted \$58,000 in our current budget for this purchase.

Trustee Angelo mentioned that the bid was very close to the budgeted replacement cost. Chief Bloom stated that the budget is a public document and often times verify what is budgeted. Chief Bloom stated that the price was competitive with other vendors.

Trustee LaPlaca stated she has concerns over where these can be used by law. Chief Bloom stated that these are allowed specifically by statute for traffic situations and in public settings and will not be used to record in persons homes or private areas.

Trustee Angelo motioned for the approval to Recommend Awarding a Competitive Bid to Purchase Nine (9) Squad Car Video Recording Systems and a Video Server per Bid Specifications to L3 Mobile Vision of Trenton, NJ for a Cost not to Exceed \$57,937. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve an Ordinance Approving a Map Amendment for the Property Located at 303-315 W. 57th St

Trustee Angelo motioned to recommend Approval of an Ordinance Approving a Map Amendment for the Property Located at 303-315 W. 57th St. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve an Ordinance Approving a Map Amendment for the Property Located at 722-728 N. York Rd.

Mr. McGinnis stated the properties currently have two non conforming items: A front yard setback encroachment and a parking count deficiency of 4 spots. Mr. McGinnis stated that staff felt if the degree of non conformity was not being increased, and the underlying parcel met the requirements of the new district, then the request to rezone should be permitted to move forward.

Trustee Schultz questioned if this request should be delayed until this property was discussed at the next ZBA meeting. Mr. McGinnis stated that the applicant was proceeding to ZBA under advisement from the village attorney in order to minimize the number of existing non-conformities, but that technically, the map amendment could still move forward.

General discussion took place over the issues of non conformity and some long standing property maintenance issues that citations were issued for. Mr. McGinnis suggested separating the issues of non conformity and the map amendment from any property maintenance issues so as not to complicate enforcement.

After discussion, the ZPS Committee decided to move this item to the board level without recommendation and to place the item in the agenda for discussion.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Trustee Angelo motioned to adjourn. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis, MCP
Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner