

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011
MEMORIAL HALL
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Chairman Williams, Trustee Angelo, Trustee Schultz, Trustee LaPlaca

Absent: None

Present: Robert McGinnis, Community Development Director/Building Commissioner; Bradley Bloom, Chief of Police; Mike Kelly, Fire Chief

Trustee Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes – December 14, 2010

Trustee LaPlaca moved to approve the minutes for December 14, 2010 meeting. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports – January 2011

Police Department

Chief Bloom reviewed the Police Department monthly reports for November and December 2010. Chief Bloom also briefed the committee on a number of daytime burglaries that have occurred over the previous month. Trustee Angelo inquired about what improvements could be made to make the pedestrian crosswalk on Hinsdale Ave between Village Place and the Main Depot safer i.e. signage, striping etc. Trustee Angelo stated that traffic does not yield to pedestrian in the crosswalk. A brief discussion was held regarding this crossing. Chief Bloom stated that he would look into it and report back next month.

Fire Department

Chief Kelly stated December marked the last month of the 2010 billing schedule. He stated the call volume was larger than 2009 by 316 calls consisting mostly of fire and ambulance calls.

Trustee LaPlaca questioned if this was the first year the alarm permits were raised to \$20. Chief Kelly stated it was the first year and that these fees are handled in the Finance Department and that the ordinance is currently being reviewed to update certain language. Trustee Schultz questioned if these fees could be collected by the alarm companies and what is the best way to determine which structures have alarms. Chief Kelly stated commercial alarms are much easier to track than residential homes. Chief Bloom stated for every alarm that is activated each address is sent to the Finance Department to check to see if an alarm permit has

been paid. General discussion took place over the most effective way to handle alarm permitting each year.

Community Development

Mr. McGinnis stated that in calendar year 2010 the Village issued 1,240 permits, conducted 2,700 inspections, issued 29 demolition permits, and 33 new single family home permits. He recognized Tim Ryan, Deputy Building Commissioner for being awarded his Certified Building Official certification by the International Code Council and stated only a small percentage of individuals within the state have been awarded this certificate.

Trustee Schultz questioned the types of restrictions and guidelines that will be enforced by the Design Review Commission. He questioned the legality of the ordinance and the amount of time that was being spent on a process that may not be able to be enforced. He referenced the recent tree preservation ordinance. Mr. McGinnis stated this Committee set up a voluntary program that would focus on incentives and guidelines.

Request for Board Action

Approve and ordinance approving a special use permit, site plans, and exterior appearance plans to allow for a total of six paddle courts and associated structures for the property located at 5891-5911 S. County Line Rd, KLM Park

Trustee Schultz motioned to recommend and approve and ordinance approving a special use permit, site plans, and exterior appearance plans to allow for a total of six paddle courts and associated structures for the property located at 5891-5911 S. County Line Rd, KLM Park. Trustee LaPlaca questioned if an agreement between Hinsdale and Burr Ridge would be included at the Village Board level. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve an ordinance amending Article IX (Zoning Administration and Enforcement), Part VI (Amendments and Special Approvals), and section 11-607 (Sign permit) of the Hinsdale Zoning Code

Mr. McGinnis provided background information on the item and stated the Plan Commission approved the item unanimously. Trustee LaPlaca questioned the new approval process and was concerned over the timeline of the submission and approval. She questioned if the 15 day approval process should be increased or changed to clarify the process and used examples of vacation time that could delay the process. Mr. Gascoigne stated this language was drafted at the Plan Commission level and they felt a timeline was needed in order to help move along the process.

Trustee Schultz expressed his concerns with the 15 day timeline and stated the two week period is too short because issues could surface that would make the applicant need to go through the process of meeting at the Plan Commission. General discussion continued over the language that should be inserted into the ordinance addressing the timeframe issue and also

language to review and approve the sign by both the Village Manager and the Plan Commission Chairman.

Chairman Williams stated this item was going to be forwarded to the Village Board without a recommendation.

Approve an ordinance approving site plans and exterior appearance plans for modifications to a commercial building at 8 E. First St.

Trustee Schultz motioned to recommend to approve an ordinance approving site plans and exterior appearance plans for modifications to a commercial building at 8 E. First St. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve an ordinance to allow for the sale of surplus Village property (Police vehicles, mobile camera systems) via a public action through Ebay

The Police Department is seeking to dispose of two surplus squad cars and 8 mobile video squad car recording systems via an auction held on E-Bay. Trustee Angelo motioned to recommend to Approve an ordinance to allow for the sale of surplus Village property (Police vehicles, mobile camera systems) via a public action through Ebay. Trustee LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommend approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the Village, DuPage ETSB and DuPage County to participate in the DuPage County Starcomm 21 radio system and to reimburse the ETSB for \$17,920 in additional radio equipment

The Police and Fire Departments are seeking to participate in the DuPage County public safety interoperable communications network. Currently, public safety first responders across DuPage County operate on a variety of disparate radio networks. The disparity in public safety radio networks results in a lack of interoperable communications. The 9-11 Commission found that the lack of sufficient interoperable radio communications hampered the response of emergency personnel to the events at the World Trade Center. As public safety moves forward we all recognize the need to share services and to collaborate not only in major disasters but locally in day to day incidents. Locally we have the same issue, for example if a Hinsdale police officer is on-foot pursuing a suspect into Oak Brook he is currently unable to communicate with Oak Brook officers. This is also true with State and County emergency providers.

In response to these concerns the DuPage County Emergency Telephone Service Board (ETSB) using 9-1-1 telephone surcharge funds has contracted with the State of IL and Motorola to participate in the state-wide Starcomm 21 radio system. The Starcomm system is a public safety communications system that operates using 700 MHz encrypted radio frequencies.

Police and Fire personnel have been heavily involved in vetting out the Starcomm 21 system for over 6 years and the consensus is that this is the best and most cost effective way to address interoperability. Not only will this provide interoperability in DuPage County it will also provide state-wide interoperability.

We are requesting approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the Village, the ETSB and DuPage County. Under the terms of the agreement the ETSB will provide the radio equipment necessary to participate on the system valued at \$328,000 and pay for subscriber unit air-time and maintenance for a period of 7 years. Additionally, the ETSB will provide the necessary dispatch equipment to Southwest Central Dispatch at no cost to us. Following this 7 year period the ETSB may continue to underwrite the cost of this system depending upon the availability of funds. If funds are not available our cost to remain on the system is \$35 dollars per user per month or \$23,520 annually.

Additionally, we have currently have budgeted \$20,000 for additional equipment (rack chargers, microphones, mobile radios). The ETSB has included this additional equipment with their order at a cost to us of \$17,920.76. It is unknown if the equipment will be delivered this budget year or next. The Village Attorney has reviewed and approved the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Trustee Schultz motioned to recommend approval by the Village Board of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village, DuPage ETSB and DuPage County to participate in the DuPage County Starcomm 21 radio system and to reimburse the ETSB for \$17,920 in additional radio equipment. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Trustee Angelo motioned to adjourn. Trustee Schultz seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis, MCP
Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner