

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011
MEMORIAL HALL
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Chairman Saigh, Trustee Angelo, Trustee Haarlow, Trustee Elder

Absent: None

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

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

Minutes – August 2011

Trustee Angelo moved to approve the minutes for the August 22, 2011 meeting as amended. Second by Trustee Elder. The motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports – August 2011

Police Department

Chief Bloom stated that in the last month the Village has received a number of complaints about a coyote that is present during the day and has become desensitized to people. Chief Bloom further stated that there have been three incidents where this same coyote has approached small children and that its behavior is quite aberrant. Chief Bloom briefed the committee on the steps taken to this point to educate the public on urban coyotes. Trustee Haarlow asked Chief Bloom to determine what if any other options are available.

Fire Department

Chief Kelly informed the Committee that August was a busy month for the Fire and Police Departments in assisting the school districts in their emergency planning and preparedness that includes reviewing the District 181 and 86 crisis manuals, scheduling tabletop exercises with the principals, and witnessing lockdown, fire and severe weather drills that occur at the beginning of the school year. Chief Kelly complimented Assistant Chief McElroy from the fire department in all the work he does during August to assist the schools and the commitment from School District 181 in taking the time to participate in these exercises. Trustee Saigh asked if the parochial schools are involved in these exercises and drills. Chief Kelly indicated that the parochial schools also have crisis plans and participate in similar exercises, however they have not been scheduled yet.

Community Development

Robert McGinnis stated that the department was busy during the month of August, issuing 174 permits including 6 permits for new single family homes, conducting 574 inspections, and posting permit revenue of just over \$156,000. He stated that the Hamptons of Hinsdale was moving forward at full bore and that the Hospital was making good progress, installing interior finishes, and on schedule for a February completion.

Request for Board Action

Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction or Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Village.

Chief Bloom described the items being sold as two surplus vehicles, miscellaneous leather police equipment and surplus mechanical parking meters. Trustee Elder asked what process staff uses to determine the minimum bid at auction and requested information on the purchaser after the auction. Chief Bloom summarized the process. Trustee Angelo recommend that the Village Board approve an ordinance declaring property as surplus and approving the sale of the surplus property at the Internet website E-Bay by public auction and disposal of Village property having no value as directed by the Village Manager. Trustee Haarlow seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Amending Article IV (Multiple Family Residential Districts), Section 4-112 (Special Development and Use Regulations) of the Hinsdale Zoning code as it Relates to Density and Multi-Building Access in the R-5 and R-6 multi-Family Residential Districts.

Chairman Saigh gave a brief history on this project and why the applicant was re-appearing at Zoning and Public Safety Committee. He explained that this was based on the fact the applicant had to go back to Plan Commission for a text amendment and revised Site Plan approval.

He explained that there were two motions being presented for approval and that these were given a good vetting at Plan Commission.

Trustee Elder asked whether the approvals ran with the property if the applicant ever sold the property. Trustee Angelo and Michael Hamblet both stated that the approvals would transfer to a new owner.

Trustee Angelo asked about demolition and how soon work would start and when the townhouse buildings would be demolished. Mitch Hamblet replied that he was going to meet with the Building Department afterwards to determine timelines.

Chairman Saigh pointed out a typo in the Ordinance that needed to be amended prior to Village Board.

Trustee Haarlow asked Michael Hamblet to provide additional detail on how preference would be given to Hinsdale residents. Michael Hamblet explained that the only barrier that he was aware of would be any potential violation under the Fair Housing Act. He stated that if an issue came up, that they would likely retain outside counsel to address it.

Trustee Elder asked Chief Kelly about the new ambulance. Chief Kelly stated that this item had been deferred for the last couple years, but if monies were available that they could move forward right away.

Chairman Saigh asked about the landscape plan and potential storm water issues. Michael Hamblet explained that they will maintain the existing topography and ensure that no problems were created within their facility.

Michael Hamblet asked that a small change to made to the Ordinance. He asked that the word “illness” be used in lieu of “disability”. Chairman Saigh stated that he would discuss this with President Cauley and the village attorney.

At the close of discussion Chairman Saigh asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Elder made a motion to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Amending Article IV (Multiple Family Residential Districts), Section 4-112 (Special Development and Use Regulations) of the Hinsdale Zoning code as it Relates to Density and Multi-Building Access in the R-5 and R-6 multi-Family Residential Districts. Second by Trustee Haarlow. Motion carried 3-1 with Trustee Angelo voting against the motion.

Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Planned Development, A Special Use Permit for a Personal Care Facility and Senior Citizen Housing Development and Site Plan and Exterior Appearance Plan for the Property Located at 10 North Washington Street.

Trustee Haarlow made a motion to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Planned Development, A Special Use Permit for a Personal Care Facility and Senior Citizen Housing Development and Site Plan and Exterior Appearance Plan for the Property Located at 10 North Washington Street. Second by Trustee Elder. Motion carried 3-1 with Trustee Angelo voting against the motion.

Recommend Approval of An Ordinance Amending Article III (Single-Family Residential Districts), Section 3-110 (Bulk, Space and Yard Requirements of the Hinsdale Zoning Code).

Chairman Saigh introduced this item and gave a brief summary of what had transpired at Plan Commission and the 8-0 vote against recommending approval.

Robert McGinnis gave some background on the work that the Design Review Commission had done and how it came to Plan Commission for consideration of the text amendment.

Trustee Angelo stated that he understood that many Plan Commissioners were reluctant to waive Floor Area ratio and that there was no demonstrated need for this. He also mentioned the compositional nature of the commission and the burden it would create on both the commissioner and staff.

Trustee Haarlow commented on the guideline document and offered that he felt the quality and content was well thought out. He stated that it was the incentive that killed this; not the idea behind it.

Trustee Elder made a motion to Recommend Approval of An Ordinance Amending Article III (Single-Family Residential Districts), Section 3-110 (Bulk, Space and Yard Requirements of the Hinsdale Zoning Code. Second by Trustee Angelo. Motion carried with a unanimous recommendation to deny the motion 4-0.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Saigh asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Angelo made the motion and Trustee Elder seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis, MCP
Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner