

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012
MEMORIAL HALL
7:30 p.m.**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Dave Cook, Village Manager, Robert McGinnis, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner, Brad Bloom, Police Chief, Rick Ronovsky, Fire Chief, Sean Gascoigne, Village Planner

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

Minutes – February 2012

Trustee Elder moved to approve the minutes for the February 27, 2012 meeting as written. Second by Trustee Haarlow. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports – February and March 2012

Fire Department

Fire Chief Ronovsky limited his comments to a couple of fire incidents during the month of March that caused small amounts of damage and no injuries to residents or fire department personnel. The Fire Prevention Bureau was working with the staff at Hinsdale Hospital on completing their final inspections towards occupancy and department members were training and familiarizing themselves with the new building and its features.

Police Department

Chief Brad Bloom limited his comments to any questions that the Committee had on the report.

Community Development

Robert McGinnis limited his comments to questions based on the length of the agenda, but noted that permit revenue and activity for the month was unusually high based on the permit being issued for 10 N. Washington, five permits for new construction, and several commercial alterations all hitting at once.

Referral to Plan Commission

Recommend Application be Referred to the Plan Commission for Review and Consideration of a Text Amendment to Section 11-103 (Plan Commission) as it relates to Term Limits

Chairman Saigh introduced this item and asked Sean Gascoigne to give the background on it. Sean stated that this was primarily a housekeeping item requested by the Village Board. He stated that because Plan Commission makeup and organization is contained in the Zoning Code, any change to it would require a text amendment and public hearing. Trustee Angelo made a motion to recommend that the Application be Referred to the Plan Commission for Review and Consideration of a Text Amendment to Section 11-103 (Plan Commission) as it relates to Term Limits. Second by Trustee Elder. Motion passed unanimously.

Request for Board Action

Approve an Ordinance Approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for Replacement of the Existing Chain Link Fence at the Property Located at 500 W. Hinsdale Avenue (Hinsdale Community Pool)

Chairman Saigh introduced this item and asked Sean Gascoigne to give the background on it. Sean Gascoigne explained that the existing fence at the Hinsdale Pool was in a state of disrepair and needed to be replaced. He stated that Staff was trying to expedite the approval on this so that the work could be completed before the pool opened for the season. Trustee Angelo made a motion to Approve an Ordinance Approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for Replacement of the Existing Chain Link Fence at the Property Located at 500 W. Hinsdale Avenue (Hinsdale Community Pool). Second by Trustee Haarlow. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve a Permit for a Temporary Use in Burlington Park from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 19, 2012 Subject to Any Conditions to be Set Forth by the Building Commissioner

Chairman Saigh introduced this item and introduced Julie Lerch of Seguin Services who explained the reason for the request and gave some background on the organization and the work that they do on behalf of the disabled adult community.

Trustee Angelo stated that they needed to be aware of the fact that there was commuter parking along Chicago Avenue that needed to be kept open.

Trustee Saigh mentioned that there were several letters of support that were received before the meeting.

Trustee Haarlow asked if they received state funds and what those funds were used for. Julie Lerch described some of the businesses that were set up by Seguin to employ their participants and what the proceeds were used for.

Trustee Saigh asked about whether the applicant was asking for a waiver of fees as part of the request. Dave Cook and Julie Lerch responded that they were not asking for any waivers and were paying full fees for the use of the park.

Don Bartecky spoke on behalf the applicant and explained that he was on the Board of Directors for Sequin and a Hinsdale resident and that he encouraged Julie Lerch to look at Hinsdale as a venue.

Trustee Elder made a motion to Approve a Permit for a Temporary Use in Burlington Park from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 19, 2012 Subject to Any Conditions to be Set Forth by the Building Commissioner. Second by Trustee Angelo. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Purchase Order for a Oce' Plotwave 300 Large Format Digital Copier in the amount of \$12,995

Chairman Saigh introduced this item and Robert McGinnis gave the background on the request. He explained that this item is included in the budget for the upcoming year. The machine the department has now is over 10 years old and does not have the ability to scan images. As a result, whenever a digital image is required, staff must run to a print shop.

Trustee Angelo asked if this would allow the Village to produce the zoning map in house. Robert McGinnis confirmed this.

Trustee Angelo made a motion to Approve Purchase Order for an Oce' Plotwave 300 Large Format Digital Copier in the amount of \$12,995. Second by Trustee Elder. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to a Planned Development for a New Entrance Sign at 1203 Old Mill Road

Chairman Saigh introduced this item and Sean Gascoigne gave the background on the request. He stated that this request would ordinarily be fairly straight forward, but was compounded by the fact that the sign is located within a road that the Village now owns, which complicated the request.

He explained that the request is for a replacement sign with a sign surface area of 55 square feet in lieu of the 50 square feet permitted by code. He also noted that the sign being requested had less overall sign surface area than what existed today.

Sam VanBruggen of VanBruggen Sign Company spoke on behalf of the applicant and described the request in detail.

Trustee Angelo asked why the sign could not be designed to meet code. Mr. VanBruggen described that although the sign itself was under the 50 square foot, other portions of the monument had to be counted under the Code putting the number over 50 square feet.

Trustee Haarlow noted that it was only because of the non-sign portions of the sign that had to be counted towards the sign surface area that he was voting to approve the request. This was echoed by Trustee Elder.

Trustee Angelo made a motion to Approve an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to a Planned Development for a New Entrance Sign at 1203 Old Mill Road. Second by Trustee Elder. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve an Ordinance Amending Parking Regulations in Section 6-12-9, Schedule IX Limited Time Zones of the Village Code of Hinsdale

Chief Bloom stated that a complaint from a resident regarding parking time zone violations on Third Street between Grant and Vine Street found that the underlying ordinance did not match the current signage. Current signage limits parking on the north side of Third Street between Grant and Vine Street to 4 hours. Our ordinance limits parking on the block to 2 hours. The current signage limiting parking to 4 hours has been in place for at least five (5) years.

We have not received complaints from any of the parking users or residents requesting a shorter parking duration other than what is currently posted. The residents on the affected block have been notified by letter of this proposed ordinance change. Chief Bloom indicated that a number of e-mails were received and that three residents were in favor of having the parking restriction changed to 2 hours. Mr. Doug Bemiss indicated his support for parking to be 2 hours. A discussion was held concerning what has been done to address Mr. Bemiss concerns regarding parking.

Trustee Angelo made a motion to approve an “Ordinance Amending Parking Regulations in Section 6-12-9, Schedule IX Limited Time Zones of the Village Code of Hinsdale. Second by Chairman Saigh. Motion passed 3-1 in favor.

Approve an Ordinance Declaring Property as Surplus and Approving the Sale of the Surplus Property at the Internet Website E-Bay by Public Auction

Chief Bloom stated that he is requesting that the ordinance declaring two (2) vehicles seized by the police department and awarded to the Village be declared surplus and sold at auction using the Internet auction site E-Bay. Trustee Elder made a motion to Approve an Ordinance Declaring Property as Surplus and

Approving the Sale of the Surplus Property at the Internet Website E-bay by Public Auction. Second by Trustee Angelo. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Renewing the Contract of Attorney Linda Pieczynski for the Period of June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 for the Prosecution of Ordinance Violations

Chairman Saigh stated that the current contract with Linda Pieczynski, Village Prosecutor of our field court cases, will expire on May 31, 2012. Ms. Pieczynski has worked under contract with the Village since 1984. Our police officers and code enforcement personnel have indicated that the consistency of prosecution and availability of Attorney Pieczynski has benefited the Village greatly in the presentation of court cases. Chairman Saigh indicated that contract does not include an increase in rates. The current contract with Linda Pieczynski, Village Prosecutor of our field court cases, will expire on May 31, 2012. Trustee Angelo made a motion to Approve Renewing the Contract of Attorney Linda Pieczynski for the Period of June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 for the Prosecution of Ordinance Violations. Second by Trustee Elder. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Model Outdoor Warning System Policy and Guidelines (Tornado Sirens)

Chief Bloom stated that in the Fall of 2011 representatives from the DuPage County Police Chief's Association, Fire Chief's Association, the DuPage County's Office of Homeland Security and representatives from the National Weather Service met to formulate a model policy for the activation of outdoor warning sirens.

The purpose of the meeting was to devise a model policy that could be used by all DuPage County municipalities in an effort to standardize the criterion for when the sirens are activated.

Under the new guidelines, outdoor warning sirens will be activated when a confirmed sighting of a tornado, tracking toward the community, is reported by a trained weather spotter within the community or surrounding communities; the receipt of a tornado warning, issued by the National Weather Service, including the community; reports of significant ongoing storm damage (i.e. uprooted trees, structural damage, multiple broken windows, de-roofings) secondary to storm-related winds.

Chief Bloom further stated that one other important element that emerged from these discussions was the fact that due to the unpredictable nature of dangerous weather conditions, advance siren activation is not always possible. Therefore, a key component of the new guidelines is to educate the public that when they see dangerous weather conditions, they should seek shelter and tune in to receive weather updates and not wait for the activation of the outdoor warning system.

A brief discussion was held and the Committee indicated that they thought that the new guidelines were a good idea.

Solar Powered Speed Display Signs in School Zones

Chief Bloom stated that school zone speed enforcement has always been a priority with the police department and something that the community has strongly supported. Recent advancements in technology has produced a solar powered radar speed display sign that can be used to monitor the speed of vehicles in order to improve driver awareness. The signs will collect data on the speed and number of vehicles along with dates and times. The sign is also capable of being programmed to only be on during certain times of the day or days of the week.

Chief Bloom stated that he believes that these signs would be quite useful at educating drivers by raising awareness. If the collected data from the sign indicates that enforcement is necessary we can follow-up with an efficient plan to conduct enforcement.

The cost of the signs and accompanying solar unit is approximately \$3125 plus the cost of a decorative pole (matching central BD street light pole) and installation for a total cost of \$4783.00 per unit.

Chief Bloom said he is looking for the approval of the Committee to go forward with approaching the school P.T.O's to see if they would be interested in underwriting the cost and installation of these devices. In return that Village would be responsible for maintaining these units following initial purchase and installation. A brief discussion was held and the Committee approved this request.

Authorization to Solicit Bids for a New Ambulance

Fire Chief Ronovsky advised that the Fire Department is ready to go out for bids for a replacement ambulance to replace the Village's 1998 model ambulance. Funds are in the FY 2012-13 for this purchase as well as a donation from the Eden project.

Bid packets will be available at the Fire Department starting on Thursday, April 26, 2012 and will be due back by Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 1:30pm. Bids will then be opened and reviewed.

The successful vendor should be awarded at the June 5th Village Board Meeting.

Distributed Antenna Systems Ordinance

Chairman Saigh introduced this item and asked Village Attorney, Lance Molina to speak on the memo he had prepared and discuss options moving forward.

He stated that task was twofold, first the rules needed to be established and then the process for approval defined.

He stated that the application should be clear enough that the need for that particular location is clearly demonstrated and why other, more desirable sights could not work.

He then discussed the process and choices for where the approval began and ended. Chairman Saigh was concerned with the 90 day shot clock rule. Lance Molina confirmed that the process should be set up with this in mind.

Trustee Elder asked whether it wouldn't be best to have these requests come to ZPS and then to the full Board for approval.

Several members agreed that Plan Commission would be the best option initially, but agreed that this would drag out the process over 90 days.

Trustee Angelo asked whether it was possible to reject a request for installations on a pole that already had one installed. Lance Molina agreed that this was possible and that they would have to demonstrate a need.

Luke Stifflear stated that the Village Attorney did a great job summarizing the concerns that he had initially. He stated that there should be areas of town that are given preference for these antennas outside of residential areas.

There was discussion on “safe harbor” type areas where staff could grant an approval saving time and money for an applicant.

Chairman Saigh asked about direction and process moving forward. Members agreed that the attorney should put together a draft ordinance for consideration. Members agreed that approvals should start with staff and then move to Committee.

There was discussion on what sort of standards be included in the approval criteria.

Lance added that as Trustees had ideas, they could forward them on for inclusion in the draft.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Saigh asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Angelo made the motion. Second by Trustee Elder. Meeting adjourned at 9:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis, MCP
Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner