

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013
MEMORIAL HALL
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Chairman Saigh, Trustee Angelo, Trustee Elder

Absent: Trustee Haarlow

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

Chairman Saigh called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and summarized the agenda.

Minutes – January 2013

Trustee Elder moved to approve the minutes for the January 28, 2013 meeting. Second by Trustee Angelo. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports – January 2013

Fire Department

Chief Ronovsky reported that the Fire Department responded to 201 incidents in the month of January including a response for a house fire on January 12th on the first block of East 57th Street. Chief Ronovsky reported that upon arrival members found the three car attached garage on fire. Damage was estimated at \$75,000 and one Clarendon Hill's firefighter was slightly injured. A MABAS Box Alarm was called bringing neighboring Departments to assist and cover additional calls. Chairman Saigh asked about the MABAS mutual aid system and how this helps us during these incidents.

Chief Ronovsky advised that there will be Fire Officer Development training in conjunction with the Clarendon Hills and Western Springs Fire Department beginning in February. This training is being conducted by the Illinois Fire Service Institute.

Police Department

Chief Bloom updated the Committee on the recent ATM skimming cases as well as the fact that 10 distracted driving warnings have been issued to date.

Community Development

Robert McGinnis gave the Committee a breakdown of monthly activity noting that the department issued 55 permits, conducted 349 inspections, posted permit revenue of just over \$128,000, and handled 2,529 phone calls for the month.

Request for Board Action

Approval of a Permit for Outdoor Seating for Cine Restaurant Located at 29 East First Street for May 1, 2013 through April 31, 2014

Chairman Saigh summarized the request and asked if the applicant was present. The owner, Peter Burdi, provided details on the proposal stating that the main outside seating area would be on the west side of the building, but that he wanted to have four tables with two seats each in front of the building as well. He stated that this request was very similar to what was approved at his other location on First Street, but that in this case there was far more room to work with and nearly 8-10 feet would be left open. Trustee Elder made a motion to approve a request for a Permit for Outdoor Seating for Cine Restaurant Located at 29

East First Street for May 1, 2013 through April 31, 2014. Second by Trustee Angelo. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of an Ordinance to Approve a Parking Ticket Amnesty Program

Chief Bloom stated that the Village of Hinsdale currently holds approximately \$442K in unpaid parking tickets that are more than 30 days past due. It has long been the practice of the Village to turnover unpaid parking tickets to a collection agency and evenly split any funds they collect. In 2009, the Village offered an amnesty program and was able to collect approximately \$35,500 at that time.

Under the terms of the proposed amnesty program outstanding parking tickets more than 30 days old issued prior to effective date of the attached ordinance could be settled for 50% of the amount due. The amnesty period would be from March 1, 2013 to April 15, 2013. Chief Bloom indicated that what are discounted are the late fees and not the original citation amount. Trustee Angelo motioned to approve an ordinance providing for a parking amnesty program for certain parking violations of the Village Code from March 1, 2013 through April 15, 2013. Seconded by Trustee Elder. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Chief Bloom stated at the November 2012, Zoning and Public Safety Committee meeting he requested approval to restrict parking between 6:00 am to 9:00 am at the two northernmost parking meter spots on the east side of Garfield Street between Hinsdale Ave and First Street. The request was based on impact parked cars had on northbound traffic. The request was approved and signs were posted.

As part of his research to recommend that the temporary changes be made permanent, I found that the ordinance already prohibits parking on the east side of Garfield between Hinsdale and First Street between 12:00 midnight and 9:00 am (Section 6-12-10, Schedule X, Parking Meter Zones). Therefore, no change in ordinance is necessary and the temporary signs will remain in place

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Saigh asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Elder made the motion. Second by Trustee Angelo. Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis, MCP
Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner