

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013
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

Chairman Saigh called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and summarized the agenda.

Minutes – February 2013

Trustee Elder moved to approve the minutes for the February 25, 2013 meeting. Second by Trustee Haarlow. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports – February 2013

Fire Department

Chief Ronovsky reported on Fire Department activities for the month of February. Personnel assisted Westmont at a structure fire on February 16th and Department personnel responded to a house fire in the 900 block of south Bruner Street for a house fire. Upon arrival, personnel found smoke and fire coming from the residence and one of the occupants outside stating that there still was someone trapped in the house. Firefighters began fighting the fire and searching the home. Hinsdale firefighters rescued the trapped occupant who was unconscious. Resident was resuscitated at the scene and both occupants were then transported to Hinsdale Hospital. Multiple area Departments assisted with firefighters and paramedics. House sustained extensive damage.

Trustee Elder requested that the Fire Department post dates for Community CPR training on the Village email system.

Trustee Harlow asked how often does neighboring Fire Departments man our station and respond to our emergency calls when our personnel and equipment are unavailable. Chief Ronovsky advised that neighboring Departments are called to man our station and respond to calls when the MABAS mutual aid system is activated – about three or four times a year. Neighboring Departments also respond to our calls on an as-needed basis but these types of request result in their response to our town from their station not ours.

Police Department

Chief Bloom provided information to the Committee concerning the number of residential burglaries that have occurred year to date. In summary, there have been 5 residential burglaries and 3 attempts. Chief Bloom urged residents to be vigilant to any unusual or suspicious activity and to call the police immediately if they see anything out of the ordinary.

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Community Development

Robert McGinnis gave the Committee a breakdown of monthly activity noting that the department issued 62 permits, conducted 249 inspections, posted permit revenue of just over \$70,500, and handled 1,367 phone calls for the month.

Referral to Plan Commission

Recommend the Board of Trustees Refer Case A-07-2013, 327 W. 57th Street to the Plan Commission for Review and Consideration.

Chairman Saigh introduced the item and asked Robert McGinnis to provide some background on the request. Robert McGinnis stated that the applicant could not attend the meeting, but that he was familiar with the request. He stated that District 86 had purchased this single family parcel and that their intention was to demolish the house on the property and preserve it as green space. Staff had instructed the District to apply for the map amendment as was done with the other parcels the District had purchased along 57th street in the past. He stated that the intention was to rezone the property IB as is presently the existing zoning of the high school parcel.

Trustee Haarlow asked about adjacent parcels and whether the other residents in the immediate area were aware of the request. Robert McGinnis stated that this was a referral only and that the District would need to do a certified mailing to everyone within 250' when the Plan Commission set it for Public Hearing.

Trustee Haarlow asked about the structures on the lot to the north of the subject property. Robert McGinnis stated that he understood that this was a lot of record and part of the subject property but would verify that and get back to him.

Trustee Elder made a motion to Recommend the Board of Trustees Refer Case A-07-2013, 327 W. 57th Street to the Plan Commission for Review and Consideration. Second by Trustee Haarlow. Motion passed unanimously

Request for Board Action

Approve a Permit for a Temporary Use at 336 E. Ogden Avenue for the Period 4/7/13 thru 10/31/13 Subject to Conditions to be set forth by the Building Commissioner.

Chairman Saigh introduced the item and asked Robert McGinnis to provide some background on the request. Robert McGinnis stated that the applicant, Bill Hogan of Good Earth was seeking approval to erect a greenhouse and temporary sales area on the GM Training Facility property as they had done for the last couple years. Bill Hogan summarized the request and provided additional information. Trustee Haarlow made a motion to Approve a Permit for a Temporary Use at 336 E. Ogden Avenue for the Period 4/7/13 thru 10/31/13 Subject to Conditions to be set forth by the Building Commissioner. Second by Trustee Elder. Motion passed unanimously.

To recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Village Code of Hinsdale Relative to the Foreign Fire Insurance Board.

Chief Ronovsky reported on statutory changes needed to update the Village ordinances related to the Foreign Fire Insurance Board. There were no questions regarding the changes and general comments concerning the use of the funds and how this benefits the Fire Department and Village. Trustee Elder made the motion to approve the changes as written/requested. Second by Trustee Angelo. Motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

Review of Crash History in the 100 block of South Washington

Chief Bloom stated that in 2007 the ZPS Committee had a discussion regarding a number of motor vehicle crashes occurring in the 100 block of South Washington that involved cars attempting to maneuver into the diagonal spaces on the west side of the street jumping the curb and striking the buildings. At that time we had experienced five (5) crashes in the same block attempting this same maneuver. At that time the Committee directed staff to review available options and to consider what options could be implemented to coincide with scheduled repair and maintenance of the area. Since that time we have had three (3) additional crashes in this block, with two occurring in February 2013.

Fortunately, none of the crashes have resulted in serious injuries to the drivers or pedestrians. Comparatively to other areas in the business district we have had only two (2) crashes in the last 10 years that are similar and involve drivers attempting similar maneuvers. Driver error seems to be the underlying cause of these crashes. Chief Bloom stated that he is at a loss to explain why we seem to have this cluster of crashes all occurring in the same block on the same side of the street.

Environmentally this area is not unique other than it being an uphill maneuver into a diagonal parking space.

Chief Bloom stated that he has asked Dan Deeter, Village engineer to look into this and provide his recommendation. I will report back to the Committee once I receive it. A brief discussion was held amongst the Trustees regarding what could be done and reviewing commonalities between historical crashes.

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 8:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis, MCP
Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner