

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 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, Sean Gascoigne, Village Planner, and Tim Scott, Director of Economic Development.

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

Minutes – March 2013

Trustee Elder moved to approve the minutes as amended for the March 18, 2013 meeting. Second by Trustee Haarlow. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports – March 2013

Fire Department

Chief Ronovsky reported on the severe weather that passed through town on April 18 and 19 and the Village's response to emergencies during that time. The Village Emergency Operation Center was opened in the Fire Station with Administration, Police, Fire and Public Services present. Fire Department answered approximately 50 some emergency calls including the evacuation of Graue Mill and 21 Spinning Wheel Road.

Chairman Saigh reported on the 2012 Annual Fire Department report.

Police Department

Chief Bloom provided copies of the Police Department's annual report. Chief Bloom reported that the annual report would be placed on-line and available in hard copy at the Village Hall and Police Department. The annual report was put together by community volunteers and printed at the discount fee by IPLB. The Committee did not have any questions on the monthly report. 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 noted that the department posted permit revenue of over \$97,000 for the month of March and that they were busy responding to drainage complaints due to the heavy rains and flooding. He stated that the Engineering Division had logged 57 drainage complaints as of the meeting and asked that residents try to remain patient while staff follows up on them.

Request for Board Action

Approval to Purchase Two Replacement Squad Cars From Currie Motors of Frankfort, Illinois.

Chief Bloom stated that he is seeking to replace two (2) squad cars in accordance with the Village's Vehicle Replacement Policy. The Police Department budgeted \$140,000 in the FY13/14 budget to

purchase four (4) replacement squads anticipating the purchase of two vehicles at the start of the budget year and two (2) at the midpoint and delayed replacing squads last year pending our consolidation discussions with Clarendon Hills.

Chief Bloom is recommended the purchase of two Ford Police Interceptors Utility vehicles under the terms of the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative from Currie Motors of Frankfort IL. The cost per vehicle is \$26,239 or \$52,478 in total.

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Trustee Angelo motioned to recommend that the Village Board purchase two Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicles under the terms of the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative from Currie Motors for \$52,478. Trustee Elder seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Trustee Haarlow was not present).

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Approval of a One Year Agreement to Prosecute Local Ordinance Violations with Ms. Linda Pieczynski.

Chief Bloom stated that the current contract with Linda Pieczynski, Village Prosecutor of our field court cases and ordinance violations will expire on May 31, 2013. Ms. Pieczynski has worked under contract with the Village since at least 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. Moreover, Ms. Pieczynski is a recognized expert in municipal code enforcement having written books and lectured nationally on the topic.

Chief Bloom recommended that the Village renew the contract, effective from June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014, the hourly fee of \$140 and the rate per court session of \$185. This represents a \$5 dollar increase in the hourly rate and no increase in fees for court appearances.

Trustee Elder motioned to recommend that the Village Board renew the contract of Attorney Linda Pieczynski for the period of June 1 2013 through May 31, 2014 for the prosecution of ordinance violations. Trustee Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Trustee Haarlow was not present).

Approve an Ordinance approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for Modifications to a Commercial Building at 30 S. Lincoln Street

Chairman Saigh introduced the item and asked if anyone was present to speak on the request. Jay Javors of Midwest Property Group summarized the request and stated that they planned to split the space and needed approval for some changes to the exterior including a new entry and emergency exit on the east side of the building.

Trustee Angelo made a motion to approve an Ordinance approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for Modifications to a Commercial Building at 30 S. Lincoln Street. Second by Trustee Elder. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to Planned Development for Two New Monument Signs at 420 E. Ogden

Chairman Saigh introduced the item and asked the applicant to detail the request. The Service Manager and Office Controller stated that their intention was to remove the existing 40 year old pylon sign and replace it with two monument signs; one with the Maserati logo and one with the Ferrari logo. While the site plan originally anticipated one sign at each end of the lot, the factory wanted both signs placed together.

They stated that the new signs were less obtrusive than the existing sign as well as the smaller of the two choices that the factory gave them to choose from. The current setbacks would be maintained.

Trustees stated that the new signs would look better placed close rather than at opposite ends of the lot, but wanted to see a revised site plan and exhibit showing the change prior to final approval.

Trustee Elder made a motion to approve an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to Planned Development for Two New Monument Signs at 420 E. Ogden subject to the waivers stated above. Second by Trustee Angelo. Motion passed 3-1 with 1 abstention due to the fact that Trustee Haarlow was not present for part of the presentation

Approve Village Manager to Authorize the Installation of a New Distributed Antenna System in the Specific Location Presented and Generally Located at 628 S. County Line Road

Chairman Saigh introduced the item and asked if AT&T had anyone present to detail the request. Tanya Rosin and Laura Laura went over the request and stated that AT&T needed to install additional equipment in order to provide 4G service and could not locate it on the existing pole.

Trustee Angelo asked about the technology and why this was not anticipated last year when the DAS issue was raised the first time.

The applicant provided coverage maps of Hinsdale with both 3G and 4G service.

The reason that the County Line location was chosen was due to coverage complaints received by AT&T.

Several residents raised concerns based on the N. Madison location originally submitted, but were not informed that two of the three locations originally anticipated were subsequently withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Trustee Angelo stated that when this issue was first raised, the Trustees were told that there would be 8 of these antennas and that now there were 11. He stated that he was aggravated with the visual clutter that these create and that they need to co-locate a box within 50' of an existing installation. He stated that was not in favor of this and would like more information on this and how many more of these would be installed in the future.

Trustee Elder asked about the difference between off air and on air. AT&T reps explained that this was a coverage map and that the on air areas had 4G coverage. He stated that the area covered was pretty small.

Tanya Rosin explained that while the 4G equipment was always anticipated as part of the original applications previously approved, ComEd had changed the terms of the lease agreement with AT&T since then driving the need for these requests.

Trustee Elder asked about how many of the original requests might likely need to come back for approvals. Tanya Rosin stated that she would need to go back to ComEd to provide this, but that they were working with them to try and reduce the number of requests. She explained that there were different classes of poles and that ComEd has suggested installing additional poles.

Trustee Angelo asked why this was not anticipated when the DAS installations were originally anticipated. The applicant explained that these issues came up after the fact by ComEd due to the obstructions that their equipment was creating problems for the ComEd lineman.

Chairman Saigh asked for clarification on the number of installations already installed. The applicant stated that there were 9 in Hinsdale proper and that this would make 10.

Trustee Haarlow was concerned that based on the coverage map that much of Hinsdale is only in the 3G coverage area and that from the look of the coverage map that many more of these antennas would be required

in order to provide 4G coverage. He stated that we needed not only more information about this site, but more information on how many more of these would be required in the future.

Chairman Saigh mentioned that he was surprised by the amount of weight involved with these.

Trustee Elder asked about the solar shield and whether the addition of this opened up some additional color options.

Chairman Saigh asked if there was any urgency on this request given the number of questions that Trustees had. The applicant stated that they had no issue bringing back additional information for Committee.

Item to be continued.

Approve an Ordinance Approving Certain Variations for Construction of a New Two-Story Development at 36-32 First Street- Garfield Crossing-Case Number V-01-13.

Chairman Saigh introduced the item and commented on the amount of time that had gone into vetting out the project. He summarized each of the 5 variation requests and the subsequent vote at the Zoning Board of Appeals. He noted that the only request not unanimously approved was the request to place signage higher than the second floor windows on the east half of the north and south elevation with a 4-2 vote.

Pete Coules spoke on behalf of the applicant and detailed each of the requests that went to the Zoning Board of Appeals for consideration.

There was discussion about a blank area of wall on the south side of the building on the second floor at the east end that looked like it was missing something. The Trustees asked about an in-fill area of brick in a herringbone pattern to match the other areas where this treatment was used. The architect stated that he had not considered this but agreed that it was a good idea.

Trustee Elder made a comment that he was not supportive of the signage on the second floor on the south side of the building. Other comments were made expressing some concern over this signage as well. Pete Coules reminded the Trustees that any particular request for a signage in this location would need to go back to the Plan Commission for approval.

Trustee Angelo made a motion to approve an Ordinance Approving Certain Variations for Construction of a New Two-Story Development at 36-32 First Street- Garfield Crossing-Case Number V-01-13. Second by Trustee Haarlow. Motion carried 3-1 with Trustee Elder voting against it. Trustee Elder clarified that his only reason for voting against it was due to the signage above the second floor on the south side of the building.

Approve an Ordinance Approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for the Construction of a New Two-Story Development at 26-32 First Street-Garfield Crossing Subject to the Approval of the Above Stated Exceptions and Variations.

Chairman Saigh introduced the item and summarized the two items that would be going to the Board of Trustees for consideration, as they were outside of ZBA authority.

Pete Coules explained the architectural features and elements that the applicant needed additional relief for.

Trustee Elder asked about the status of the alley discussion. Dave Cook stated that due to cost constraints and the opposition from the Chamber of Commerce that it did not make sense at this time.

Trustee Haarlow asked about an easement through the subject property should the alley extension make sense in the future.

Lance Molina discussed the burial of the public utility lines at the rear of the property and whether the applicant could be compelled to bury them or not. It was his opinion that based on the code the Village could not require this, though the applicant stated that they would bury all of their private utility lines to the building.

Chairman Saigh discussed the option of an easement through the drive aisle. Pete Coules stated that the owner has always been open to options, but that he did not want to commit to granting a blanket easement at this time.

Trustee Haarlow agreed that of the two options presented, one was a non-starter due to its impacts to the site, but that the other option had merit and should be considered. He went on to recognize all of the work and accommodations that the developer had made to date.

Trustee Elder made a motion to approve an Ordinance Approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for the Construction of a New Two-Story Development at 26-32 First Street-Garfield Crossing Subject to the Approval of the Above Stated Exceptions and Variations. Second by Trustee Angelo. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Use of Parking Bollards to Mitigate Crashes in the 100 Block of South Washington

Chief Bloom stated in summary that in 2007 the ZPS Committee discussed the incidences and 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) at last month's ZPS meeting. 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 and three (3) additional crashes and the table on the attached memo has been updated 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. At the March ZPS meeting the ZPS Committee requested that staff research options. In discussing this matter with Dan Deeter, Village Engineer he suggested the use of bollards and recommending removal of the current two head parking meter poles and locating one bollard per space and relocating single head parking meters within the bollards. Chief Bloom stated that the bollards could be filled with concrete and the meter pole placed inside of bollard. The exterior of the bollard would have a decorative metal exterior. Chief Bloom stated that if this is a solution that the Committee would like to pursue we can determine costs and provide a visual design option. Trustee Angelo questioned if the bollards would be able to stop the vehicles. Chief Bloom said that he would work with the Village engineer and the manufacturer to verify that this would be an effective solution.

Trustee Angelo asked if the merchants had seen the plan and had any input. Chief Bloom stated no and was waiting for direction and a design concept to present first. Trustee Haarlow inquired as to the number of spaces and the cost. Chief Bloom responded that there are 22 spaces and the preliminarily is approximately \$1000 per bollard.

It was the consensus of the Committee to research this concept and refine the design and determine costs.

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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 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis, MCP
Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner