

**FINAL MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 20, 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, Bradley Bloom, Police Chief, Rick Ronovsky, Fire Chief, and Tim Scott, Director of Economic Development.

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

Minutes – April 2013

Trustee Elder moved to approve the minutes as amended for the April 22, 2013 meeting. Second by Trustee Angelo. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports – March 2013

Fire Department

Chief Ronovsky reported that the Fire Department responded to 256 calls for service in the month of April. There have been 826 calls for service in the first four months of the year. Members continue with their regular training schedule.

Chief Ronovsky reported that the Good Samaritan Hospital EMS System has awarded the Fire Department the first runner up Hartmann EMS Award. Members were recognized for rescuing an elderly woman in a house fire in February and providing emergency medical care to her. This is the third consecutive award for the Department.

Trustee Elder congratulated the Department on the EMS award and Chairman Saigh commented on the customer surveys that are sent out to residents and people we provide services to.

Police Department

Chief Bloom inquired if any of the Trustees had any questions on the Police Department Annual Report or the April 2013 Monthly Report. The Committee did not have any questions.

Community Development

Robert McGinnis noted that the department issued 88 permits for the month of April, including 4 demolition permits, 4 permits for new single family homes, conducted 392 inspections, handled 855 calls, and posted permit revenue of just over \$100,000.

Referral to Plan Commission

Recommend that 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

Chairman Saigh introduced the item and gave some brief background on the item. Dave Cook added this change was being necessitated by the lack of volunteers to serve on Commissions and Committees and that the change was in line with legislation already approved within the municipal code. Trustee Elder made a motion to Recommend that 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 Angelo. Motion passed unanimously.

Request for Board Action

Recommend that the Board of Trustees Approve a Waiver of Fees in the Amount Not to Exceed \$5,450 be Granted for the Applications Required for Zion Lutheran Church

Chairman Saigh introduced the item and asked if anyone was present to speak on the request.

Keith Larson spoke on behalf of the request and stated that it was being driven by the fact that the church no longer needed the single family homes that were part of the Planned Development and that the Plan Commission recommended that the residential uses be broken out of it when they applied for a text amendment last year. Due to the number of moving parts tied to this seemingly easy request, the application fees were very high. They include a Major Adjustment to the Planned Development, a Subdivision, and a Map Amendment. The public benefit was primarily that the single family properties would return to the tax rolls.

Trustee Angelo stated that although he would not normally be amenable to a waiver of fees for something like this, in this case he would be supportive due to the fact that it was reducing the size of the Planned Development and reverting properties back to the single family zoning district. Trustees Elder and Saigh agreed.

Dave Cook stated that the Village has a history of waiving fees that have a clear public benefit, in no case has the Village agreed to waive out of pocket expenses.

There was discussion on the dollar figure and whether it was too high or too low and whether the request was coming prematurely. Dave Cook added that until an application was complete, it could not move forward. This included either a waiver of fees or that the fees be paid for up front. Robert McGinnis added that Staff was working thru the requests and trying to come up with ways to simplify the process and consolidate the number of steps along the way. He stated that this RBA was a “not to exceed” for this reason.

Trustee Elder made a motion to Recommend that the Board of Trustees Approve a Waiver of Fees in the Amount Not to Exceed \$5,450 be Granted for the Applications Required for Zion Lutheran Church. Second by Trustee Angelo. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve an Ordinance Approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for Exterior Site Improvements to a Commercial Building at 12 Salt Creek Lane

Chairman Saigh introduced the item and asked if anyone was present to speak on the request.

Jack George spoke on behalf of the owners, Med Partners, and stated that the scope of the project entailed replacing the porte cochere and creating an enclosed atrium and lobby area under it, landscape improvements, as well as restriping of the existing parking lot with a code compliant striping plan that would result in a reduction in the number of existing parking spaces within the lot.

The architect, Steve Saunders, provided detail on the scope of work and discussed the architecture and what the atrium area would contain. He noted that there would be no increase in gross square footage.

He discussed the reason for the reduction in the number of spaces in the parking lot and the fact that they would still exceed the required parking count due to the availability of on street private parking.

Chairman Saigh stated that he watched the Plan Commission meeting and was impressed with the improvements planned for the site.

Trustee Elder made a motion to Approve an Ordinance Approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for Exterior Site Improvements to a Commercial Building at 12 Salt Creek Lane. Second by Trustee Angelo. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Payment in the Amount of \$13,000 to the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group

Chief Bloom explained that the DuPage Metropolitan Group (DUMEG) is cooperative entity of municipal DuPage County law enforcement agencies specializing in illegal drug investigations within DuPage County. The DuMeg unit is commanded by personnel from the State Police and reports to a policy board comprised of member police chiefs. DuMeg's investigative techniques include undercover buys, surveillances, the use of informants and sharing intelligence information.

In just the last month DuMeg agents assisted in the arrest of a suspect in Hinsdale that was allegedly selling prescription narcotics, cocaine and other hallucinogenic compounds. The suspect was charge with eight (2) felony counts. This case underscores the necessity of this resource. On a local level we don't have the expertise or resources to conduct such an investigation on our own.

All drug investigations are done cooperatively and in conjunction with local law enforcement. Agencies wishing to participate in DUMEG have the choice of assigning an officer to the unit or paying a fee which is based on the number of sworn officers authorized by budget. Hinsdale has been a member of DUMEG since its inception 30 years ago and has always been a fee paying contributor.

Chief Bloom stated that he has found DUMEG to be both a responsive to our needs and quite effective. DUMEG agents in the past year alone have been quite active and conducted many drug investigations within the Village. Moreover, since there has always been a link between illegal drug use and property crimes intelligence information supplied by DUMEG has been invaluable to our investigators.

Trustee Angelo asked how many times DuMeg had worked in Hinsdale in the last year. Chief Bloom estimated 12 times.

Trustee Angelo moved to recommend that the Village Board approve payment in the amount of \$13,000 to the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group. Trustee Elder seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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 8:14PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis, MCP
Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner