

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2020**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees (conducted electronically) was called to order by Village President Tom Cauley in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:32 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: President Tom Cauley

Participating by telephone: Trustees Matthew Posthuma, Scott Banke, Luke Stifflear, Gerald J. Hughes, Laurel Haarlow, and Neale Byrnes

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom, and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Participating by telephone: Police Chief Brian King, Fire Chief John Giannelli, Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Village Planner Chan Yu

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT
INTRODUCTION**

“This open special meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hinsdale is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order of March 16, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the State of Illinois given the outbreak of the novel coronavirus.

In order to mitigate the transmission of the virus and reduce risk of COVID-19 illness, we have been advised and encouraged by the State to postpone consideration of public business where possible, and where a meeting is necessary, to limit public gatherings, and as such, the Governor’s Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Act that members of the public body be physically present. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

The Order allows public bodies to meet remotely and encourages public bodies to ensure that the public may monitor the meeting.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cauley led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) **Special Meeting of March 16, 2020**

Following changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Hughes moved to **approve the draft minutes of the special meeting of March 16, 2020, as amended.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Stifflear, Hughes and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Trustees Banke and Haarlow

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

COVID-19 UPDATE

President Cauley reported that although Village Hall is closed, all departments are still providing services, and he thanked staff for their efforts. The Village Manager participates in regional calls with the Governor's Office, Chicago Mayor Lightfoot, the Illinois Department of Public Health, the DuPage County Public Health Department, and area Mayors and Managers multiple times a week. This way she continues to collect information and guidance regarding health directives, relief for businesses, as well as potential State and Federal relief for municipalities. He acknowledged residents may have some frustration over the inability to hold certain public meetings, but these steps have been taken in response to the Executive Order of the Governor. He also acknowledged there has been some disappointment at the closing of the KLM dog park, but the volume and activity were to the point that the Police Chief determined this was necessary.

The Village has information on its website and information related to Federal subsidies or loans is posted and sent to the Chamber and the other business members in the community. This week new posters were installed in Burlington Park urging all Hinsdaleans to stay strong, support local businesses, and stay home unless it is essential. He has been informed that the next few weeks are critical to flattening the curve. By residents staying home, the spread of the virus is reduced, and the hospital system is not overburdened.

He reported the Village Manager and the Police and Fire Chiefs participate in weekly meetings with Hinsdale Hospital staff to understand what impact COVID-19 has had on the community and hospital operations. Generally, due to the shelter in place, emergency room activity is significantly reduced which allows medical staff to focus on COVID-19 patients. Hinsdale Hospital is an identified COVID-19 service area. In the event that there is a surge, the Hospital may treat LaGrange and Hinsdale as one campus utilizing formerly vacant buildings to handle an overflow of patients within the campuses. So, at this time, seeing tents outside the hospital is not something planned. President Cauley provided current area case numbers. He reported the generosity and volunteerism of residents noting one resident in particular, Bao Wakefield, who coordinated an effort to donate masks and gowns for our emergency personnel. He thanked all the residents who continue to volunteer their time and efforts.

CENSUS

President Cauley reminded residents that the 2020 Census is in progress and they are required by law to be counted. He explained the value to the community to do so because an accurate count means funds for our community, and the representation our area deserves for the next ten

years. He noted residents can respond on line, and that mailers have been sent to every residence. Census information can be found on the Village website, as well.

REPUBLIC SERVICES – YARD WASTE COLLECTION

President Cauley reported that Republic Services is currently not picking up yard waste as a result of a manpower issue; however, they intend to start April 20. The Village has been advised that waste service could be shut down because of the COVID issue if the collection sites are closed, but at this time it does not appear likely this will happen.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

President Cauley explained that public comment is permitted, and he asked that if any citizen is on the line wishing to address the Board, to please identify themselves before speaking.

Ms. Julie Laux, of 641 S. Elm, addressed the Board stating she is the owner of Jordon Homes. She asked that the Board reconsider their direction of setting a moratorium in this economic climate, and find a forum for the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to continue to meet. President Cauley explained the moratorium issue has been sent to the Plan Commission, and that he has left it up to commission chairpersons as to whether or not to hold their meetings. The Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on the moratorium. He acknowledged that the HPC has 10-11 outstanding items, and staff is working on a way to have those meetings proceed. Ms. Laux asked for assurance that the May 6 meeting will take place. Village Manager Kathleen Gargano said different methods of teleconferencing are being explored, but staff is focusing energies on the COVID-19 impact on public safety. President Cauley assured Ms. Laux that we hear her concerns, and will work to address them.

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- a) **Approve an Ordinance approving a Second Major Adjustment to a Planned Development and associated Exterior Appearance and Site Plan for Façade and Signage updates at 420 E. Ogden Avenue – Continental AutoSport**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item for the Continental AutoSport car dealership requesting façade changes and signage as they will no longer carry the Maserati brand, but will be a Ferrari dealership exclusively. In February 2020, the Village Board forwarded this matter to the Plan Commission for public hearing, including their concerns about the proposed two 20' tall foot signs. The applicant revised the request to keep the existing 14.9' foot Ferrari ground sign in the northeast corner, and replace the second six foot sign with another Ferrari sign on the northwest corner of property. The first major adjustment, as approved by the Village Board in 2013, permitted two ground signs instead of the one allowed by code, five colors instead of three colors as allowed by code, front and side yard setback relief, and height relief for 15' foot ground signs instead of 8' foot allowed by code. This application repeats some of the 2013 approved variations, the differences are the change of the 6' foot Maserati ground sign to another 15' foot Ferrari sign on the northwest side of the property. They want to install a 15' square foot rectangular sign on the building,

bringing the total signage to 124' square feet, instead of the 100' square feet permitted by code. They propose changing the exterior façade materials to metallic gray aluminum composite, much like that which is used by Land Rover. He noted that the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of these requests in March 2020, and there were no public comments from neighbors.

Mr. Joel Weinberger, applicant, explained with respect to the building sign, it is only slightly larger than what is currently installed, except it will be split in two with the word logo on the east side and the picture logo on the west side.

Mr. Bill Styczynski, architect for the project, pointed out that the requested changes are half of what was approved in 2013.

The Board agreed to move this item forward for a second reading at their next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) Trustee Hughes moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of March 16, 2020 to April 7, 2020, in the aggregate amount of \$1,688,943.13 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) **Waive the first reading and approve extending the purchase date for animal and vehicle licenses to June 15, 2020, and delay the imposition of late fees for vehicle licenses purchased until June 16, 2020**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item which approves extending the vehicle and animal license purchase due date to mid-June. This is consistent with Federal and State government actions to ease the impact of COVID-19 on citizens.

Trustee Hughes moved to **Waive the first reading and approve extending the purchase date for animal and vehicle licenses to June 15, 2020, and delay the imposition of late fees for vehicle licenses purchased until June 16, 2020.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- b) **Approve the execution of a deed and permanent easement of parcel 085 and 085P transferring parcels from the Village of Hinsdale to the IL Tollway** (*Second Reading – April 23, 2019*)

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item, explaining the parcels in question are located near the cul-de-sac where Mills Street intersects with the south side of the pedestrian bridge, and total 1,431' square feet. Per the IGA, the Tollway has agreed to restore any portion of the cul-de-sac that could be damaged during Tollway construction. The Village engineer has determined that transferring the parcel to the Tollway will not interfere with the Village's underground infrastructure.

President Cauley added these parcels were transferred in the original Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA); this is primarily a housekeeping issue, as there was a problem with the County filing.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve the execution of a deed and permanent easement of parcel 085 and 085P transferring parcels from the Village of Hinsdale to the IL Tollway**. Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

President Cauley said he and Trustee Hughes have been looking at the financial health of the Village, and said there is sufficient cash at this time due to the last several years of strict financial dealings, and conserving of cash. As a result, the Village has a cushion, but the Board may have to discuss deferring certain capital projects.

- c) **Approve an Ordinance Approving Variations Relative to the Replacement and/or Construction of New Improvements for Hinsdale Central High School at 5500 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale, Illinois – Hinsdale Township High School District 86 - Case Number V-05-19** (*First Reading – March 3, 2020, Second Reading – March 16, 2020*)

Trustee Stifflear introduced this and the following item together, and recapped that the first ordinance approves the unanimous ZBA recommendation for variations including the reduction of required parking, waiving the landscape island requirement and the 10' foot buffer zone, various fence requirements relative to height and setback, and the building height and screening for the soccer shelters and press box. With respect to the natatorium, the Plan Commission reviewed the requests regarding the 33,000' square foot building and various other site improvements, and unanimously approved the requests.

These items were postponed at the last meeting of the Village Board because the Board was concerned there was no safety netting installed at the baseball field along the third base line on Grant Street. As a result, District 86 has agreed to install full netting. Additionally, a Foxgate resident expressed concern about notice and additional parking. Staff has confirmed notice was provided and signed for by the resident. Regarding the traffic concerns, Trustee Stifflear stated these are existing conditions; however, he has

spoken to the resident and Chief King to mitigate traffic issues. Secondly, there was an assumption that there will be an increase in the intensity of use of the property because of the pool, but the architect for the project has confirmed there are no current plans to increase pool activity by renting the space or for club sports. Trustee Stifflear also reported that school enrollment is expected to go down over the next 3-4 years.

Mr. Nick Graal, architect for D86, confirmed his presence on the call. Trustee Banke commented regarding fencing along the baseball field. Mr. Graal confirmed the existing fencing and the backstop will be replaced with the new netting. Trustee Banke added that he believes this is a wise and efficient decision. Mr. Graal noted his letter included in the packet materials formalizing the District's agreement to install the fencing as directed by the Board. Trustee Byrnes commended the District as this is an improvement over the original proposal.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance Approving Variations Relative to the Replacement and/or Construction of New Improvements for Hinsdale Central High School at 5500 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale, Illinois – Hinsdale Township High School District 86 - Case Number V-05-19**; and **Approve an Ordinance Approving an Exterior Appearance and Site Plan for a New Natatorium and Various Other Improvements for Hinsdale Central High School at 5500 S. Grant Street - Hinsdale Township High School District 86**. Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

- d) **Approve an Ordinance Approving an Exterior Appearance and Site Plan for a New Natatorium and Various Other Improvements for Hinsdale Central High School at 5500 S. Grant Street - Hinsdale Township High School District 86** (*First Reading – March 3, 2020, Second Reading – March 16, 2020*)
(*Item addressed and approved with previous item.*)

- e) **Approve an ordinance approving a variation from Section 6-111(E) of the Village of Hinsdale Zoning Ordinance at 908 N. Elm Street, Hinsdale, IL – Case Number V-06-19** (*First Reading – March 16, 2020*)

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item that was a unanimous recommendation from the ZBA relating to floor area ratio (FAR) at a medical office building located in the O-3 Office District. The request to enclose an entrance and create a vestibule results in an increase in FAR of 294' square feet. He referenced a photograph in the packet roughly illustrating the proposed vestibule, but noted the final drawings will come back to the Village Board for approval following Plan Commission review and public hearing.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an ordinance approving a variation from Section 6-111(E) of the Village of Hinsdale Zoning Ordinance at 908 N. Elm Street, Hinsdale, IL – Case Number V-06-19**. Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) **Parking deck update**
Mr. Bloom stated there is no update at this time.
- b) **Tollway update**
Mr. Bloom stated there is no update at this time.

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's
- b) Parks & Recreation
- c) Community Development
- d) Fire

The report(s) listed above were provided to the Board. There were no additional questions regarding the content of the department and staff reports.

Village Manager Gargano reiterated thanks to Village employees, especially Police, Fire and Public Services personnel. She reported a conversation with Mr. Bloom and the Economic Development Commission Chair regarding energizing the community when we can transition back to normal. She asked residents to support local residents and businesses.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No reports.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

The Clerk confirmed there has been no written communication from any citizen for this Board meeting.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hughes moved to **adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees of April 7, 2020.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear, Hughes, Haarlow and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk