

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
October 20, 2020**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees (conducted electronically) was called to order by Village President Tom Cauley on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:35 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: President Tom Cauley

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

Absent: Trustee Scott Banke

Participating by telephone: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom, Police Chief Brian King, Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Village Planner Chan Yu, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

VILLAGE PRESIDENT - INTRODUCTION

“Good evening. On September 18, 2020, Governor Pritzker entered the latest in a string of emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In light of that declaration, and consistent with various Executive Orders entered by the Governor, and the recent amendments made to the Open Meetings Act in Public Act 101-640, I find that it is not practical or prudent to conduct an in-person meeting. This Open Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hinsdale is therefore being conducted remotely.

Public Act 101-640 allows public bodies to meet remotely during public health disasters, so long as the public is able to monitor the meeting, and certain other conditions are met.

Public comment is permitted during the Citizen’s Petitions portions of the meeting. When we get to those portions of the meeting, I will ask persons wishing to make public comment to identify themselves. If anyone wishing to speak has difficulty connecting to the meeting with ZOOM, please call Assistant Village Manager Brad Bloom at 630.789.7007.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) **Regular Meeting of October 6, 2020**

Following changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Hughes moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2020, as amended.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley reported that staff has received many calls about polling locations, and notice was received today that residents who vote at the Hinsdale Adventist Academy, Precinct #26, have been relocated to the Western Springs Recreation Center. For up to date election information, residents should check with their respective County websites.

He reminded residents that the Village does not regulate Halloween, but he encouraged residents to review the CDC guidelines and other helpful items that can be found on the Village website.

He reported the most recent COVID-19 information, which indicates an increase in positive cases. The Governor has closed indoor seating in restaurants, but outdoor seating is still allowed. He also pointed out that DuPage County schools can regulate themselves by District. He noted the higher positivity rate may bring additional changes in the near future.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

President Cauley asked for a motion to approve the following appointments:

Plan Commission

Mr. Gerald Jablonski re-appointed to a 3-year term through April 30, 2023

Economic Development Commission

Mr. Richard Eck re-appointed to a 3-year term through April 30, 2023

Parks & Recreation Commission

Ms. Heather Hester re-appointed to a 3-year term through April 30, 2023

Mr. Steve Keane re-appointed to a 2-year term through April 30, 2022

Mr. Gregory 'Nash' Moore re-appointed to a 3-year term through April 30, 2023

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Mr. Craig Milkint re-appointed to a 3-year term through April 30, 2023

Ms. Mary Herrmann re-appointed to a 3-year term through April 30, 2023

Ms. Margaret Woulfe-Ahrens re-appointed to a 3-year term through April 30, 2023

Trustee Hughes moved to **approve the appointments to Boards and Commissions, as recommended by the Village President.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

President Cauley confirmed no one was on the line waiting to speak, nor had the Clerk received any communications for the Board.

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) **Approve a Resolution Determining Amounts of Money to be Raised through Ad Valorem Property Taxes for the Village of Hinsdale in the amount of \$10,862,381**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item related to taxes and budgets that is presented to the Board for approval annually to determine the rate for property taxes. The amount is set by State statute, based on the lesser of an increase of 5% or CPI (2.3%) plus an estimate for new construction.

Discussion followed regarding the status of the remedy for the underfunding of the Fire Pension. It was noted that the investment manager had been replaced two or three years ago, and now the Fire returns are closer to the Police returns. They are not managed exactly the same, and it is dependent on market conditions. President Cauley noted the Village did not create the problem; the legislature gave benefits without available funding.

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

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- b) **Approve State of Illinois joint bid purchase of bulk winter deicing salt to Cargill, Incorporated in the amount of \$31,682**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for salt for this winter. He noted the Village is starting with 300 tons in inventory. This purchase enables the Village to buy salt at a better price. Director of Public Services George Peluso explained there are two contracts, one with the County and one with the State. He said the State bid is advantageous this year because of inventory and the timing of the bid.

The Board agreed to move this item to the consent agenda of their next meeting.

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- c) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Second Major Adjustment to the Planned Development at 111 S. Lincoln Street**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item for a second major adjustment to the property, and directed the Board to a photograph of the building in packet. This property is located in the O-2 Limited Office district. The properties to the south and west are also zoned O-2. The properties to the north and east are zoned B-2. This is a three-story brick building originally approved as a single building planned development. The first major adjustment changed the third story from lifestyle housing to medical office. This request asks that the third floor use be changed to O-2 permitted and special uses like the rest of the building. He reminded the Board they can vote on this matter, or forward it to the Plan Commission for public hearing. He added that Plan Commission Chair Steve Cashman has stated he sees no value in moving this to the Plan Commission for hearing.

Mr. William Merchantz, building owner, addressed the Board stating this change will not create more need for parking than the existing dental office. President Cauley noted the building is underutilized, and feels this is a good idea. Trustee Haarlow noted there is limited street parking on Lincoln, and hopes the use of the parking deck will be encouraged. Staff confirmed the list of permitted uses from 2017 is up to date, with the exception of a text amendment for special classes. Trustee Stifflear added the approval of this item makes the use of the building consistent with the O-2, creating more appeal to users, and more stability to the property.

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 Haarlow moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of October 5, 2020 through October 16, 2020, in the aggregate amount of \$952,463.31 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- b) **Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction or Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Hinsdale**

President Cauley introduced this matter as the only Consent Agenda item.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.** Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- a) **Approve a Resolution approving the 2020 Watermain Project Phase 1 Contract Change Order Number 2 in the amount of \$184,031.85 to John Neri Construction Company, Inc. (First Reading – October 6, 2020)**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item reminding the Board that there were a variety of issues with this project including unplanned digging underground along Washington and Chicago Avenue. Trustee Stifflear mentioned the Village has had a very good track record with Master Infrastructure Projects (MIP) projects, but this was an unusual circumstance. President Cauley added if you look at the MIP over the last 10 years, the Village has always been within 5% of budget, and usually on the plus side. In the big scheme, the Village is still on track. Trustee Byrnes added the problem was that this was a 100-year old water main.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **Approve a Resolution approving the 2020 Watermain Project Phase 1 Contract Change Order Number 2 in the amount of \$184,031.85 to John Neri Construction Company, Inc.** Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- b) **Approve an Ordinance approving an Exterior Appearance Plan for Façade Improvements – 16 East First Street** (*First Reading – October 6, 2020*)

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item for the property located west of Nabuki. The owner of Nabuki is expanding the restaurant space, and wants to match the façade. This is located in the B-2 central business and downtown historic district. He described the proposed changes, noting there was general consensus of the Board at the first reading to wait for more feedback from the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The HPC met the following night, and while there was no formal vote, they made several recommendations. They felt it was reasonable not to preserve the door inset, but rather have pane glass windows across the front. The brick above the awnings should not be painted white, but should stay as it currently is, the same with the limestone above the windows. They agreed the material on the side of the windows could be painted white. There should be no horizontal fenestration on the exterior of the windows, but it would be acceptable on the interior. The revised drawings are in the packet.

Mr. Ryan Nester, architect for the project, addressed the Board and confirmed that two panes was appropriate for the front windows, and a better proportion than three. Discussion followed regarding the visibility of the fenestration from the outside of the building. Mr. Nester confirmed that under certain light conditions it may be visible, but they were more concerned about the interior experience for guests, than the exterior of the building. The HPC seemed to agree that anything behind the glass was completely superficial, and as such were not concerned. Mr. Nester said it definitely would be visible at night when the interior is lit, much like any other interior window treatment. Trustee Stifflear felt the HPC was not as concerned about the window fenestration, but more about the stone and brick architectural details.

Trustee Haarlow commented this was an elegant solution. During the day, the windows will be contiguous with the rest of the building. The fenestration on the interior will be faint, but at night when it is all lit up it will be contiguous for the whole restaurant.

It was noted that business owner Mr. Peter Burdi has agreed to all the requests of the Plan Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance approving an Exterior Appearance Plan for Façade Improvements – 16 East First Street.** Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

c) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Tentative Plat of Subdivision – 820 N. County Line Road** (*First Reading – October 6, 2020*)

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item for a tentative plat of subdivision at 820 N. County Line Road; currently the property is a 17,680' square foot lot. This will create two code compliant lots, and was unanimously recommended by the Plan Commission. Staff confirmed the home will still be located on a code compliant lot.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Tentative Plat of Subdivision – 820 N. County Line Road**. Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) **Tollway update** – None

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

a) **Community Development**

b) **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.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

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 October 20, 2020**. Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Banke

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk