

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
January 19, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees (conducted electronically) was called to order by Village President Tom Cauley on Tuesday, January 19 2021 at 7:30 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: President Tom Cauley

Participating electronically: Trustees Matthew Posthuma, Scott Banke, Luke Stifflear, Gerald J. Hughes, and Neale Byrnes

Absent: Trustee Laurel Haarlow

Present: Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Participating electronically: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Police Chief Brian King, Fire Chief John Giannelli, Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Assistant Finance Director Alison Brothen, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Interim Village Planner Nathan Parch, and Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis

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 January 5, 2021**

There being no changes or corrections to the draft minutes, Trustee Hughes moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of January 5, 2021, as presented.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley asked Village Manager Gargano to provide an update to the Board regarding COVID-19. She said the Governor has authorized Tier 2 changes. She also reported that residents are inquiring about how the vaccine is being administered. She explained that long-term care facility vaccinations are outsourced through the County health department. For distribution to the community at large, she has been working with Dr. Tammy Prentiss from District 86 in the hopes that there is an opportunity to use the school for a vaccination site in town. She expects more information in the near future, and will make sure updated information and helpful links are posted on the Village website. She suggested residents reach out to their County health department and their primary care physicians until vaccine distribution is improved.

APPROVE THE ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER CONTRACT EXTENSION

President Cauley introduced the item that is a two-year contract extension for Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom. Trustee Byrnes moved to **approve the Assistant Village Manager contract extension**. Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

President Cauley remarked the Board is glad to have Mr. Bloom for two more years; Mr. Bloom thanked the Board.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) **Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority covering the temporary removal of fencing on Tollway property and partial funding of a Village drainage study**

Mr. Bloom introduced the item and explained that residents of the 400 block of Mills Street, across from the area purchased by the Tollway, have complained about the unsightly 6' foot chain link installed there. This fence surrounds the retention pond to be built at this location. Before the Board is an agreement with the Tollway stating they will move the fence and grade the area, and the Village will provide maintenance. Additionally, the agreement addresses terms of payment for a Village drainage study.

There will be fencing and landscaping in two years when this area will be addressed, and neighbors will be included in discussion about options.

The Board agreed to move this item forward to the Consent Agenda of their next meeting.

b) **Approve Blanket Purchase Orders for Calendar Year 2021 totaling \$810,723 and waiving the competitive bid requirements, where applicable**

Trustee Hughes introduced the item stating this is an annual housekeeping item. This is for the vendors with recurring payments expected to exceed the Village Manager's authority to approve. New vendors related to temporary contract finance staff and the ERP system are included.

The Board agreed to move this item forward to the Consent Agenda of their next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) Trustee Banke moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of December 31, 2020 through January 15, 2021, in the aggregate amount of \$1,269,558.37 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Stifflear seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- b) **Award Nels Johnson Tree Experts, Inc. the Tree Pruning contract for Year 2 of the contract not to exceed the current Year 2 budgeted amount of \$74,717**

Trustee Byrnes moved to **Award Nels Johnson Tree Experts, Inc. the Tree Pruning contract for Year 2 of the contract not to exceed the current Year 2 budgeted amount of \$74,717.** Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- a) **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit and Concurrent Site Plan and Exterior Appearance Plan Approval to Construct a New Two-Story Bank with 2 Drive-thru Lanes – Lakeside Bank – 222 E. Ogden Avenue (First Reading – December 8, 2020)**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item and described the proposal from Lakeside Bank to be located in the B-3 general business district, east of the Shell Station on York Road and Ogden Avenue. The Plan Commission held two meetings on October 14, 2020 and November 11, 2020 and voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Village Board. On December 8, 2020, this proposal was introduced to the Village Board, and while there were no material concerns with the site plan, the Board was concerned that the bank would not be a sales tax generating use. The merits might not meet Section 11-603 of the Village Code, and he noted the standards are outlined in the Request for Board Action (RBA). President Cauley added that following the last meeting of the Board, he

asked the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance to have properties in this area designated for sales tax generating businesses. Trustee Byrnes noted that with respect to the standards, he does not see a public benefit, as the Village already has a number of banks and drive-ups. Trustee Banke agreed, and added there are other better suited locations for this use.

Discussion followed regarding what type of business could be located on this property, and Trustee Posthuma pointed out that there is no left turn allowed, which could create traffic congestion. He does not believe that restriction should be lifted.

Mr. Peter Coules, attorney representing the applicant, stated he understands the Village's point of view, but pointed out the left turn restriction will make it difficult for a retail business, and Lakeside Bank has demonstrated there would be a \$47,000 increase in property tax revenue with the bank. The property has been empty for a while. President Cauley said he spoke with the President of the bank, and reported that while he was displeased to have gone through this process for this amount of time, he was indifferent to the location. President Cauley said if the bank finds another property, fees already paid would be waived. He added he would welcome Lakeside Bank at another location. Trustee Hughes said he has struggled as the bank may not be the highest and best use of the property, but he hates to surprise a business owner or applicant at the last minute. He added he wholeheartedly supports future accommodations.

Trustee Stifflear moved to **Approve an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit and Concurrent Site Plan and Exterior Appearance Plan Approval to Construct a New Two-Story Bank with 2 Drive-thru Lanes – Lakeside Bank – 222 E. Ogden Avenue.** Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

AYES: None

NAYS: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear, Hughes, and Byrnes

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) **Tollway update**

Mr. Bloom stated there is no update at this time.

b) **Chamber of Commerce request for annual in-kind services**

Ms. Eva Field, President of the Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Board referencing the annual letter for special requests 2021. She called attention to the COVID-19 section of the letter, and scheduling accommodations that have been made. President Cauley assured her the Village will work with the Chamber, but that all largely at the mercy of the State emergency delarations. With respect to the Chamber's request for three month advance approval, he noted the Village is not the decision maker. He added what is proposed is fine, but all are subject to the Governor's regulations. Ms. Field introduced Mr. Bob Smith, the new Chairman of the Board. Mr. Smith thanked the Board stating he appreciates the partnership with the Village and their help to make Chamber events a success. Trustee Stifflear added the Chamber events are great for the entire Village, as well as people who visit Hinsdale from surrounding communities.

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

a) Public Services

b) Engineering

c) Community Development

The report(s) listed previously 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 Stifflear moved to **adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees of January 5, 2021**. Trustee Byrnes seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk