

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
March 2, 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, March 2, 2021 at 7:31 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present: President Tom Cauley

Participating electronically: Trustees Matthew Posthuma, Scott Banke, Luke Stifflear and Neale Byrnes

Absent: Trustees Laurel Haarlow and Gerald J. Hughes

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

Participating electronically: Police Chief Brian King, Fire Chief John Giannelli, Assistant Finance Director Alison Brothen, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Director of Public Services George Peluso, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Heather Bereckis, and Village Engineer Dan Deeter

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 February 16, 2021

There being no changes or corrections to the draft minutes, Trustee Posthuma moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 2021, as presented.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Hughes and Haarlow

Motion carried.

b) **Closed Session Minutes of April 6, 2020, July 16, 2020, November 3, 2020, November 17, 2020, January 5, 2021, and February 2, 2021**

There being no changes to the draft minutes, Trustee Banke moved to **approve the draft minutes of the Closed Session Minutes of April 6, 2020, July 16, 2020, November 3, 2020, November 17, 2020, January 5, 2021, and February 2, 2021, as presented.** Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Hughes and Haarlow

Motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley reported repairs to Chicago Avenue are scheduled to begin this spring. This will involve the installation of a new supply line by ComEd. They have asked for extended work hours to complete their work in advance of Village work on the water main. He noted that all of this work would impact the availability of on-street parking on Chicago.

He also reported the COVID-19 vaccine supply is not meeting demand in Hinsdale, however, the Illinois Department of Health reports supply should increase in the next several weeks. Additionally, the seven day positivity rate in Region 8, has dropped significantly to 3.5%. He reported other area statistics, all of which are improving.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

Mr. Mark Margason, 614 S. Bodin Street, addressed the Board regarding memorial ribbon displays and the Village policy for same. He believes the ribbons should be restricted to an unobtrusive display location, and information should be required as to who died and who put up the ribbons. He does not think people want ribbons in front of their house, and along the streets. He views this display as an advertisement, and if you don't know who they are for, it's only a nuisance. He recommends display be allowed in front of Memorial Hall only. He believes there should be accountability, and a required form to indicate quality, size, color, etc. Public works should maintain the ribbons, and after 15 days take them down. He believes the displays are out of hand.

President Cauley replied stating the Village's administrative policy was only adopted last week. He talked about the difficulty to monitor and enforce a policy that is too restrictive. He added that people are very sensitive about this issue, there is a lot of emotion, and the Board is trying to walk the path between mourners and keeping the Village looking nice. Staff has begun educating people by reaching out to churches and schools, and providing information of the social media and the Village website. He has confidence residents will comply. He believes anything more strict, codified, or demanding is only going to cause hard feelings. Trustee Stifflear added that he shares some of Mr. Margason's thoughts, agreeing that when the ribbons are up too long they become

unsightly, but added this community is focused around family. This outpouring comes from the younger generation, and this is an important part of their grieving process, and needs to be balanced against unsightliness. This policy is a good start, and will be followed closely. Trustee Byrnes agrees the policy should be tested to see how it works; he is confident Public Services can remove the ribbons in a timely fashion to meet everyone's needs. Trustee Posthuma recommended before any further changes are made to the policy, give both sides an opportunity to express their thoughts. Discussion followed regarding how to know who installed ribbons. Village Manager Kathleen Gargano said we will do the best we can. Last week Chief King met with faith leaders, and school representatives to raise awareness of this administrative policy. Mr. Margason is still concerned that the rules of the policy do not require a form be filled out.

FIRST READINGS – INTRODUCTION

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

a) **Authorization to exceed \$20,000 for snow removal services to Beverly Companies for the Hinsdale Community Parking Deck**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item and explained that our existing contract covers snowfall up to 45" inches per season, and noted this year we are already at 42" inches. In the event that we get 11 more inches of snow, we would exceed the \$20,000 spending limit. This is a request for authorization to exceed that limit only.

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

b) **Approve an Intergovernmental Funding Agreement for Renovation Work at the METRA Highlands Commuter Station in Hinsdale**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for an IGA to renovate the Highlands train station. METRA will reimburse the Village up to \$300,000, Village staff will direct the construction of the project. Legal counsel has reviewed the agreement. President Cauley noted the estimated cost is \$250,000, but anything over \$300,000 would be paid for by the Village.

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

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

c) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 6-12-3 of the Village Code of Hinsdale to allow for the conversion of a two-way to a multi-way stop intersection**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item that authorizes changing the Washington and Maple intersection to a four-way stop. This request comes from the Village Board, noting the traffic studies were previously completed. The Police Department found the site lines vary based on time of day, and the number of parked vehicles. However, vehicular and pedestrian traffic is significant. There have been two accidents in the past five years. This recommendation is consistent with the American Association of State Highway Officials' (AASHTO) Green Book recommendations. Trustee Byrnes believes this is a good change, and appreciates Chief King moving this forward so quickly. It was noted that the Police Department will review the remaining 11 uncontrolled intersections in the Village over the next 6 months.

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

d) **Approve an Ordinance Adding a New Chapter 19 (Group Homes Serving Persons with Disabilities) to Title 3 (Business and License Regulations) of the Village Code of Hinsdale, Illinois**

Trustee Stifflear introduced the item that is the approval of a new Chapter 19 to the Village code. Currently, the code does not specify a procedure to provide reasonable accommodations under Federal law for group homes, noting these types of requests have been considered on a case by case basis in the past. By codifying specific standards, special consideration by the Board is not required. This will allow operation by right with the proper licenses, location, parking and intensity of use, and grant reasonable accommodation. Furthermore, any individual or group shall have the right to make application for any property at any point in time.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) Trustee Byrnes moved **Approval and payment of the accounts payable for the period of February 15, 2021 through February 26, 2021, in the aggregate amount of \$432,154.90 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Hughes and Haarlow

Motion carried.

The following items were approved by omnibus vote:

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- b) **Award Semmer Landscape Inc. the Landscape Maintenance contract for Calendar Year 2021 in the extended price comparison amount of \$137,056 the original full bid amount** *(First Reading – February 16, 2021)*
- c) **Award Kinnucan Tree Experts and Landscape Company the elm tree treatment contract in the bid comparison amount of \$11.42 per inch not to exceed the total contract amount of \$148,745.50** *(First Reading – February 16, 2021)*

Zoning & Public Safety (Chair Stifflear)

- d) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 6-12-3(d) of the Village Code of Hinsdale to allow for the installation of stop signs for north and southbound traffic on Lincoln at Third Street** *(First Reading – February 16, 2021)*
- e) **Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 6-12-3(b) of the Village Code of Hinsdale to allow for the conversion of five (5) uncontrolled intersections to two-way stop intersections;** *(First Reading – February 16, 2021) and*

Approve an Ordinance to amend Section 6-12-4 of the Village Code of Hinsdale to allow for the conversion of an uncontrolled intersection to a yield intersection (First Reading – February 16, 2021)

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

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Hughes and Haarlow

Motion carried.

SECOND READINGS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTION

Administration & Community Affairs (Chair Hughes)

- a) **Approve a Resolution of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, Approving and Authorizing Execution of a First Amendment to an Agreement Between the Village of Hinsdale and the Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association (First Reading – February 16, 2021); and**

Approve an Ordinance of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Guaranty of Term Loan and Governmental Certificate (First Reading – February 16, 2021)

President Cauley stated both HPTA items will be carried over to the next Board of Trustees meeting on March 16.

Environment & Public Services (Chair Byrnes)

- b) **Award the contract for construction of the Chicago Avenue Water Main Improvement Project – Phase 2 to John Neri Construction Company in the amount not to exceed \$1,721,900 (First Reading – February 2, 2021)**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for the replacement of the water main along Chicago Avenue. This bid is \$515,000 below budget.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **Award the contract for construction of the Chicago Avenue Water Main Improvement Project – Phase 2 to John Neri Construction Company in the amount not to exceed \$1,721,900**. Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Hughes and Haarlow

Motion carried.

- c) **Award the contract for engineering services for construction observation of the Chicago Avenue Water Main Improvement Project – Phase 2 to HR Green, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$121,980** (*First Reading – February 2, 2021*)

Trustee Byrnes introduced the construction observation item for the Chicago Avenue water main project. This bid is \$126,000 below budget. President Cauley confirmed this bid was half the budgeted amount. Ms. Gargano added this project and the ComEd work will start around March 15, and cautioned travel on Chicago Avenue will be difficult for the next coming months.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **Award the contract for engineering services for construction observation of the Chicago Avenue Water Main Improvement Project – Phase 2 to HR Green, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$121,980**. Trustee Posthuma seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Hughes and Haarlow

Motion carried.

- d) **Award the contract for construction of the 2021 Maintenance Project to Builders Paving, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$652,000** (*First Reading – February 16, 2021*)

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item for the repair of streets that was postponed in 2020. This bid is \$106,000 under budget.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **Award the contract for construction of the 2021 Maintenance Project to Builders Paving, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$652,000**. Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Hughes and Haarlow

Motion carried.

- e) **Approve a Resolution Authorizing Waiver of Construction Noise Hours Limitations Pursuant to Section 9-12-2 of the Village Code of the Village of Hinsdale – Commonwealth Edison Supply Line Project WO 1608787**

Trustee Byrnes introduced the item to allow ComEd to begin construction an hour earlier at 7:00 a.m. Their work overlaps with the Village Chicago Avenue water main project, but ComEd has agreed to get theirs out of the way first. They will work from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and then Monday through Friday only from mid-March to mid-May. He noted this appears without a first reading due to time sensitivity.

Trustee Byrnes moved to **Approve a Resolution Authorizing Waiver of Construction Noise Hours Limitations Pursuant to Section 9-12-2 of the Village Code of the Village of Hinsdale – Commonwealth Edison Supply Line Project WO 1608787**. Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Hughes and Haarlow

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) **Tollway update**

Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety Brad Bloom said there was nothing to report at this time.

b) **Fueled**

President Cauley explained this is an annual request, and the dates this year would be June 13 and August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. President Cauley and the Board agreed this is a good event for the community. It is anticipated that construction in this area will be completed before the first event.

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF REPORTS

a) **Parks & Recreation**

b) **Community Development**

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 into Closed Session. Trustee Stifflear moved to **adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees of March 2, 2021 into closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, and not to reconvene into Open Session.** Trustee Banke seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Posthuma, Banke, Stifflear and Byrnes

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Hughes and Haarlow

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk